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Newsletter—June 2024

Pretty simple, but...

“On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:40, NASB95).

The Bible can be a pretty overwhelming book. The commandments a staggering expectation to know and keep. Pious Jewish leaders tried to define the Old Testament commandments and came up with a list of 613 dos and don'ts! So, when Jesus says something like this, it is well worth giving thought to what He means! A Pharisaic “lawyer,” an expert in Jewish religious law, asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. He was testing Jesus (verse 35) who had just silenced some leaders of the Sadducee party who tried to trap Him. Which commandments were more important or weighty than others were debated among the Jewish religious leaders of the day, so this must have seemed like the perfect question to trap Jesus. This was late in Jesus' ministry and the religious establishment had progressed from being uncomfortable with Jesus to wanting to get rid of Him.



Here's how Jesus answered the “most important commandment” question. **“And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment.³⁹ “The second is like it, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” (Matthew 22:37-39).** Jesus answered with quotes from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18.

The Law and the Prophets was the earliest two-part division of the whole Hebrew Bible, which is our Old Testament. The word “depend” (verse 40 above) tells us that Jesus was giving a framework for interpreting the whole Bible, which logically makes sense to include the New Testament as well. Thus, a correct understanding of the meaning and application of all Scripture is summarized with loving God and loving people. What's interesting is that the 10 commandments can be divided into loving God (the first four) and loving others (the last six).

If we sincerely read and study the Bible, looking not only at the workings and will of God, but His character as well, it should move us to love Him more and more. It's easy to love God when we see His acts of kindness and mercy. But do you love God when you see His anger and judgment? His omnipotence, omniscience, and omni-presence should rightfully cause us to fear Him, but love Him too? Yes, because He is good, and just, and holy in all of it!



Furthermore, the more we grasp the nature and character of God, the more we should realize the abundance of His mercy and grace toward us. That realization should move us to first extend grace and mercy to others which is godly and Christ-like conduct. Yes, we still call sin sin, and condemn it, but maintain the motive of love for God, and love for others. Unfortunately, we don't always do this very well.

Jesus is telling the lawyer that if a person maintains a whole-hearted love of God and others, they will be keeping all the commandments. Pretty simple, but pretty hard to do. In fact, no one can fully love God and others, which is why Jesus went to the cross. His death was a substitutionary sacrifice to pay the penalty for our failure to keep all of God's commandments.

So, the standard is still love God and love others, but the provision for forgiveness is Jesus' death on the cross. Just as we receive this provision by personally placing faith in what He did on the cross, so we continue to live with faith in the sufficiency of that sacrifice. It isn't our ability to keep the commandments, or love God, or love others, that makes us righteous before God, it's only what Christ has done for us. Pretty simple, but pretty amazing – actually, pretty love inspiring.

Humbled,
Pastor Dan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NC in use—Bridal Shower, 10 am-3 pm Iglesia Biblica Vigil—7 pm-midnight
2 The Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9:00 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S	3 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	4 Primetimers Games & Lunch—10 am-1 pm, NC	5 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	6 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S	7 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Wounded Heart Study—6:30 pm, NC Softball at Twining Park (schedules at Welcome Center)	8 Guatemala Mission Team leaving today NC in use—Graduation Party, 11 am-5 pm Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
9 Worship Services: The Gathering 9:00 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S Guatemala Mission Trip	10 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Meeting—6 pm, LL #106 Deacon Board Meeting—6 pm, NC Guatemala Mission Trip	11 Ignite to Mt. Olympus, WI Dells—8 am-9 pm Guatemala Mission Trip	12 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30pm, NC Guatemala Mission Trip	13 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S Guatemala Mission Trip	14 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S No Softball—Bye Week Guatemala Mission Trip	15 Saturate USA & VBS distribution of packets—9 am, 18 & 8th Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC Guatemala Mission Team returning today
16 Happy Father's Day! Worship Services: The Gathering 9:00 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S	17 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	18	19 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30pm, NC	20 Blood Drive—Noon-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101 MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S	21 Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch— 11:30 am Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Softball at Twining Park (schedules at Welcome Center)	22 Iglesia Biblica Men's Conference—8 am-3 pm, S/NC/K
23 Worship Services: The Gathering 9:00 am & Café 10:30 am All-Church Taco Bar potluck & mission trip presentation, Noon, NC/K Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S	24 Garage Sale Set-Up & Drop-Off—11 am-7 pm, NC Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #10	25 Garage Sale Set-Up & Drop-Off—11 am-7 pm, NC	26 Garage Sale Set-Up—9 am-5 pm, NC No Sr. Life Group Discovering Daniel study—6-7:30pm, S	27 Garage Sale—8am-5 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	28 Garage Sale—8am-3 pm, NC (take-down/clean-up at 3 pm) Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Softball at Twining Park (schedules at Welcome Center)	29 Men's Canoe Trip, WI River Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
30 Worship Services: The Gathering 9:00 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2:00 pm, S Men's Canoe Trip, WI River, Returning home today	MBC Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM & Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon					



