



Iron Sharpening Iron

At the end of July, Leslie and I were afforded the ability to go and visit one of our newest Missionaries. Brother Lucilo and Raquel Vasquez, with Iglesia Bautista Monte De Sion (Mount Zion Baptist Church), of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. We began supporting Brother Vasquez this year at the request of Brother Roy Velez. We had asked him to share with us another ministry in Mexico that we could begin to work with in church planting. This seven year old church plant is already reaching out and supporting missionaries in other countries. But now their church is beginning an extension school of the church planting ministry working with Brother Velez. This is a new venture of this church and they presently have three students signed up to begin their studies. This area at the very southern tip of Baja California, Mexico they often just call Cabo. It is made up of many small villages, many of them having no church in their village. Brother Vasquez has a vision of planting many churches in these surrounding areas.

It was a great blessing for Leslie and I to be eye witness of this ministry, to see their zeal and to feel the heart beat of a people that long to see their city and country come to know the Lord that had saved them. There is just something about being there and walking in their steps and seeing these ministries that makes it real to a person. If you have never visited one of our missionaries, I would highly encourage you to do so, it is a life changing experience! This is a tourist area and I wasn't sure what to expect as we went. But if you have ever been to one of these areas, you'll know what I mean when I say it was like walking in two different worlds. The beaches are very nice and surrounded by huge well adorned hotels where no expense is spared at making it look like a paradise. But when you walk from the beach, past the hotel and then past the highway, everything changes. Baja California is a hot, dry desert and there are literally cactus everywhere. They pay a high price for usable water. There is very little to no industry to support the population. But there are tourists... at the hotels and beaches. So almost all of the income flows from that area. Although by United States standards, many of the people are poor monetarily, they are every bit as important to God as any other. Your heart rejoices with them as you see the joy of Christ welling up inside of them as they recognize the grace of their God. These folks are excited to see what God can do in their lives as they submit to His will and call. I think it's great that God has given us the ability to be a part of what He is doing in this area. I am sure we will be sharing more and more as the days go on about what we can do in the future to help this thriving ministry in Mexico.

"The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD,

in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king." Psalm 89:11-18

Because God is good--all the time,

Pastor Ron Mandeville



Whirlwind. If I had to describe the last month and a half that is the word I would use but give it a positive connotation. It has been an excellent “whirlwind”. Between missions’ trip, both camps (Noah at junior camp and Carter and myself at teen camp), and our own

vacation a lot has happened in the last month and a half! The ONLY thing (and it is a big thing) I would change is being able to have taken my wife along – other than that I wouldn’t change anything. God has shown himself so mightily.

My mind goes to *Jeremiah 33:3* where Jeremiah is sitting in Babylonian captivity. The word he receives from God in this verse is one of the most comforting things, but it comes with a caveat:

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

My mind goes to this passage because our missions’ trip and camp were just that: a great and mighty thing that God did that we didn’t know how it would turn out! God did the things He did because there was much “call[ing] unto [Him].” Church, prayer has the ability to move the hand of God! As much as I’d, in my pride, like to think the Missions Trip and Camp went so well because of my planning, it had nothing to do with that. Nothing. God showed up and showed out because we were faithful in prayer – and you know what He’ll do it again, and again, and again if we continue to ask Him. He’s not done yet doing great and mighty things. We just need to remember that beginning part of calling unto Him. We shouldn’t view talking to God as an obligation. It isn’t like going to the DMV (trying to think of the most obligatory/dreadful thing I could) where you must bring everything including the kitchen sink, then talk to a stranger you don’t know, answer a bunch of questions you may or may not know, only to realize you forgot something. Talking to God should be viewed as a privilege. The God of the universe WANTS to hear from you. He doesn’t need to, your word doesn’t do anything for Him, but He wants to commune with His creation.

To finish I just want to say thank you again to everyone for their prayer and general support. Thank you to our teenagers for answering the call to ministry this summer. Thank you to our wonderful parents who faithfully serve their kids on a daily basis and give their kids opportunities to step out by faith and serve the Lord. Again, to our parents, thank you for giving Leah and I the privilege to serve your kids – it is an honor, and we love them! Lastly, thank you Lord for your greatness and might, and being so kind and good to us even when we fall so short of deserving it!

