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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TOBY CAMBRON



“I love to tell the story, ’Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.”
Catherine Hankey

One recent Sunday service, we sang this song with our front rows filled with children. Most of the children in our church ride our bus without their parents joining them. As we paused our singing to greet one another, one of the children approached me and proclaimed with a smile, “I love to tell the story of Jesus! Just the other day I was telling my friends about how I go to this church. I told them Jesus loved them, died on the cross for them, and they could have Him as their savior. It made me feel soooo happy to tell them.”

Hearing her words instantly made me feel happy! I asked her if she’d be willing to share her testimony with everyone that morning and with a hesitant smile she replied she would. As everyone began to retake their seat to resume the song, I announced, “K’Liana has a testimony she’d like to share.” K’Liana took the microphone from me and confidently repeated the story. Instantly the room was filled with smiling faces and with fresh enthusiasm we finished singing the hymn.

We couldn’t have asked for a better example of the fruit of our labor of consistently serving together to bring the story of Jesus and His love to our community. It takes many committed volunteers and generous donations of kindhearted individuals to minister to the children of this community. Most of them do not have children of their own attending our ministries, yet faithfully give themselves to the work of the Lord week after week. It’s moments like this with K’Liana that lifts our spirits and encourage us to “not be weary in *this* well doing.” As we faithfully share Jesus with these children, they will take the story throughout their neighborhoods. Seeing the Lord work in the lives of our people, from our youngest unto the eldest, brings joy to our lives. Paul described the feeling well, “What is our hope or our joy? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord...? For ye are our glory and joy.” 1 Thessalonians 2:19 ,20

Upcoming Events

- Labor Day Potluck
Sept 1st 6-8PM
- Block Party
Sept 28th 4-7PM
- Church Picnic
Oct 6th 2-4PM
- Ladies Retreat at
The Cove Oct 16-18th
- Anniversary Dinner
Nov 2nd, time: TBD
- Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 24th 6-8PM
- MVNU trip to DC
May 15-19th, 2020

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven....
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Seasons of Life by Nancy Mitchell

As Summer fades and Autumn arrives, the leaves begin to transform into shades of breath-taking colors. While I meditate upon the beauty of God’s creation, I am reminded of the change that comes with each season. Life also has it’s seasons, as we climb mountains and go through valleys. As I read Chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes, the author describes to me how there is a time set aside for every purpose. You may be in a *time* of sorrow or pain and feel like God has forgotten you. Do not fear, the Lord has promised He will never leave you (*Hebrews 13:5*). If you are following God’s will in your life, you will eventually see that there was a purpose for your experience. I have been on this journey with the Lord for a number of years, and I can testify that God’s purpose and timing has been perfect each time. As we begin to rely on God’s wisdom through all the seasons of life, we will begin to experience Him in a way that can only be imagined! AW Tozer says, “*Our pursuit of God is successful just because He is forever seeking to manifest Himself to us*”. Are you in pursuit of the Lord Jesus Christ, as He seeks to manifest (make known) Himself to you?

“A Light Shines in our Community through Ministry Outreach”

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**



"Love the sinner, hate the sin."

We've no doubt heard this saying before being involved in any capacity within the church. But what does it mean? And does it come from Scripture?

Jude 1:23 "Save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh." Yes, it comes from Scripture as evidenced by this verse. The garment stained by the flesh is the sin, while we are commanded to still show mercy to the sinner.

If you are a professing Christian, you are called to minister and love the unlovable in their sin. However, loving them is different than accepting their sin. Loving the sinner is sharing the reality of their sin and pointing them to Christ's more encompassing love of salvation and forgiveness.

*James Taylor,
Associate Pastor*

A Name for Women's Bible Study

The Women's bible study which meets every second Saturday of the month has adopted a name, **"Women of the Word"**.

Please come, join us as we grow into disciples for Christ to make a difference in the *grey* world we live. We begin at 9:30 am for fellowship, testimonies and open up *The Word* to learn how to apply these principles to our life. Ladies, bring your fellows for the Men's bible study, which meets in the fellowship hall at same time.

Kids Korner by Chris Ogden

I would like to thank the Children Ministry workers for all their hard work over the past year; including the bus drivers, bus captains, and those who prayed for us. It is almost time to start another year ministering to the children. Please continue to keep our ministry in your prayers. Also, there are positions for bus captains and teachers still available.

Once again, our Vacation Bible School was a blessing! *Special thanks to everyone who participated and helped out.* Although the number of attendees was small this year, we had five children accept Christ as their personal Savior. I believe this is a breaking record for us. In addition, one of our regular students accepted Christ at church camp the same week. Prayers for these young people is greatly appreciated. The church is to be responsible for leading and setting an example for our young people. In closing, *pray for those involved in this ministry that God will lead us, as He has called us to do His work.*

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Pastor James and Katie on the birth of their second son, Hudson Paul Taylor born August 6th, 11:18 a.m. 6 pounds, 1 ounce and 19 inches long.

What does it *Truly* Mean to be Thankful?

By Nancy Mitchell

Are you thankful no matter what? In other words, if you lost your job tomorrow, lost your health to a disease, or lost a loved one, would you be bitter or would you be thankful for the blessings God has given you in life. I began to ask myself, "what does *truly* mean to be thankful"? I decided to consult a sister in Christ, Pat Black.

Pat advised me, "as believers in Christ, if we are truly thankful for the blessings received, we must with boldness present our requests by faith to the Lord, praising Him for; 1) what He has done, 2) is doing presently, 3) and will do in the future".

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Our culture has turned away from God and has lost the true meaning of being thankful. An ungrateful heart is a cold heart toward God. The bible tells me that when I struggle in life, *count it all joy.* (James 1:2-4)



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**"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy.
Do you have any requests?"**

Missions Projects

SEPTEMBER

Roger & Crystal Johansen (Brazil)

Roger and Crystal both graduated from Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, MO with their undergraduate degrees. Roger continued at the Seminary to finish his Master of Arts in 1994. They moved to northeast Brazil. They currently work in Maceió, Brazil which has around one million inhabitants. They work with the expanding Esperanca Church multiplication ministries.

Roger and Crystal have five children; Joshua, Jordan, Jonathan, Juliana and James. Joshua feels the Lord calling him into missions and is currently working towards this.

In 1994, the Johansen's studies Portuguese in Fortaleza, Ceara. In 1995 they moved to Maceio where they worked with two veteran couples from BGMF. In 1999, with a few national believers, the Johansen started the Clima Bom church plant. The Lord blessed this work.

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OCTOBER

Sylvanus & Rona Mul (Papua New Guinea)

Brother Mul accepted Jesus Christ into his life as Lord and personal Saviour December 1997 and was baptized in 1998. He served the Lord as youth leader under the ministry of Pastor Ponjel at Tegibo Baptist Church in Papua, New Guinea. He attended high school in a different province and moved his membership to Trinity Independent Baptist Church in Mt. Hagen. As God directed, they entrusted him to be the youth leader again and he served the Lord there by preaching to the youths, conducting open-air outreach, preaching in hospital, preaching in public schools, and distributing tracts. As he finished high school, he surrendered his life to serve the Lord in full time ministry in 2008.

As Brother Mul was serving the Lord in the ministries which God entrusted him, God opened the door for him to come to Marietta Bible College in Ohio to study. He graduated in 2013, and married his wife, Rona, from the Philippines. God put on his heart to be back in his own country of Papua New Guinea together with his wife as missionaries. The Lord brought the Muls to Poroma, in the Southern Part of Papua New Guinea, where there was no Bible Believing Church. They have one son, Samuel Ivan, born in 2014, and have been with the World ministries since June 20, 2013.

Sylvanus & Rona Mul
mulsministries.org

NOVEMBER

Bread for Bulgaria (Charity Baptist Mission)

We see the Lord blessing the work. Last week we finished the flour and oil distribution for 2019. Each year, as most of you know, we distribute over one hundred pounds of flour and over a gallon of oil to each church family. Bulgaria is still one of the poorest countries in Europe. Many of the elderly subsist receive less than one hundred dollars a month. Most of the Millet Turks in our churches are only employed seasonally (winter is a difficult time for them).

This year we were able to feed sixteen hundred families. It requires a total of eighty tons of flour, and eight thousand liters of oil to go with it. The Lord again has shown his faithfulness in providing the need. I truly believe that He enjoys feeding these hungry people. Of course, we realize that these blessings come from people like you who cheerfully give to the necessities of your poorer brethren in Bulgaria. Heaven will see a grand reunion of saints, and they will be able to fully thank you for your generosity. Until then, I send you their expressions of gratitude.

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