

# The Messenger



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**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, AND TO THE  
REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT  
STANDS; ONE NATION,  
UNDER GOD, INDISSOLUBLE,  
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL**

## DAY AT THE PARK

On Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Day at the Park. It will again be at the Gary Ewing Park by the Mt. Vernon Golf Course.

We will have a day of activities which will include golfing (at your expense), horseshoes, and other games that those who come bring (there is a ball field).

We will eat around 5:30 pm which includes BBQ hamburgers & hot dogs (church will provide the meat & buns.) We ask those who come to bring side dishes, desserts, & drinks.

If you can help with cooking and such please let us know. Also, if you have a set of horseshoes you can bring we will need those as well.

## Happy Birthday America

**Remember the thoughts and planning of our founding fathers. Celebrate your freedoms!**

## Home Communion

We are in need of more men to take home communion to our shut-ins on Sunday afternoons. This is a great ministry opportunity that will get you in touch with our homebound saints. If you can help us out with this ministry please talk with Carolyn or Mark.



## NEW TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE TO START!

On Sunday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> we are planning to start another worship service. This service will be a fully traditional service at 8:30 am.

We are seeking those who are interested in coming to this type of service to let us know of your interest. We are also seeking word of mouth advertizing about this service.

If you are interested in attending a Christian worship service of this nature please let us know and please let others know about it.

## Lady Prayer Warriors

The Lady Prayer Warriors will not meet during the months of July and August. Meetings will resume in September, date and time to be announced later.

With Mark's help the MVCC Cook-books are done. Thank you Mark.

*sisters 'n' Sync*  
Cookbook



Mt. Vernon Christian Church  
Mt. Vernon, Missouri

Can you believe it, after several years the cookbooks are done! We have printed 52 copies and are selling them for \$12.00 each. The price is a little higher than originally set because of more pages added and different binding material.

You can get your cookbook from Carolyn Dyson at the church office.



**Pray for the body of Christ**, for our Elders, Deacons, Minister, teachers, for workers to go into the harvest fields, church growth (spiritually & in number). Pray for the leaders of our country and our country. Missionaries in Haiti and other parts of the world.

**The following people have had prayer requested on their behalf**

Joann Walster, Willene Mornhinweg, Carl Dyson, Beatrice Bayless, Miles Strauss, Cammy Britt, Alyssa Davis, Georgia Davis, Donna Roberts, Roy Creed, Don Root, Butch Crider, Lee Finch, Rebecca Keith, Dollie Sevier, Dave Jacobs, Brian Moore, Ron Williams, Roy Stoll, Elizabeth Buculo, Robbie Robertson, Allen Hawley.

*If no updates are received after being on the prayer concern lists for 3 weeks, the name will be removed.*

**Remember our Service Men & Women in Prayer**

Zach Horrall



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## Preacher's Blog

by Mark Engler

Everyone at MVCC should know by now that we have plans to begin a new 2<sup>nd</sup> service this fall on Sunday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Actually the service that we are planning would be the 1<sup>st</sup> service with the 2<sup>nd</sup> service being similar to what we are doing now.

We haven't set the exact times for these services yet, but the general time line would basically be 8:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> service, 9:30 am Sunday School, and 10:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

The format or style of the 1<sup>st</sup> service will be traditional and the 2<sup>nd</sup> service will be contemporary.

There are many things yet undecided about the traditional service, the contemporary service will be much like we already do. For the traditional service we will of course need many servants.

We are in need of practically everything for the traditional service. We are in need of a piano player, song leader, people to run the sound system and video system, servants to prepare communion, and men to serve communion along with take offering, greeters, and more. There is a lot that goes into a service and we will need dedicated people to make it happen.

This is why your input is so important to us. We need to know that we have support from our

congregation. Without support from you this service will not be successful.

You may be wondering, why? Why are we starting a 2<sup>nd</sup> service when we aren't filling one yet? The reason is rather simple; to fill a need that we feel needs to be met in our community.

In a very recent survey that I have been conducting of the churches in Mt. Vernon and surrounding area I found that: (1) many churches do not have people at the church to answer phone calls, (2) that of those who did answer the phone only 3 churches offer a traditional service.

Each of the churches that offer a traditional service is a denominational church and 2 of them are protestant. It is my assumption that there is 1 maybe 2 more denominational churches that offers a traditional service. Hopefully I will find that out for sure if and when I can catch someone that the church to answer the phone.

With that said, we would be the only non-denominational Christian church in the area that offers a traditional service. If someone knows otherwise by all means call me and let me know.

Another reason we feel that a traditional service is a need is because of a few phone calls received at MVCC from people looking

for a traditional service and from a few personal conversations with people from our church and the community about wanting to go to a service that is traditional.

We also realize that not every Christian is the same. We are not all punched out with the same cookie cutter. Each one of us has different likes and dislikes. We realize that the one thing we can never change is the message, but something that can be changed is our methods.

MVCC and most other churches have changed our methods to reach more people, but sometimes that effort to reach more people has a way of making some feel left out or behind.

It's our desire to meet the needs of all we have the means to and one of the things we feel we have the means to do is to add a full traditional service.

Your help is needed in this effort. Please spread the news of this service, tell your friends, neighbors, and others, and then tell us of the interest you find. Feedback is very important to us, without it, it will be very hard to know of interest and how to plan as we move ahead.

God bless you this month and always as you continue working for the Kingdom of God.