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- 1 Brenda Rossing
- 2 Joyce Coplien
- 4 Michael Webber
- 5 Kathy Krauss
Lyla Ritschard
- 6 Alexis Elgin
Joan Haight
Steven McNett
- 7 Henry Morris
- 10 Vicki McNett
- 11 Olivia Rhoe
- 12 Ezra Kramer
Tracy Petersen

- 12 Luke Skoumal
- 13 Gloria Ringhand
- 14 Jady Elgin
Chris Holverson
- 17 Wrendalyn Miller
- 19 Noah Eddy
Carol Hasselmann
Jennifer Krahenbuhl
Lucy Whyte
- 24 Deandra Pleindoux-DeBlack
- 27 Sharon Bessert
- 29 Judy Derrickson
- 30 Madelyn Thoman

- 4 Erik & Amy Haworth
Justin & Holly Rhoe
Ross & Chelsey Simler
- 9 Jake & Emily Hunsberger
- 16 Jacob & Jill Swenson
- 17 Paul & Anna Ritschard
- 18 Dan & Celia Keen
- 19 Al & Colleen Ostenson
- 21 Ralph & Margie Johnson
- 25 Ron & Chris Faith
- 27 Kyle & Amanda Ohlrich

American Red Cross



**Blood
DRIVE**

**Thursday,
June 20th
Noon-6:00 PM
Nehemiah Center**




**PRIME
TIMERS**
Senior Adult Ministry

**Games & Lunch:
Tuesday, June 4th
10 AM-1 PM, NC**

**Pizza Hut Lunch:
Friday, June 21st
11:30 AM at Monroe Pizza Hut**

Contact Carol Hasselmann
with questions at 815-505-3324



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**Ignite going to
Mt. Olympus!
Tuesday, June 11th**

**Leaving—8:00 AM
Returning—9:00 PM**

**Permissions slips
required!**



Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2024

Jadyn Elgin

Graduation date: May 24, 2024 at 6pm from Monroe High School.



Graduation Party:
Sunday, June 2, 2024
from 4pm-8pm at the
Pond on the corner of
Gutzmer Rd. and Thunder
Rd. Monroe, WI 53566.

Jadyn plans to attend
Grace College in Winona
Lake, IN in the fall to
pursue a degree in nursing. She plans to use
her knowledge and skills to serve in the
mission field some day.

Tanner IIs



Tanner is graduating from
Monroe High School on
May 24th. His graduation party
will be on May 25th at 18 & 8th
from 1-4pm. He will be
attending Moody Bible
Institute to study the Bible and
music this coming fall.

Faith Richardson



Graduation Party will be May
26th at 18 & 8th from 2-6pm.

All are welcome!
Faith will be attending
Trinity Christian College
to pursue a degree
in Nursing.

Preston Krauss



Graduating from
Monroe High School
on May 24, 2024

Graduation Party:
Saturday, June 8, 2024
from 1-4pm at the
Monroe Bible Church.

Preston plans to attend
Blackhawk Technical College and
work in the IT field.

Katrina Sathoff



Graduating from Monroe High
School on May 24, 2024.

Katrina is attending
Valparaiso University to
major in health science.
She has direct admissions into
their Master of Physician
Assistant Studies.



Congratulations!

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Lydia Setterstrom



Graduating from Monroe High School on Friday, May 24th. A graduation party will be Saturday, June 8th from 2-6pm at W4872 Montgomery Rd. Monroe, WI. Feel free to stop by and congratulate Lydia.

Jake Watson

Graduating from Monroe High School on Friday, May 24th.



A graduation party will be held on Saturday, May 25th from 2:00-5:00 pm at the Watson family home, W6750 County B, Monroe. Jake will be pursuing a career in the criminal justice field and attending Highland or Blackhawk College in the fall.

