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Father's Day

I guess that I can consider myself old now that I have lived 25 years longer than my dad.

When dad was born on a small farm near the Missouri River in 1914, World War I had just begun two months before. He was the oldest of six children and thus more of the responsibility of helping his dad work their farm fell on his shoulders. Dad experienced the Roaring Twenties and the Depression of the 30's working long hours to help his family have the necessities of life.

When he was almost seven years old, dad experienced the loss of his two-year-old brother and his grandmother in an automobile accident. Dad was intelligent and did well in school, but he was only able to afford two years of college

When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec 7, 1941, dad had a son just over four months old and worked for the County Agricultural Conservation Office. Because of the importance of his job for the future of the nation's food supply, dad was prohibited from military service, but a younger brother became a bombardier on B-29 aircraft. The whole family experienced the shortages and rationing caused by

the war effort.

Dad's parents had attended a Baptist church in a little town nearest to their farm while he was growing up, but after he left home and married, he and mom attended Disciples of Christ churches. Apparently dad's baptism wasn't accepted by the church they attended when I was born because dad and I were baptized the same day when I was ten years old

Dad's life experiences taught him to value hard work and family. He learned to make do with what he could afford and to take care of them so they would last as long as possible. Because of these experiences, dad taught his sons to take care of what they had.

Family was important to dad so he always took time to play games with his children and teach them to be considerate not just of family but all people. That's why he took my BB gun away when he saw me pointing it at him as he walked home from work one evening. He taught me that pointing a weapon at anyone, even when only pretending, was wrong because weapons were instruments of death and not play toys.

Dad died shortly after I turned fifteen so he never got to teach me to drive a car. He never saw me graduate from high school or from three colleges to obtain my bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees. He never knew I served in the Air Force for twenty years. He never met my wife or our three children or his great grandchildren. He never knew that I became a pastor. But I'm sure if dad were alive today he would be proud that his sons have learned the lessons he taught and have taught them to their children. I'm sure he would approve of the lives we are living. If it were possible on this Father's Day, I would take time to be with my dad and thank him for how he raised me and all he taught me.

If your father is still alive, take time to be with him this Father's Day and thank him for being your dad. That will make him happier than any purchased gift.

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Postmodernism

By Kathleen Penton in *Missions Mosaics*, June 2016

There are no absolute truths – truths that do not vary among cultures, people, or fundamental goals in life when it comes to moral, social, and political claims. Everything is relative and shaped by the cultural context of a particular time and place. At least, that’s what postmodernists believe.

For Christians, the refusal to believe in moral absolutes is perhaps the most distressing aspect of postmodernism.

Postmodernism is a worldview shift that emerged in the late twentieth century in response to the shortcomings of modernism. Modernism, which began around the turn of the seventeenth century, had placed its faith in reason and hope in progress rather than God. Modernists believed with the proper use of reason, a natural capacity for good and rational decisions, any problem – social, political, personal, or ethical – could be solved. And if reason were distributed universally, or nearly so, things were bound to get better and better. But this looked increasingly implausible as the nineteenth century moved into the twentieth, which saw two world wars, the Holocaust, and the development of increasingly powerful weapons of mass destruction.

Basic Definition

A key definition of postmodernism is “incredulity toward metanarratives.” The word *metanarrative* was coined by French philosopher Jean-Francois Lyotard in *The*

Postmodern Condition, written in 1979. For Lyotard, postmodernism was the intellectual state reached when one no longer believed any grand story about history, whether religious or secular.

Chief Characteristics

Postmodernism values and promotes diversity. It claims to seek the interests of “the other,” those marginalized and oppressed by modernist ideologies and the political/social structures that support them. Postmodernists are searching for freedom not only for themselves as individuals but also for everyone.

Postmodernism maintains that texts – historical, literary, or otherwise – have no inherent authority or objectivity in revealing the author’s intent, nor can they tell us “what really happened.” They reflect the peculiarities of the writer’s particular bias, culture, and era. Furthermore “text” means nearly anything that can be interpreted, including books, speeches, Bible passages, magazine covers, or the ritual at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Postmodernism argues that language shapes thinking and there can be no thought without language. Therefore language literally creates truth.