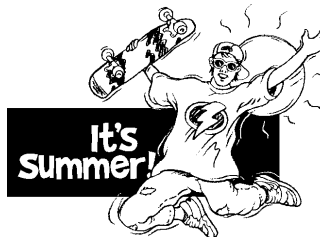
# Youth News

## Join Us on Wednesday

Each Wednesday at 5:30 the youth meet for Aftershock. Aftershock is for Jr. & Sr. High and includes time with your friends in study, games, and music. It's a great time to hang out with others your own age in a Christian atmosphere.



The youth are planning to go to Six Flags, St Louis the 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> this month. If you are interested in going please be sure to let Rick Bekemeier know. He will have more information concerning cost and time to leave, etc.



*We wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer!*

## Wanna Go Golfn?

July 12<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Day at the Park we are planning on golfing at the Mt. Vernon Golf Course. This is for Jr. & Sr. High youth. We would love to have a good group go!

After golfing we will be at the park with more games and BBQ. Hope you can all join us.

## Servants This Month

**Greeters:** Rick & Charolette Phillips **Communion Team:** 1 **Com. Prep.:** Charolette Phillips

**Donuts & Juice:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Beth Budd), (12<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Dyson), (19<sup>th</sup> - Ronda Jones), (26<sup>th</sup> - )  
**Opening Prayer:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Mark Lee), (12<sup>th</sup> - Jackie Moore), (19<sup>th</sup> - Jared Dyson), (26<sup>th</sup> - Dustin Eldridge).

**Scripture Reading:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Swortwood Family), (12<sup>th</sup> - Boswell Family), (19<sup>th</sup> - Dyson Family), (26<sup>th</sup> - Budd Family)

**Com. Meditation:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Rick Bekemeier), (12<sup>th</sup> - Wes Dyson), (19<sup>th</sup> - Jaymie Jones), (26<sup>th</sup> - Bill Weber).

**Closing Prayer:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Derek Stokes), (12<sup>th</sup> - Hal Harris), (19<sup>th</sup> - Rick Phillips), (26<sup>th</sup> - Rick Bekemeier)

**Nursery:** - This will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

**Jr. Church:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Tim & Julie Taylor), (12<sup>th</sup> - Rick & Kima Bekemeier), (19<sup>th</sup> - Scott & Beth Budd), (26<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - No Junior Church - 4 & 5 year olds - )

**Toddlers:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Maria Engler & Jeanna Brewer), (12<sup>th</sup> - Mark & Jennifer Lee), (19<sup>th</sup> - Bill & Donna Weber), (26<sup>th</sup> - Dustin & Amber Hudson)

**Home Com.:** (5<sup>th</sup> - Rick Phillips), (12<sup>th</sup> - Bill Weber), (19<sup>th</sup> - Scott Budd), (26<sup>th</sup> - Wes Dyson)

**Praise Team:** Matt Davis, Kristy Moore, Julie Taylor, Brenda Dyson, Jennifer Lee

## Birthdays

7 - Mike Budd  
9 - Robert Prins  
14 - Scott Budd  
15 - Ty Boswell  
17 - Hal Harris  
17 - Ethan Rathmann  
18 - Cody Lee  
20 - Chase Kessinger  
21 - Carol Brown  
23 - Alexa Lee  
24 - Mary Larkin  
29 - Mike Swortwood

## Anniversaries

6 - Bill & Joy Vernon  
22 - Ray & Linda Threet  
22 - Rick & Charolette Phillips  
25 - Adam & Cassi Boswell  
26 - Casey & Heather Campbell

## July Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day  
6<sup>th</sup> - Carpets Cleaned  
11<sup>th</sup> - Men's Breakfast  
12<sup>th</sup> - Day at the Park  
15<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> - Youth going to Six Flags in St. Louis



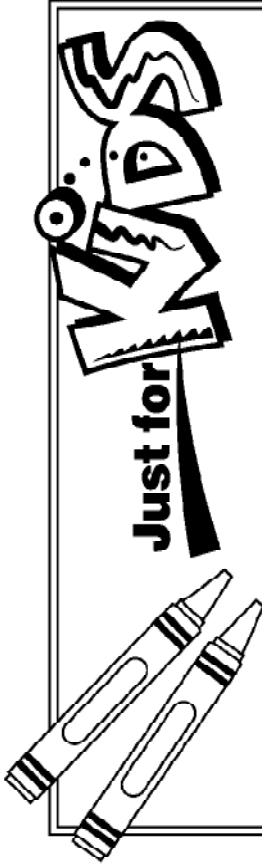
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Meeting Schedule

Sunday  
 9:30 am Bible Classes  
 10:30 am Worship  
 6:00 pm Grace Groups  
 & Youth Group

Wednesday  
 6:00 pm Bible  
 Classes

Sent with a prayer to:



**TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT**

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.)

- NAMES**
- Paul
  - Moses
  - Joseph
  - The Israelites
  - Abram
  - crowds
  - Samaritan
  - Jesus
  - Naaman
  - Angel of God

- VERSES**
- “The \_\_\_\_\_ front of Israel’s army \_\_\_\_\_ had been traveling in \_\_\_\_\_” Exodus 14:19
  - “And \_\_\_\_\_ went out from Pharaoh’s presence and traveled throughout Egypt.” Genesis 41:46
  - “Go in peace,” said Elisha. After \_\_\_\_\_ had traveled some distance ....” 2 Kings 5:19
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem.” Genesis 12:6
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece.” Acts 20:2
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1
  - “Large \_\_\_\_\_ were traveling with Jesus.” Luke 14:25
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho.” Numbers 22:1
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ led Israel from the Red Sea .... For three days they traveled in the desert ....” Exodus 15:22
  - “But a \_\_\_\_\_, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan