

Info from CBC July 2019

Newsletter

TRUTH: IT WILL SET YOU FREE

What is it about people? What do they want? Why are we so willing to sacrifice our principles for convenience? I think that truth is the most important thing in life. We cannot know anything objectively without it. There must be a standard that we must uncompromisingly go by. If not, then all is subjectivity, opinion and conjecture. If we are not willing to subject ourselves to the objective truth of God's Word, then what else is there? There will be no standards. No plumb line of truth. We will make **ourselves the standard** or the plumb line. Our opinions and preference will be sacrosanct. I am learning that there is a battle within the heart of every believer – whether we will subject ourselves to that truth.

The test of that truth is if we really believe it is preeminent. Is it more important than friends, family, church, tradition or careers? To know if we believe the truth then it must be tested. I am seeing this play out everywhere. Turn on the TV news or read the paper and you will hear people espousing **"their truth"** as if truth is a commodity to be bought or possessed. God never gives us an alternative in this dynamic. No matter the cost, we must choose **"the truth."** Why? Truth is a person.

We must understand that truth is not a subjective persuasion or a philosophical ideology. Truth is a person, and to compromise the truth is to compromise a person. Jesus tells us, "I am the way, the **TRUTH**, and the life...." If this is true - and as a Christian I must believe it to be true, everything I believe and do must spring from this. The truth is vicious, and it makes us choose. It cannot be relative, cultural, or bend itself to the morays of the generation we live in. If something is true today, then it will be true 100 years from now. A good example is found in Mormon theology. In generations past, it was part of their theology to not proselytize black people. In their theology, blacks were born into their bodies as those who sided with Satan in the battle of heaven. However, in the 1970's, they wanted to do missions in Africa. You can imagine trying to reach Africans with that

theology. So the prophet had a "vision" and reversed the theology. My son (who is black) asked a Mormon if this was true, and they confirmed it to be true. My son simply asked the question, "Does truth change?"

The Mormon was speechless. If something was a lie 100 years ago then it will be a lie today. Why? Because truth is **"the"** constant.

Jesus was not crucified because He compromised the truth to protect His friends, family or loved ones. Standing for the truth cost Him in the physical realm. They hated Him and despised Him for the truth. Why did He have to be so assertive? Why couldn't He just go along to get along? Why couldn't He compromise? The truth is not amenable to the storms of life. It is always steady no matter the color, influence, income, reputation or prestige of a person. It always applies equally and justly. The truth doesn't bend to you. You bend to it.

The one thing I am learning is that the truth really will set you free. Your circumstances may be painful. Your friends may leave you. Your loved ones may betray you, and your enemies may hate you, but if you live in the truth, your character will never leave you. Life may try to sink you, but let the safe harbor of truth shelter you in the warm waters of its consistency.

Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike

Calendar of Events

- 2** Bible & Brunch (*Youth*) ~ 11:00 a.m.
- 3** No Wednesday Night Service
- 4** Church Office Closed
- 7-11** CBC VBS
- 15-19** Camp Longridge
- 16** Deacons Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
- 21** Children Leading Morning Worship
- 25** Elderberry Outing to McBee, SC (*Peaches*)

Looking Ahead to August

- (4) Nom Com Report out for pick up
- (6) Bible & Brunch (*Youth*)
- (11) Evening Service *but no AWANA*
- (18) Vote on Nom Com Report (*AM*)
- Back to School Ice Cream Social (*PM*)

Youth Calendar

- 2 Bible & Brunch
- 3 Visiting
Gon' Fishin'
- 12 Escape Room *Cost: \$25*
- 26 Movie Night

July AWANA Calendar

- 7 VBS
- 14 Movie Night *following AWANA*
- 21 Water Day *(wear swimsuit)*
- 28 Promotion Day

Workers for July

Audiovisual:

- 7.7 Glenna & Mack Mutchler
- 7.14 Robert Etheridge, Will Thomas
- 7.21 Glenna & Mack Mutchler
- 7.28 Cory McWhite, Hal Thompson

Nursery:

- 7.7 Kathy Lee, Beth Lyles
- 7.14 Erica Eaddy, Jordan Price
- 7.21 Kim, Lauren, & Jordan Gardner
- 7.28

Toddlers' Church (ages 2 thru 4):

- 7.7 Adriene Jones
- 7.14 Crystal Thompson
- 7.21 Adriene Jones
- 7.28 Tami Blascak

Children's Church (K5 – 8-yrs. old):

- 7.7 Pastor Jon Jones
- 7.14 Pastor Jon Jones
- 7.21 Lauren Lee
- 7.28 Elizabeth Briley

Flowers: ALL SUNDAYS ARE OPEN

Building Attendant: Mark Evans

Ushers: Ben Jordan, Brent Jordan, Chris Jordan, Derek Lee, Toey Lee, Tommy Lee, William Locklair, Steve Lowe