Postmodernism emphasizes that truth is a matter of perspective rather than something universal.

Postmodern Missions

With whom do you spend the majority of your time? Are they

like you? Do they look like you, think like you, believe like you?

Are you willing to adapt to do missions in a postmodern world? If so, you must first let go of assumptions you may have about postmodernists:

They have a felt need for God. (Reality – many don’t think about him.)

They fear death. (Reality – they don’t believe in an afterlife.)

They are hopeless. (Reality – most are quite satisfied with life.)

They will come to Christ fast once you introduce them to Him. (Reality – most need the environment of a relationship with a Christian to progress toward a relationship with Christ. You must be willing to make a lifetime investment in people.)

Then you must remember that Christians are called to make disciples. A disciple is a learner, and discipleship is a process of becoming more like Christ.

Next, you must move beyond the niche of the “God people” and into your city to make disciples. Find out what is going on in your city and join in – take a class, join a club, etc. This allows you to get to know people in context so you can have meaningful conversations. But you don’t have to do it alone. Go in pairs or groups and support each other.

Above all, you must be genuine, especially about your struggles and how your Christian worldview and community help you. Answer their questions wisely and lovingly. Ultimately you may have the opportunity to share the gospel.

The Essential 100

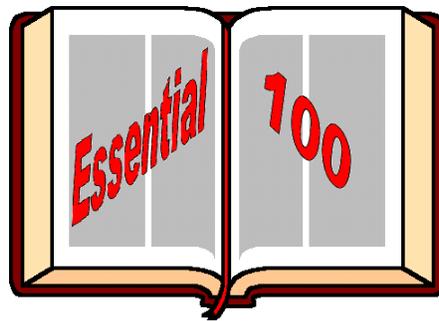
Last month, we saw God speak to a young boy and call him to be Samuel, the great prophet and priest. God heard the cries of the Hebrew people for a king to rule over them. He had Samuel tell them they didn't need any king but God, but when the people still cried out for a king, God had Samuel anoint Saul, from the tribe of Benjamin, to be their king.

Unfortunately, Saul thought a king should be able to decide for himself what was best for his people and when to accomplish certain actions rather than listening to God's will and his timing. So Saul disobeyed God and God replaced Saul with a young shepherd boy named David.

David believed God's word and trusted him for the power to do whatever he had to do, so God said he was a man after his own heart. Saul was jealous of David and attempted to hunt him down and kill him. But David was protected by God as he fled from Saul and hid in caves. After Saul was killed in a battle, David was crowned king.

David proved himself to be a just and mighty king. He brought to Jerusalem the Ark of the Covenant that God had directed Moses to build as a meeting place between God and men. But David was not perfect and he sinned against God by having an adulteress affair with Bathsheba and having her

husband killed in a battle. When confronted with his sin by the prophet Nathan, David repented of it and threw himself upon the mercy of God. God allowed him to remain the King of Israel but would not allow him to build a temple to honor the name of God. Instead, he allowed David's son, Solomon, to build it.



When Solomon became king, he asked God not for wealth or power but for wisdom. So God made him the wisest man alive and also gave him wealth and a strong kingdom. But Solomon's many wives led him astray so that he did not follow God as David had and after his death the nation split into a northern kingdom of 10 tribes called Israel and a southern kingdom of 2 tribes called Judah.

God used prophets to call the people back to serving him but to no avail. Thus Israel was taken captive by Assyria in 722 BC and dispersed so that no one can trace their ancestry back to one of those tribes. Although Judah followed God a little better than Israel, they also disobeyed and eventually were overcome by Nebuchadnezzar,

King of the Babylonian empire, in 605 BC. He took many captives from Judah, including Daniel and Ezekiel. Because of a rebellion by the people he left behind, Nebuchadnezzar sent his troops back to destroy Jerusalem in 587 BC. He also destroyed the Temple, took its equipment and stored them in Babylon.

We continue to see that this is an amazing love story where God shows his great love for mankind. Here are the next ten passages for you to read during the month of June. As you read, look for ways that God shows his love.

