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Iron Sharpening Iron

Well, here we go again. I am writing my article after the Kansas State Fair this year. After sitting out a year from the work of this ministry, with the fair being cancelled, I found myself really missing the fair. After just a few hours into the first Friday I was reminded that this is a physically draining ministry, and I remembered the struggle that comes with walking on God's path. Now after I and several others have put in approximately 140 hours each in the last 10 days, I have found myself exhausted, but content in seeing God doing an amazing work amongst us.

It's a blessing to see that there are so many people that get involved in all sorts of ways with this ministry. From the people that worked on the truck, to those that spent much time in prayer, to those that brought food, and those that came and folded and put together scripture portions to hand out. I would like to say thank you to all who helped to make the fair a success, but especially I want to thank those that spent hours out on what we lovingly refer to as "The Front Line" standing for hours in the hot sun, offering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that walk by. We all have a part in the work of the ministry.

This year my calculations show that we handed out upwards of eight thousand John/Romans scripture portions. During those days we spoke to several thousand people, we were able to share The Gospel with hundreds, and had many of them tell us they would go home and read The Word and put their faith in Christ. This year at the fair we had fifty people bow their heads, pray, and express their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. But still I would be careful to tell you that these are just the tip of the iceberg of what was accomplished. God promised that if we would be faithful to give His Word, He would be faithful to bless it.

Isaiah 55:10-12

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

This means that **every** copy that was given, no matter where they might seemingly end up, has a purpose in God's eternal plan. Some were given with no words at all, just a smile from God's child. But **every** word that was spoken in the name of Christ, **every** action that was taken for the advancement of The Gospel was not only seen but was recognized and blessed by our God.

This year we again were joined by folks from many other churches, standing together for the purpose of lifting up the name of Christ. What a blessing to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with believers from other churches and walks of life for a single purpose, The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, be careful to stay in the fight, it's not over till we stand before Jesus face to face. The battle ahead will be great, the casualties along the way will be many, but none of these will go unseen by God.

Isaiah 46:9-10

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"

Because God is good--all the time,
Pastor Ron Mandeville



1 Peter 3:15 says:

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

How about you, are you always ready to give an answer for what you believe? Do you know what you believe? Do you know why you believe it? The interesting part to this passage is there are no stipulations or limitations to what we should know. So, what should I know? Obviously, it's not possible for me to know everything about everything there is to know; we're finite, limited in what we can know. The reality, however, is that God has given me in His Word *everything "pertaining to life and godliness .."* (2 Peter 1:3).

Christians today are content knowing just enough to "get us by" but not enough to adequately give an answer. The world has questions and an emptiness that demands an answer. It's ok to have questions and a desire to know. The reality of being human is questioning and I think a danger is when we lose that questioning spirit. God and His Word has the answers; it can stand up to the questions. The danger is in taking fallible people (people in general) at their word without doing the proper homework to know what they're saying is correct. It doesn't matter their credentials, their knowledge, or their passion. John 8:31-32 says:

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

There's freedom in knowing the truth. In this passage Jesus is speaking to those Jews who believed him (vs.31). So, I think it's safe to say there's freedom in seeking the truth too! I think that's part of the reason he said what he said to them. "You're seeking to know the truth keep doing it! This is the truth that will set you free from the legalism and apostacy that has ruined your life." There's freedom inside the person and work of Jesus Christ! So, know what's true and right. Ask questions seek for answers inside God's Word so, you can be ready to give the answers that God wants you, Christian, to give! Be faithful, give the gospel, have answers and leave the results to God (*spoiler alert: He's the one who does the work and harvests anyways).

Because He is Worthy,

Pastor Ethan

Thanksgiving/Missions Conference 2021

Our Thanksgiving/Missions Conference will be November 3rd through 7th. There will be preaching from the Word of God, and videos from some of our missionaries. Services start Wednesday the 3rd and Thursday the 4th at 6:30 pm. Thursday there will be a lunch at the Anchor Inn, all are welcomed to join us there. (You are responsible for your lunch). Friday's meeting will start at 7 pm.

We are having an "International Dinner", Saturday the 6th at the Activity Center (MAC) at 6 pm, featuring ethnic dishes from various countries.

Sunday services at 9:am. And 10:15 am. The evening will conclude the conference with our traditional Thanksgiving meal at 6 pm. at the MAC followed by a message from Dr. Wei. A love offering for Dr. Wei will be taken up. All are welcome to attend.