Aleigh Zettle

Graduating from Monroe High School on Friday, May 24, 2024.



Graduation Party: June 22nd at 4pm and fireworks at dark at W7462 County Road P, Monroe, WI.

Aleigh will be attending Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. She will major in social work and will also be participating on the track and field team.

Kaitlyn Elgin

Kaitlyn will graduate with an Associate Degree in Business Management from Blackhawk Technical College on May 18, 2024, adding to her certifications in welding and EMS from Blackhawk Technical College.



Future plans: Kaitlyn plans to continue her work with Aviation Component Engineering (ACE) and Green County EMS, while expanding her photography business, and eventually getting back into welding more.

Anna Skoumal

Anna will graduate from Highland Community College on May 18, 2024, with an Associate of Arts Degree. Future Plans: Anna Plans to work for Reimer Family Farms.





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What an amazing church body we have here at MBC! Thank you, thank you, thank you for providing the funds for a more reliable car for our missionary in Central Asia, for funding and packing 30,000 meals for Kids Around The World, and for supporting the largest mission team MBC has ever sent to Guatemala. We pray that many around the world will hear the Gospel and be disciplined because of your generosity. Closer to home is the Care Net Baby Bottle collection which ends on Father's Day. What may seem like too small an amount to even bother with adds up to significant funds for the Pregnancy Center each year. Once again, thank you for your faithfulness in caring for others. Hebrews 13:16 tells us, "And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

If you enjoy clean comedy, consider attending A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER at Living Word Church in Brodhead on Friday, June 7th at 6:30 PM. An offering to benefit Care Net Pregnancy Center will be taken at the show which features comedians Dan Kulp and Dobie Maxwell. Dan has appeared on Good Morning America and Huckabee, and was a speaker for a past Care Net banquet. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Sunday, June 23rd will be the Guatemala team's presentation to the congregation. Join them for a Taco Bar lunch after second service followed by their presentation of the mission trip experience. Ingredients for hard or soft shell tacos or taco salad will be provided. Please bring contributions of pasta, fruit or vegetable salads, cheese, dips, desserts, etc. to round out the meal, it will be appreciated! When the presentation is over, the team will be setting the Nehemiah Center up for the Garage Sale on June 27-28. We welcome any who are willing to help! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Crystal Zimmerman, Ministry Leader



Missions Fundraiser Garage Sale 2024

ONLY gently used items please!
No TVs, please test all electrical.

Help needed all week! Trucks, trailers and lifting labor needed Monday, Tuesday, and especially Friday afternoon. Volunteers needed to sort items Tuesday and Wednesday.

Contact Deb Hurlbert (715) 972-0597 or
Crystal Zimmerman (608-214-6794)

Donation drop-offs Monday and Tuesday
11am - 7pm

Set-up Monday and Tuesday 11am - 7pm
Set-up Wednesday 9am - 5pm

SALE: Thursday, June 27. 8am - 5pm
SALE: Friday, June 28. 8am - 3pm

Clean-up Friday, 3pm - done
Workers, trucks and trailers needed

Please sign up at the Welcome Center!



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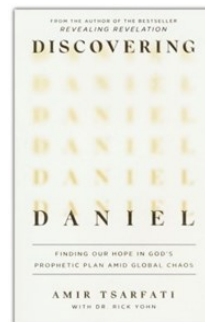
Guatemala June 8-15th



**Please Keep
Our
Mission Team
in Prayer!**

Child Protection Training

If you plan to work with youth in any capacity at MBC, you need to complete Annual Child Protection Training. The summer months are the best time to do this! Training consists of online video certification for everyone 11 years old and up, and background checks on all adults every two years. Contact the church office today, *don't wait!*



**FINDING OUR
HOPE IN GOD'S
PROPHETIC
PLAN AMID
GLOBAL CHAOS**

Discovering Daniel

by Amir Tsarfati with Dr. Rick Yohn

12-Week study: June 12-August 28
Wednesdays: 6:00-7:30 pm Nehemiah Center.
Purchase both the book & workbook ahead of time from whichever source you prefer. *Complete chapters 1 and 2, in both the book and workbook, before the first night of study on June 12th!

Sign up at the Welcome Center or by contacting
 Loren Bruehlman at 608-214-0008,
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 Kristi Bruehlman at 608-214-4649,
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Hello Summer!