Section 9: Psalms and Proverbs

1. The Lord is My Shepherd, Psalm 23:1-6
2. Have Mercy on Me, Psalm 51:1-19
3. Praise the Lord, Psalm 103:1-22
4. Godly Wisdom, Proverbs 1:1 – 4:27
5. Proverbs of Solomon, Proverbs 16:1 – 18:24

Section 10: The Prophets

1. The Suffering Servant, Isaiah 51:1 – 53:12
2. Jeremiah's Call and Message, Jeremiah 1:1 – 3:5
3. Daniel in the Lion's Den, Daniel 6:1-28
4. The Story of Jonah, Jonah 1:1 – 4:11
5. The Day of Judgment, Malachi 1:1 – 4:6

Spotlight on Missions



Dear Friends,

As we consider our lives we realize that half of the year is almost gone. Our goals and purpose for living made in the dawn of this year have dimmed in the darkness of problems thrust upon us by a lost world.

Do not let discouragement turn your eyes from Jesus who has all the answers. Psalm 119:105 says: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

God's Word has strength and promise. Jesus said, "Come to me and I will give you rest."

We pray you will put Jesus at the center of your lives and rejoice in His promises.

Roanoke Baptist Church reaches out to places we will never see, but we can make a difference by our prayers and giving to help followers of Jesus in those areas to reach out to the people around them with the good news that Jesus has made it possible for them to have a right relationship with God and a loving home with Jesus for eternity.

God's love can overcome darkness as the light of Jesus' truth shines from our hearts to yours.

Sincerely thinking of you,
Alice Claire Butler

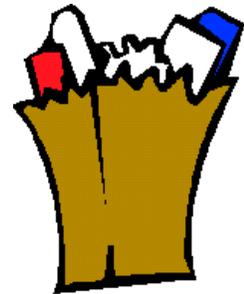
Pantry "Pleas"

And

Thank You

Thank you for your response to our pleas for May. We hope you will help us with some of the following items for June.

1. Canned Tomatoes
2. Canned Fruit
3. Kleenex



JOIN US

Meeting: Jun 9

Carry-in lunch: Noon

Mission Study: 1 p.m.

Library News



June Cupcakes

June Birthdays

Jun 9 Erich Aggen
Jun 19 Norma Jacobs



Norma

Father . . .



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Our Summer Reading Club began on June 2. Summer is such a great time to sit in the shade and enjoy one of the many vistas to which the author of a book can take you. You may want to delve back into history and find out what it was like to live in a particular time. Or you may want to put your sleuthing cap on and try to solve a mystery before the author shows the answer to you. You may want to learn something about another culture and what it is like to live in another setting. You may want to meditate and learn how God's word can help you in everyday situations. Or you may want to escape your everyday grind and just relax. You will find books in the library to help you do any of these things, so I hope you will search through the shelves and find a good book to read. Here are some suggestions that you might like to check out.

I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God

By Marjorie Holmes

Dead Sea Rising

Dead Sea Chronicles book 1

By Jerry B. Jenkins

Adventures in Prayer

By Catherine Marshall

The Constantine Codex

By Paul L. Maier

The Unique Woman

By Edwin L and Nancy C. Cole

When God's Ways Make No Sense

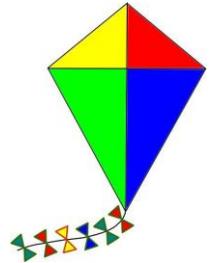
By Larry Crabb

A Layman Looks at the Love of God

By W. Phillip Keller

Dancing Bones

By Patsy Clairmont



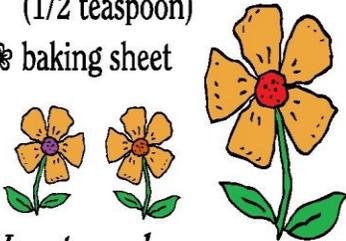
Alan Cobb

Make a Snack:

