

## Abundantly Wise Waste

I've been planting grass seed in my damaged yard. I've seen birds eat it, rain wash it away, hard soil refuse it, BUT after a couple weeks grass has sprouted and spread. At first there was nothing, then a carpet of vibrant green. If I'd worried about the loss I'd still have a dead lawn. Doing the job resulted in a beautiful change.

One of Jesus' earliest parables was about the sower (*Mark 4:3-20*). It's funny how he was teaching about the very thing he was doing that moment: distributing life. As he spoke, some were bored, some momentarily amused, some walked away, but others took it to heart. We'd think, "What a waste, Jesus!" He didn't think so. He was right.

The next two Wednesday nights we are going to take VBS fliers into our community. Some will be read, some acted upon, but many thrown away. Some of you will invite friends or family members to our VBS outreach. Some will respond, others not. This is how it's been from the beginning. Even Jesus experienced it. He explained it. He told us to expect it. But he assured us the effort is worthwhile. If even a few seeds fall on good soil it results in a huge return outpacing any waste.

Listen to what the Holy Spirit is telling you. ***Who is he putting on your heart to invite?*** Be brave and leave the outcomes to God.

Christ said, "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God" (*Luke 12:8*).

*Mark*

## Today:

1. Our final **VBS Planning Meeting** is right after Worship.
2. **Men's Meeting** for men and boys (12 and up). We will converge in the auditorium for an afternoon of music, devotion, worship, and inspiration, after Worship, from 1:30-4:30 PM. The topic: "**Momentous Moments of Men...** and their massive effect." Questions? See Bill Ceraso.

## VBS "Getting Ready" Event Dates:

- Wed PM, **July 1 & 8, Door Stuffing** with Fliers
- Sunday, **July 5, "Dressed-to-Serve" Sunday**
- Friday, **July 10, VBS Decorating** & Prep

## VBS will be July 12-15

1. ***Registration*** forms and ***shirt***-ordering forms are on the table in the foyer
2. ***Volunteers*** are still needed: a teacher for Pre-Primary and a helper, 4 Trekkers to escort the children. See the bulletin board to sign-up.
3. ***Sign-up to help*** at the table in the foyer to bring supplies, and discover other ways to help
4. ***Adult Program: 'REALITYFaith'*** is the challenging series for adults at the same time as the children's program.

## Flier Distribution: July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (Wed PM):

We will be going around the neighborhood with fliers for VBS to leave at the homes.

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 5<sup>th</sup> is "Dressed to Serve Sunday"**: A time to clean-up, fix-up, and straighten-up around the church. Come to Worship DRESSED in your **work-clothes**. Please, no fancy outfits! We will serve "Pitch-in Pizza" (\$3 per person, \$7 per family) for lunch. We want to get the building spic-and-span for VBS!

**The Sunday After VBS**, July 19<sup>th</sup>, we are planning an "Ice-Cream Sundae Sunday" right after Worship to encourage our Guests to return!

**Haircuts for Missions:** July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Dave Williams  
**Welcome & Scripture:** Rick Boyle (Psalm 116:7-19)  
**Opening Prayer:** Dave Cook  
**Lord's Supper:** Bill C., Howard Mansdoerfer, Nelson, Thanh Ly  
**Scripture Before Sermon:** Jiony Colon (1 John 1:1-4)  
**Announcements & Prayer:** Mark & Bret Goen

**Nursery:** Sandie F. & Julie Next Week- Michelle & Bibi  
**Yellow Cleaning Team:** July 1-4<sup>th</sup> **Norma** Coordinates

<b><u>OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u></b>	<b>Worship Total.....</b> 139
Mark Finn – Preacher	Bible Class..... 76
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	Wed PM..... 52
<b><u>ELDERS:</u></b>	
Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876	
Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276	
Bret Goen (856) 996-5267	
Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179	<b>Contribution .....</b> \$3,183
Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969	<b>Budget Goal.....</b> \$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 34

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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