Families are asked to bring two (2) of the following: a main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert. Single adults may bring just one dish. *If you sign up to bring turkey, dressing, bread or gravy you do not need to bring a main dish. The signup sheet will be on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Our guests this year are our own Dr Wayne Johnson, Dr. Christian Wei, from Saipan and Pastor Roy Velez from Texas.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Bible Truck at the Kansas State Fair



**Ten years of ministry, sharing
the gospel with people at the
Kansas State Fair.**



**K4Truth kick off
at the Kansas
State Fair.**



Big Christian Word

Propitiation [prə,piSHē'āSHēn]

The turning away of the wrath of God because of the offering of Christ. Atonement Of Jesus Christ.



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Nursery Schedule

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
3	Zada / Moriah	7 Makele /Judy
10	Jennifer /Jeanne	14 Zada / Moriah
17	Erin / Dalene	21 Jennifer / Leslie
24	Sabrina / Margaret	28 Jeanne /Erin
31	Karesa / Macey	

October

5 L.E.T. 6 pm.
 6 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm
 10 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.
 13 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm.
 17 Men's Advance
 20 Kid's 4 Truth 6:45 pm.
 24 Fellowship Groups
 27 Kid's 4 Truth 6:45 pm.



November

2 NO L.E.T. Group
 3 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm.
 3-7 Thanksgiving/Missions Conference
 7 Thanksgiving/Missions Dinner 6 pm.
 10 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm.
 11 Veterans' Day
 14 All news articles are due
 17 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm.
 21 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.
 24 No Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm.
 Pie Night after services
 25 Thanksgiving
 Office is closed
 26 Black Friday
 Office is Closed
 29 Mailing newsletter

Medora's Munchies

Cranberry Salad

by Carol Dannels

4 Red Delicious Apples, cored not peeled
 2 packages of cranberries, chopped fine
 1 1/2 cups of sugar (may add more to taste)
 Red food coloring

2 stalks of celery, diced
 1 cup of chopped walnuts
 2 oranges, peeled and chopped



Mix all ingredients together, then add red food coloring, a few drops at a time until you achieve the desired color.

October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Butch Athavichitchanyarak Birthday	2 Audra Goering Birthday Jerry & Kim Ingram Anniversary
3	4	5 L.E.T. Group 6 pm. Marcia Chaney & Ruth Strassburg Birthdays	6 Jeanne Julian Birthday Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm	7	8	9 Jennifer Schroeder Birthday
10 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.	11	12	13 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm	14	15 C.J. Johnson & Mary Summerlin Birthdays	16 Sandy Polley Birthday Derek & Erin Hodgson Anniversary
17 Audrey Johnson Birthday Ric & Susie Ratzlaff Anniversary	18	19 Derrick Rhoden Birthday	20 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm	21	22 Judy Orpin Birthday	23
24 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.	25 Lorri Johnson Birthday	26	27 Trey Boisse Birthday Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm	28 Nash Hodgson Birthday	29	30 Tuff Goering Birthday
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November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Margaret Simon & Kim Ingrim Birthdays L.E.T. Group 6pm. Election Day	3 6:30 pm. video Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm 7 pm. Pastor Roy	4 Randy Penner & Karesa Gay Birthdays 6:30 pm. Video 7pm. Pastor Roy	5 7 pm Pastor Wayne	6 6 pm. International dinner at the MAC
				Thanksgiving/Missions Conference w/ Dr. Wayne Johnson, Dr. Wei and Pastor Roy Velez		
7  Daylight Savings Time Ends Thanksgiving/ Missions Sunday 9 am. Sunday School 10:15 am. Church Service 6pm. Dinner w/ Dr. Wei & Pastor Roy Velez	8 Doug Schiever Birthday	9	10 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm	11 Veterans Day 	12 Emily Rhoden Birthday Corey & Makele Goering Anniversary	13
14	15	16	17 Kids 4 Truth 6:45 pm	18	19 Jeannie Werner Birthday	20
21 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.	22	23	24 No Kids 4 Truth Pie Night after Service 	25 Jacquie Johnson & Debbie Schriever Birthdays 	26 Office is Closed	27
28	29	30 Galen Penner Birthday				

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Thanksgiving/Missions Conference 2021 November 3-7

Luke 10:2 - "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