Praise Posies

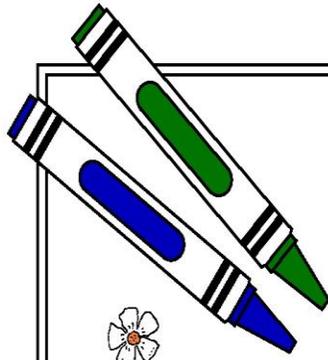
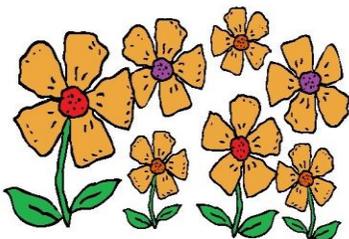
You will need:

- ✿ 1 tube of refrigerated biscuits
- ✿ 5 teaspoons of jam or jelly
- ✿ kitchen scissors
- ✿ measuring spoon (1/2 teaspoon)
- ✿ baking sheet



How to make:

- ✿ Make 5 cuts on the edge of each biscuit. (Don't cut all the way to the center.)
- ✿ Press the center with your fingers or thumb to make a dent.
- ✿ Fill the center with jam or jelly (1/2 teaspoon).
- ✿ Bake at 450° for 8-10 minutes or until golden.
- ✿ Share them with a friend while they're still warm!



Just for KIDS

Joyful Psalms



Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are joyful songs! They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Read down the second column to see the sentence from Psalms.

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

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Answer: _____ !

Pray For Our Missionaries

Please join us in praying for these individuals who have accepted Jesus' Lordship and are serving him in mission work.

Jun 1 – 8

Jernigan Schwent
 Birthday: Jun 1

Jernigan is a church planter and pastor in Kansas City's northland. He says many people he meets know about church but are not part of one. For some, it is because they were previously wounded by a church. He says 80% of people living in and near Kansas have no evangelical affiliation although the city lies in what is considered part of the Bible Belt. People have decided their experience with church was either too irrelevant to their lives or too painful. So Jernigan and members of Discover Church aim to help people discover life in Christ, discover belonging in community, and discover purpose in God's calling on their lives.

Pray for the church as it endeavors to double the number of team leaders, volunteers, and small groups in 2019.

Jun 9 – 15

Grant Welch
 Birthday: Jun 15

Grant is a church planter and leads Crosspointe West Church in a transitioning neighborhood

in Vancouver, where the demographics range from Pacific Islanders to Russians. "Economically," he says, "it's becoming an increasing case of the haves vs. the have nots." His challenge is the same as throughout the Northwest – apathy. "The Northwest isn't postchurched like the East," he says. "It was never churched." The neighbors of Crosspointe West appreciate what the church is doing in the community, but they don't see how God or the church is relevant to their lives.

Pray for guidance as Crosspointe West as it seeks to find and adopt an evangelism strategy to reach the people.

Jun 16 - 22

Mark Bennett
 Birthday: Jun 22

Mark and his wife, Sharon, ministered in Japan for 18 years until a medical condition interrupted their service. They continued trusting in the Lord and His ability to bring about all things for good and in 2015 they were able to return to



Japan. Since then, Mark has been working with the homeless in Tokyo. "We hand them literal bread in one hand and the Bread of life in the other," he says. "This is the most amazing miracle we have been allowed to witness and participate in." They now baptize an average of one man per month. June is Japan's rainy season so he asks prayer for their worship and study which is done in a park. In August they return to the U.S. for a year's service as missionaries in residence at California Baptist University and leave their youngest son to start his college studies. Upon return they will be preparing to minister during the 2020 Olympics.

Pray for Mark and his family as they begin this new season in their lives.

Jun 23 – 30

Shon McIntyre
 Birthday: Jun 29

Shon and a team launched The Real Tree Church in 2012. Since then, the church has moved five times and has built a church building. Now they are looking to plant another church. "There have been numerous people come to faith since beginning this mission," says Shon. He says his biggest challenge is balancing his time between ministry and family.

"Please pray I find balance," he asks. Pray also that The Real Tree Church would have wisdom and for God to use the church for His glory.

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Give Dad a gift he will always remember.

Give him your love and respect.

Happy Father's Day June 16