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MATTHEW 4:12-17

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

12 NOW WHEN HE HEARD THAT JOHN HAD BEEN ARRESTED, HE WITHDREW INTO GALILEE. 13 AND LEAVING NAZARETH HE WENT AND LIVED IN CAPERNAUM BY THE SEA, IN THE TERRITORY OF ZEBULUN AND NAPHTALI, 14 SO THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET ISAIAH MIGHT BE FULFILLED: 15

"THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— 16 THE PEOPLE DWELLING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND FOR THOSE DWELLING IN THE REGION AND SHADOW OF DEATH, ON THEM A LIGHT HAS DAWNED."

17 FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, SAYING, "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

ONE OF THE MAIN THEMES OF JESUS' MINISTRY IS TALKING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. WE SEE THIS AT THE BEGINNING OF MATTHEW'S GOSPEL. WE SEE IN JESUS' MESSAGE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. LIKE THOSE DISCIPLES DURING JESUS' TIME, WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE QUESTION, ARE WE GOING TO IDENTIFY WITH JESUS' KINGDOM OR THE KINGDOM OF THE WORLD? THIS IS WHY JESUS CALLS US TO REPENT. TURN FROM THE OLD KINGDOM AND EMBRACE THE NEW KINGDOM.

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SCOT MCKNIGHT SAYS THIS ABOUT THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, "THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT CRYSTALLIZES WHAT JESUS GAVE TO THE DISCIPLES AS A NEW WAY OF LIFE, THE KINGDOM'S WAY OF LIFE IN A WORLD SURROUNDED BY THE POWER BROKERS OF THE EMPIRE. FROM THE MOUNTAIN, THE POSTURE OF MOSES, JESUS UTTERS FORTH GOD'S WILL FOR KINGDOM PEOPLE, AND AS JESUS DESCENDED, HE GAVE THOSE WHO HEARD THE OPTION THE FOLLOWING. THAT SAME OPTION STANDS BEFORE EVERY READER OF THE SERMON."

IF YOU LOOK AT THE SERMON OF THE MOUNT, IT SEEMS A BIT ODD IN RELATION TO WHAT THE SELF-HELP BOOKS AND THE BUSINESS SUCCESS BOOKS TALK ABOUT TODAY. JESUS TALKS ABOUT HUMILITY, NOT HAVING ANXIETY, AND TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK AND LOVING OUR ENEMIES, JUST TO NAME A FEW TOPICS. JESUS SAYS THAT EMBRACING THE KINGDOM IS ADOPTING A NEW WAY OF LIFE. AN EASIER WAY OF LIFE. JESUS IN JOHN 14:6 SAYS, "I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."



THERE ARE EXPECTATIONS IN LIVING IN THE KINGDOM THAT JESUS HAS ESTABLISHED. THOSE EXPECTATIONS ARE DYING TO YOURSELF, LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS. WE ARE ACCEPTING THE JESUS WAY AND REJECTING THE WORLDLY WAY. IN MATTHEW 7, JESUS TELLS US THAT NOT EVERYONE WHO CALLS OUT LORD, LORD WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM. "7:21 "NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD,' WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. 22 ON THAT DAY MANY WILL SAY TO ME, 'LORD, LORD, DID WE NOT PROPHESEY IN YOUR NAME, AND CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME, AND DO MANY MIGHTY WORKS IN YOUR NAME?' 23 AND THEN WILL I DECLARE TO THEM, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WORKERS OF LAWLESSNESS.'



JESUS IS NOT LOOKING AT JUST OUR WORDS BUT OUR ACTIONS. ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS IF OUR TALK MATCHES OUR WALK.. JESUS WANTS US TO CREATE A KINGDOM ETHIC THAT BENEFITS EVERYONE, NOT JUST MYSELF. HE WANTS US TO DIE TO OURSELVES SO OTHERS CAN LIVE AND THRIVE.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO STUDY THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT TOGETHER AND SEEK A KINGDOM-MINDED CHURCH GROWING MORE LIKE CHRIST TOGETHER. EUGENE PETERSON SAYS, "WE CAN'T GATHER A GOD-FEARING, GOD-WORSHIPING CONGREGATION BY CULTIVATING A CONSUMER-PLEASING, COMMODITY-ORIENTED CONGREGATION. WHEN WE DO, THE WHEELS START FALLING OFF THE WAGON. AND THEY ARE FALLING OFF THE WAGON. WE CAN'T SUPPRESS THE JESUS WAY IN ORDER TO SELL THE JESUS TRUTH. THE JESUS WAY AND THE JESUS TRUTH MUST BE CONGRUENT. ONLY WHEN THE JESUS WAY IS ORGANICALLY JOINED WITH THE JESUS TRUTH DO WE GET THE JESUS LIFE."

