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Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 10:30am
Sun. Eve. 6:00pm
Wed. Eve. 7:30pm

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Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 24th

5:50-8:00pm

Monday, June 25th through

Wednesday, June 27th

6:50-9:00pm nightly

Take a trip to an archaeological dig. As you dig into Scripture, you'll find that what's on the inside, where Jesus looks, is much more beautiful than what man sees on the outside. Join us as we EXCAVATE! Each night there are classes for all ages (including adults), crafts, recreation and snacks.

Parents, please fill out a registration form and drop it in the VBS box located in the old vestibule.

Cookies needed for VBS

Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main vestibule. Any monetary donations can be given to Hannah Rowe & Allie Zottola.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- July 04thOFFICE CLOSED
MCC-participating in the 4th of July Parade
Bible Study 7:30pm
- 10thElders/Board Meetings
- 28th**Baby Shower** noon-3:00pm
for Allie Zottola
- 30th-Aug 3rd .MCC "Camp Hero"
- Sept 01stBlood Drive

MONROEVILLE MESSENGER

Art's Comments:

“A THREEFOLD CHALLENGE THAT DETERMINES OUR ETERNAL HOME”

1. SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. There are other kingdoms, some good, some bad but only His Kingdom is eternal. We may have our names written on man-made memorials but if our names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life we have failed the eternal test. We may receive the highest praise from fellow humans, we may be praised for accomplishments claimed whether true or false, but if we do not hear from God "Well Done", all of our labors are in vain. Every honest person will admit that the call of the world is strong, in fact very strong. All about us we see the Word of God belittled. Up is down and down is up. Godly righteousness is out, the world's standards are in. New terms are invented to disguise sin. We are afraid to condemn sin because we don't want to be called "judgmental". We must remember "righteousness" is not decided by popular vote nor some foul mouth comedian or Politician or clergy. Righteousness is decided by God's Word; it alone will be the standard for Judgment (John 12:48).

2. HEED THE WARNING AGAINST SHOWING PARTIALITY. This is another difficult teaching to follow because we all are tempted to give preferential treatment to our family, our friends and our group. The perfect example for us to follow is God. He shows no partiality – Acts 20:34 and Romans 2:11. We seem to forget that Christ was as hard on Peter as He would be with anyone who flouted His Will. Remember, He told Peter to take his rightful place behind Him and even called Peter, Satan. No favoritism there!! What we accept in one we should accept in all, what we condemn in one we should condemn in all. To do for one but slight another is wrong, as wrong can be.

3. CHRIST AND ONLY CHRIST MUST BE OUR MASTER. Jesus once said, "Why do you call me Lord and do not what I say?" (Luke 6:46) No truth could be more clearly and simply said. Hopefully each one of us will work on getting the number "one" person out of the master position in our lives, that is self, and replace it with Christ.

IN CONCLUSION: To ignore these Bible truths is sin. We may attempt to justify our deeds, they may have appearance of good but only "His Truth" will stand. Jesus said, "If we give anyone or any program first, we are not worthy of Him. In fact, He goes further and says, "depart from Me, you who work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus wants only the best for us, that is why He died for us and why He gave us a **NEW COVENANT** and **HIS WORD TO GUIDE US**. Get to know Him and His Book better. No other experience has such great promise and reward and will bring eternal happiness.

Love you,
Art

EVANGELIST'S MOMENT

“Independence Day Parade 2018”

The municipality of Monroeville will be having their 41st Independence Day parade Wednesday, July 4th. MCC participated the last three years in the parade and had a small float advertising the Church. We also wore matching t-shirts and handed out pens and tracts to those watching the parade as we went on the parade route. This has been a good opportunity to meet people in the community and invite people to the assembly here at MCC. We will be participating again this year in the parade and will be doing the same thing as last year. We are looking for members of MCC that would like to participate and volunteer some of their time this year. We have a sign-up sheet for those interested members who would like to join us on this evangelistic-advertising activity. This activity will not take all of your time on the 4th of July. Last year we met at the Miracle Mile shopping plaza at 8:00 to get ready and then took our spot at the starting line's pre-set position for all participating in the parade. The parade started at 9:00am and then we were done around 12:00. This is a good opportunity to spread the news to the Monroeville community about Christ and His Church here at MCC. Please sign-up and join our efforts to help build up the Kingdom here at MCC. We ask that you would please sign-up so that we know how many will be participating and if you don't have the blue t-shirt that we wore last year please put your shirt size on the sign-up sheet. We want everyone to look the same so that we can be identified easily as belonging to the MCC group. If your shirt is messed up please sign-up for a new one. Also please sign-up by Father's Day June 17th. On June 18th I will be getting our order in to have the shirts made. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this fun and enjoyable activity to spread the news about MCC and advance Christ's kingdom here in the greater Monroeville area. After our Bible study Wednesday night