Prayer Ministry

Welborn Brewer, Wayne Burke, Terry Davis,
Esau Dennis, Billy Harrington, Ed Hinson,
David McCabe, Jessie McCabe, Ray Richburg, Sean
Richburg, Ruth Turner, David Young

June Monthly Records

Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 103
Avg. Worship Attendance: 125
Monthly Offering Total: \$20,227.65
Building Fund: \$354,881.57

Encouragement Opportunities

Faith Promise Missionaries:

Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Crane (*Donna*)
5592 Pinecrest Circle
Noblesville, IN 46062
cranes@ukrainemedicaloutreach.org

Students of the Month:

All students are they enjoy their summer.

Shut-in of the Month:

Jessie McCabe
2031 Tearcoat Road
Alcolu, SC 29001
803.473.2426

Happy Birthday

If we have missed your birthday, please call the church office so that we can add your name to our birthday list.

- 1 Taylor Lee
- 2 Chase Lee
- 7 Ben Jordan
Mac McCabe
Morgan Morris
- 8 Steven Flowers
Hunter Grace Layton
- 10 Tabitha Gardner
- 11 Copeland Lee
- 13 Russ Harrelson
- 14 Adelaide Eaddy
- 15 Lauren Lee
Camryn Morris
- 18 Allie Tuner
- 21 Donnie Briley
Mary Louise Jones
Daphne Powell
- 22 Will Ard
William Locklair
- 24 Emma Jean Joyner
Joey Williams
- 25 Mary Kathryn Jordan
- 26 Claire Burke

- 30 Hannah Lee
31 Edward McCabe

CBC VBS 2019/July 7-11

Theme - In the Wild:

Amazing Encounters with Jesus

Zoom in & focus on Jesus!

Grades: K3 – 6th grade ~ 6 pm – 8 pm each night

A lite supper will be served. Volunteers still needed. *If you to complete a background check, see Pastor Jon.* If you have any questions, please speak with our VBS Director Nikki Woodard, 803.473.0944.

Signup sheet can be found in the sanctuary.

Elderberry July Outing

We are going to McBee (McLeod Farms) on Thursday, 25 July. We will have lunch at their restaurant and then shop over in the roadside market for peaches, fresh veggies, etc. Of course, you remember the scrumptious ice cream we always enjoy when we go. A sign-up sheet is available. There are 14 seats available on the van so sign up early. Others will need to plan to drive. We will leave the church at 11:00 o'clock.

Point of contact: Doris Daniel, 478-3372.

Ministries

Operation Christmas Child

We continue to count down to our Shoebox Packing Day, Sunday, Sept. 29th during our Sunday School hour.

In July, we find that school supplies go on sale. Again this year, VBS will help in collecting supplies – pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, erasers, colored pencils, notebook paper, 3-ring folders, etc. *(Large, hard-back notebooks can not fit in the shoeboxes.)*

Our ladies have been busy making *octopuses for our shoeboxes since the May Ladies Meeting. Keep up the work and God bless!

Love in Christ! Mary Jo

* How do you make *octopus* plural? It's simple! The plural is *octopuses*. Why do some dictionaries also list *octopi* as a possibility? In Latin, some plurals end with an *i*. The problem is, *octopus* derives from Greek. The *i* was a mistake, but so many people adopted it that it became an acceptable alternative. Many people don't like *octopi*, and you will rarely see it in edited works, but it does occasionally appear.

Moldova Donations

The Moldova Team will be collecting basically the same items as last year: over-the-counter medications (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Benadryl, children's Tylenol/ibuprofen, and multivitamins), reading glasses, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. *(No hygiene items – soaps, shampoos, etc. – these items are more difficult to transport and not well received by locals.)* Donations will be stored in the closet between Pastor Jon's office and the OCC Room **or** they can be given to Carole Evans at Manning Farm & Garden *(on Mill St.)*. *Point person: Jeremy Evans*

Harvest Seeds

Collecting Sunday school literature, devotionals, and other religious material to send to brothers and sisters who faithfully labor in the vineyard with limited resources.

Point person: Karen DeCosta

Donations for Ukraine

Taking a break until building project is complete.

Point person: Harriet Locklair

Designated Donation Drop-off Sites:

Harvest Seeds Ministry – Confident Heart Sunday school classroom *(first room to the left in the FLC)*

Moldova Mission Trip – Closet between Pastor Jon's office and the OCC Room or give to Carole Evans at Manning Farm & Garden *(Mill St., Manning)*

OCC – Mallie Alderman SS Classroom, OCC Office Door *(in Annie DuRant SS Room)*

Ukraine Ministry – *(See note under **Donations for Ukraine**)*

Please carry your donations to the site designated for that ministry.