— EUGENE H. PETERSON, THE JESUS WAY: A CONVERSATION ON THE WAYS THAT JESUS IS THE WAY



STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!



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GROWING IN PRAYER

SINCE OUR MONTHLY ARTICLE IS ABOUT GROWING IN PRAYER, LET'S REVIEW WAYS WE CAN PRAY FOR OUR GROWTH IN THOSE SIX AREAS.

DISCIPLESHIP

A DISCIPLE IS A STUDENT WHO FOLLOWS THE TEACHINGS AND MODELS THEIR LIFE AFTER JESUS.

DO YOU ACTIVELY SEEK TO BETTER UNDERSTAND JESUS' TEACHINGS? ASK GOD TO HELP YOU WITH THIS. ASK THAT YOU CAN LEARN GOD'S TRUTHS SO YOU CAN GROW IN DISCIPLESHIP.

IS THERE SOMEONE YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN DISCIPLE? MEANING, WHO CAN YOU TEACH TO KNOW AND BE LIKE JESUS? PRAY THAT GOD GIVES YOU THE COURAGE AND BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, AND THAT YOU CAN DISCIPLE OTHERS BY MODELING YOUR LIFE AFTER JESUS.

IS THERE SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO IS DISCIPLING YOU? ASK GOD TO HELP YOU RECOGNIZE THEM AND BE RECEPTIVE TO THEIR EXAMPLE.



GROWING IN PRAYER

WORSHIP

WORSHIP ISN'T JUST SINGING, BUT AN ATTITUDE OF THE HEART. THIS CAN INCLUDE YOUR ATTITUDE WHILE DOING DAILY TASKS AND SO MUCH MORE.

PRAY THAT YOUR FOCUS OF WORSHIP IS ONLY ON THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP.

PRAY THAT YOUR WORSHIP COMES NATURALLY, STEMMING FROM ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S HOLINESS.

PRAY THAT YOUR ATTITUDE AND DAILY WORSHIP ACTIONS ALWAYS GIVE GLORY TO GOD.



CARING

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE IN NEED. AS A PERSON OF FAITH, YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GOD TO CARE FOR THEM.

HOW ARE YOU GROWING IN PROVIDING CARE TO OTHERS? ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TAKE THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE THAT YOU ARE NOT GETTING? ASK GOD TO PROVIDE THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU OR PROVIDE THE RESOURCES YOU NEED.

DO YOU WILLINGLY ACCEPT CARE FROM OTHERS? PRAY FOR HUMILITY IN ACCEPTING CARE FROM OTHERS AS THEY TEND TO YOUR NEEDS.

GROWING IN PRAYER

SERVING

“GOD ISN’T UNJUST SO THAT HE FORGETS YOUR EFFORTS AND THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN FOR HIS NAME’S SAKE WHEN YOU SERVED AND CONTINUE TO SERVE GOD’S HOLY PEOPLE.” HEBREWS 6:10

HOW CAN WE GROW IN SERVING? WHO AROUND YOU IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

PRAY THAT JESUS GUIDES YOU AND SHOWS YOU HOW YOU CAN SERVE AND WHO IS NEEDING YOUR SERVICE.

THE MERCIES OF GOD ARE MOTIVATION FOR DEVOTED SERVICE FOR THE LORD. PRAY THAT OUR DESIRE TO SERVE IS BASED ON GOOD MOTIVES.

THERE IS A GREAT BLESSING IN DOING WORK IN THE SERVICE OF GOD, WHICH THEN IS NOT REALLY WORK BUT ENJOYMENT.

PRAY THAT YOU ALWAYS ENJOY YOUR SERVICE TO THE LORD BY FINDING PLEASURE IN THE TASKS BEFORE YOU, KNOWING YOUR EFFORTS ARE NOT IN VAIN.