Monroeville will be having their fireworks display at the Monroeville Mall annex this year at 9:30. Last year they did it at the Monroeville Park and it didn't work out, so they have moved it back to the Mall. The view behind the church building is an excellent spot to see the fireworks display. If you have any questions please let me know and have a great day!

In His Service,



P.S. Remember Jesus' words in **Matthew 28:19&20** “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Here is a good opportunity for us to “Go” and “Tell” those here in our local community about Jesus before it is too late. Please join us!

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Began Wednesday, May 5th and will continue through Wednesday, June 27th. Folders are outside Covey's office. Any questions please see Covey.

MCC CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP “Camp Hero”

The Christian Service Camp at Laurel Hill State Park, Group Camp #8. Providing spiritual teaching and training for our youth. (Proverbs 22:6) **Registration Times: Check In** – all campers 4:30-6:30pm **Monday, July 30th** and **Check Out** – all campers 7:30pm **Friday, August 3rd**. The cost of the camp is \$60.00, but if the scholarship program is completed, the church will pay half, or \$30.00. **Parents**, please encourage your youth to attend camp and register your youth as soon as possible – it is a wonderful time of learning, fellowship and fun. Camp brochures are located on the youth bulletin board in the old vestibule. Any questions please see Covey.



SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY FELLOWSHIP

Immediately following the PM Service on Sunday, June 17th

Weather permitting we will have an outdoor BBQ, games, fun and lots of good food and fellowship. If the weather is inclement we will enjoy the festivities indoors.

Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
Any questions see Dave or Covey.

Overcoming Adversity

John 16:33 explains to us, “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Peter wrote in I Peter 4:12, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you.” James said, “Count it all joy my brothers, when you face trials of various kinds.” (James 1:2) Each of us will have times in our lives when we will face adversity. It does not matter how faithful we are; it will happen and not one person is exempt. It is tempting to blame God and forget His faithfulness when we go through a rough time. Even though we know that the Bible tells us God will help us overcome the struggle, in the moment, we focus on our difficulties and forget about the circumstances that God has brought us through in the past.

Consider this list written by an anonymous author some time ago:

“I cried because I had no hat,
until I saw a man who had no coat.
I cried because I had no coat,

until I saw a man who had no shirt.
I cried because I had no shirt,
until I saw a man who had no socks.
I cried because I had no socks,
until I saw a man who had no shoes.
I cried because I had no shoes,
until I saw a man who had no feet.
I cried because I had no feet,
until I saw a man who had no legs.
I cried because I had no legs,
until I saw a man who lost his life.”

This list illustrates the truth that regardless of our circumstances, there is always someone in worse shape than us. There are those who have lost homes, battled cancer, lost their jobs, lost their spouse, gone bankrupt, gone through a divorce, etc. The list could go on and on and on. I Corinthians 1:8-9 reminds us that, “He **will also** keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” “He”, God, will keep us firm until the end so that we will be blameless. The usual response when things get hard is to try to do it all on our own. Usually when we try to figure out life's big problems on our own, we mess it up, we sin, and we do not remain blameless. Turning back to sin during times of hardship is what Satan wants us to do because we bring shame on ourselves. We have to do everything we can to draw nearer to God during difficult circumstances. By following His model, negative situations will begin to shine with blessings and we will thrive spiritually. As Paul so eloquently wrote, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28) It is comfortable and easy when positive situations work out for the good, but this verse is telling us that God will bring about good in “all things” -- even and especially in the adversities we face.

In His Service, Covey