REST

IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REST, LOOK AT WHAT JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES BEFORE THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND: “COME WITH ME BY YOURSELVES TO A QUIET PLACE AND GET SOME REST.” MARK 6:31.

IF YOU NEED REST, ASK GOD TO LEAD YOU INTO THAT QUIET PLACE. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU SURRENDER TO HIM NO MATTER HOW BUSY YOU ARE AND TRUST HIM TO GIVE YOU THE DEEP REST YOU NEED.

HOW ARE WE TO GROW IN THE AREA OF RESTING? REFLECT ON WAYS YOU CAN REST OTHER THAN SLEEPING. A FEW EXAMPLES MIGHT BE TAKING A WALK, GENTLE EXERCISE, OR EVEN A GOOD LAUGH MIGHT BE RESTFUL.

THEN ASK GOD TO HELP YOU GRAB THESE MOMENTS OF REST THAT ALLOW YOU TO EXPERIENCE MORE OF JESUS' LOVE FOR YOU.

GROWING IN PRAYER

JOY

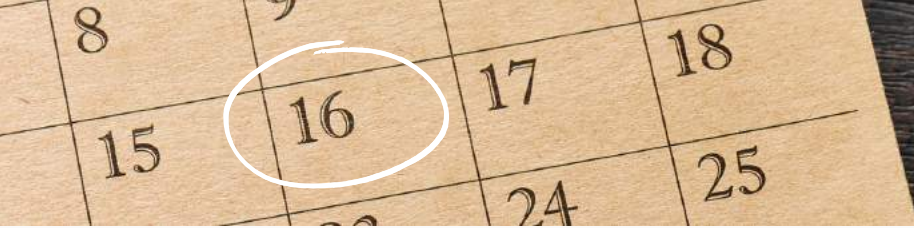
IT IS EASY ENOUGH JUST TO PRAY FOR JOY.

WE SHOULD ALSO PRAY THAT WE STRIVE TO FIND JOY IN ADVERSITY.

PRAY THAT YOU WILL HAVE JOY DESPITE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLES AND PROBLEMS.

ASK GOD TO GRANT YOU WISDOM TO KNOW HOW TO GROW FROM THESE SITUATIONS. FOR IT IS THROUGH THIS GROWTH THAT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE JOY FOUND IN A STRONGER FAITH.





Mark your
Calendar!

Women's Fellowship
will be meeting in
August! **AND** 
Hosting their
Spaghetti Dinner
 Saturday, September 16 



Church Picnic

Sunday, October 22



Mathilda Welmering Park

MISSIONS

KUELKER FAMILY-MÉXICO

GREETINGS WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED YOUR FOURTH OF JULY. IT IS TO CELEBRATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRY AND OUR INDEPENDENCE THAT JESUS GAVE US.

BECKY: SHE HAS BEEN BUSY WITH HER MINISTRY WITH THE LADIES CONFIRMING WHO IS COMING TO THE LADIES CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. ALSO, SHE HAS BEEN BUSY SETTING SCHEDULE FOR A TEAM FROM ST. LOUIS THAT WE ARE HOSTING.



MIKE: I WANT TO REPORT THAT THE MINISTERING AT THE FISCALIA AND THE PRISON IS GOING REAL WELL. EVERY WEEK AT THE FISCALIA THERE ARE OTHER GUARDS THAT LISTEN TO THE LESSONS AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER. THE PRISON IS THE SAME WAY. THERE ARE NEW PRISONERS SITTING IN THE HALLWAY LISTENING TO THE LESSONS. THE VILLAGES IN THE MOUNTAINS ARE DOING WELL. I, ALSO HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH THE TEAM FROM ST. LOUIS.

WE: WE HAVE TAKEN THE TEAM TO TWO VILLAGE NEAR THE CITY AND ONE VILLAGE ON THE LAKE AGUAMILPA. THE TEAM HAS DONE A GREAT MINISTERING. THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGES WERE BLESSED BY THEM.

MISSIONS

PRAYERS:

- 1) MIKE NEEDS PRAYER FOR HIS SHOULDERS AND ARMS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID BUT I DON'T SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT.
- 2) THE PROTECTION OF GOD BECAUSE IT IS RAINY SEASON HERE. WE HAD AT LEAST TWO TROPICAL STORM AND CYCLONE BUT MORE ON THE WAY.
- 3) FINANCES AND OPEN DOORS
- 4) BECKY THIS WEATHER BRINGS PAIN TO HER ARMS
REMEMBER TO KEEP C.O.O.L. (CHRIST OVER OUR LIVES)

MIKE, BECKY & BERENICE
P.S. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE



Church Council Minutes

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL CHURCH - JULY 10, 2023, 7:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: REDEEMER CHURCH EXISTS TO LOVE GOD, CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND SERVE ST. LOUIS AND BEYOND.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING THE MEETING: HARRY ARCHAMBAULT, GARY CHAMBERS, GARY JONES, PENNY LONG, LEO QUINN, JULIE VOSS, GARY GILBERT, RALPH WIRTEL, JEFF HUTCHINGS, ERIC UEBARI, JACOB POLLARD

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT: NONE

OPENING PRAYER: JEFF HUTCHINGS/PASTOR

AMENDING THE AGENDA:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (SHARING WHAT'S HAPPENED, GOING TO HAPPEN, OR MIGHT NEED TO OCCUR)

THANK YOU NOTES - JAMIE POLLARD FOR VBS; TOM & KATHY; QUILTERS FOR DONATING TO THE CHURCH; CARL FOR LIGHT MAINTENANCE

-MINUTES APPROVED

-TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORT-APPROVED

PASTOR'S REPORT:

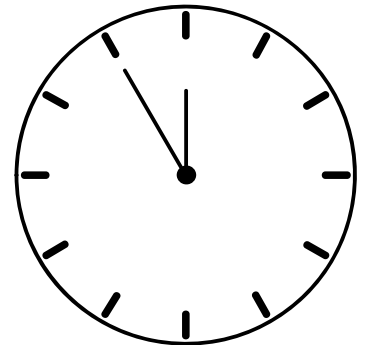
-THERE WERE 27 KIDS WHO SHOWED UP FOR THE FIRST DAY OF VBS; 30 KIDS REGISTERED THIS YEAR FOR VBS THIS YEAR

-JULY 17TH - 23RD, JEFF WILL BE GONE

-GUEST PASTOR, JULY 23RD

-JACOB WILL BE GONE ON THE 23RD OF JULY

-SERMON ON THE MOUNT



MUSIC MINISTRY:

-STILL LOOKING FOR A PIANIST; NO PROGRESS ON ORGANIST

WEBSITE

-31 DAYS (5/1-5/31) TOTAL VIEWS – 107; WITHIN THOSE VISITS, THERE WERE 254 PAGE VIEWS

WEBSITE: 30 DAYS (6/1-6/30) TOTAL VISITS – 93; WITHIN THOSE VISITS THERE WERE 232 PAGE VIEWS

UPCOMING:

- GRANT WILL BE GONE, VACATION FROM JUNE 22ND - JULY 3RD
- JULY 8TH - RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JEFF RONECKER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- JULY 10TH - 14TH - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 AM-NOON

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HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

1. WATER ISSUES CAUSED BY GSA'S PARKING LOT RUN-OFF: AWAITING A DECISION BY GSA TO CLOSE ACCESS TO THE LOT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY BECAUSE OF VANDALISM TO THEIR CARS. GSA'S DECISION MAY INCLUDE LOCKING OUR GATE PERMANENTLY.
2. ELECTRICAL WORK NEEDING DONE INCLUDES: 1) REPLACING THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND CONDUIT THAT POWERS THE SUMP PUMP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL; 2) EXIT LIGHT IN THE PIT NEEDS SUPPORTING. IT HAS DROPPED FROM ITS HANGAR. CARL AND HARRY INSTALLED 2 NEW LIGHT FIXTURES IN PASTOR JEFF'S BATHROOM AND 2 NEW LIGHT FIXTURES IN THE MUSIC ROOM.
3. CONCRETE PAD: PENNY'S FRIEND, TOM GRIFFIN, FINISHED THE PAD, SATISFACTORILY. WE ARE AWAITING AN INVOICE TO PAY HIM FOR THE MATERIALS (THEY WERE ONLY \$40). COUNCIL DISCUSSED THIS AT THE JUNE 12TH MEETING.
4. GIFTING TOM GRIFFIN SOMETHING FOR COMPLETING THE CONCRETE PAD.
5. ROOF LEAKING INTO EDUCATIONAL BUILDING UPPER FLOOR REAR STAIRWELL. DAVE EDERLE IS WORKING WITH THE ROOFING CONTRACTOR ON THE FIX. THE LAST RAINS CAUSED NO LEAKS. DAVE WILL WAIT FOR FUTURE RAINS THAT CAUSE LEAKS TO DETERMINE A FIX.

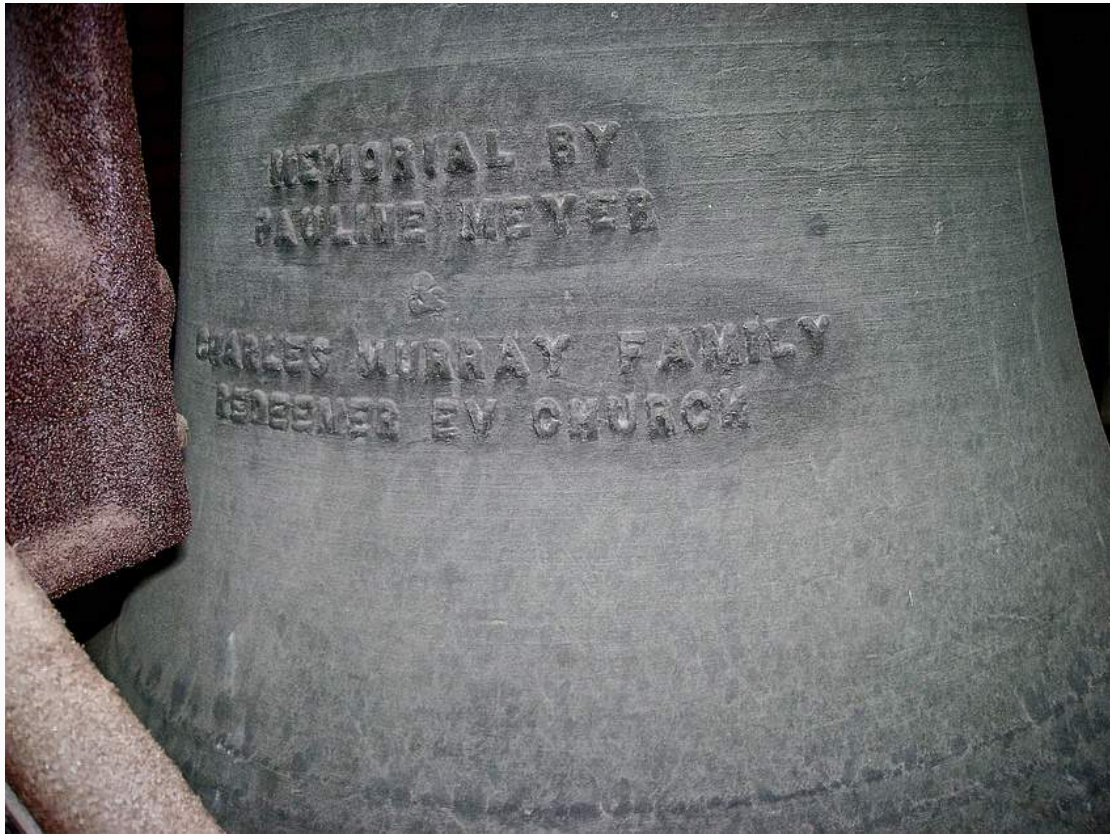
STUDY ITEMS:

-FUTURE PLANS FOR CHAIR LIFT INSPECTIONS; JEFF WILL LOOK OVER THIS.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REDEEMER INSTRUCT JBL TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION OF REDEEMER'S INVESTMENTS WHICH IS TO MOVE MONIES FROM RISK-AVERSE INVESTMENT FUNDS THAT GIVE AN ROI OF 5%-9% TO HIGHER GAIN STOCK FUNDS WITH A POTENTIAL FOR ROI OF 15%-20%. APPROVED
2. GARY WILL BE TAKING CARE OF MOVING \$50,000 TO A CD ACCOUNT. THE REST WILL BE MOVED TO STERLING.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS AT 7 PM MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT REDEEMER MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ERIC UEHARI



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