Because He is Worthy,

Pastor Ethan

JOIN US FOR MEDORA COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH’S

68TH ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 25TH

There will be a flag raising and pledge of allegiance at 8:30 am. Followed by coffee, juice, fruit & dough-nuts. Sunday School at 9:00 am . Sunday Worship at 10:15 am. Lunch will be on the grounds for our annual picnic (weather permitting)

Each family is asked to bring a dozen sandwiches and a side dish. If your last name begins with A-M please bring a salad as your side dish, and N-Z please bring a dessert as your side dish.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School 2024

Another great VBS! Not much to say, but here are some pictures.



Our dedicated staff of volunteers.



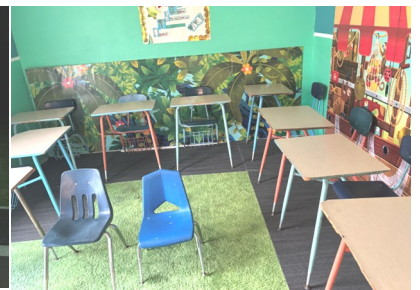
Classes and teachers.



The final day with our annual VBS carnival. Food, games and frog and turtle races.



Teen Mission Trip To Texas



Kid's Konnection

Big Christian Word

Relationship: The State of being connected to someone. A mother , father, sister, brother, etc. Friendship, closeness to someone. God wants us to have a relationship with Him.
(James 4:8) (Psalms 73:28) (James 2:23)

My God Knows Me

“O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. . . For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.” (Psalm 139:1, 4)

How many words do you speak in a day? Have you ever counted? Probably not! But did you know that God knows how many words you spoke today? Not only that, but He knows *what* words you spoke and exactly what you were thinking when you said them! He knows if your words were kind or unkind, loving or unloving, respectful or disrespectful. He knows if you just talked about yourself all day or if you thought to ask about someone else’s life.

Psalm 139 says that God knows *everything* about you! It even says that He knows every time you sit down and every time you get back up. He knows everything you say, everything you do, and even everything you think (both good and bad.) No one else knows that much about you, not even your Mom or Dad or your best friend.

This psalm also says that God is always with you. You cannot run away or hide from God like you can from other people.

So, if God knows everything about you, and He is always with you, what does that mean? It means that you must remember to obey Him. Ask God to help you remember to speak only good and kind words, and ask Him to help you do and think right things.

If you are a Christian, it should comfort you to know that God is always with you and that He knows all about you. You should be glad when His voice talks to your heart when you do wrong. Always listen to His voice and obey right away. There is nothing that will make you ultimately happier than pleasing Him. God knows you better and loves you more than anyone else in the whole world.

My Response:

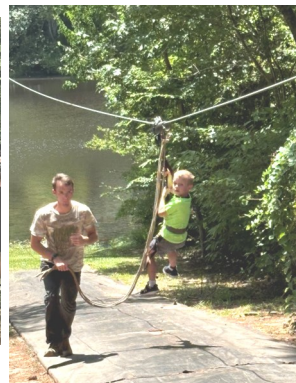
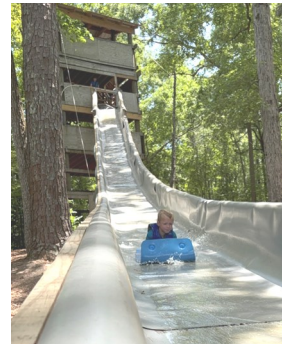
» *Do I remember throughout the day that God is listening to my words and knowing my thoughts?*



Jr. Camp at AGBC



Teen Camp 2024 at: Southland



Doug & Cynthia Peterson did a performance for Patriotic Sunday.

Nursery Schedule Wednesdays

Aug.7 Mary/Jill
14 Mary/Tina
21 Mary/Laren
28 Mary/Tina

Sept. 4 Mary/Jill
11 Mary/Tina
18 Mary/Laren
25 Mary/Tina

Board Members:
 Pastor Ron Mandeville (Elder);
 Pastor Ethan Mandeville (Elder);
 Mike Julian (Elder);
 Dave Hawthorn (Elder);
 Mike Orpin (Deacon);
 Shaun Julian (Deacon);
 Jeff Newboles (Deacon);
 Derek Hodgson (Deacon).

Nursery Schedule

	Sunday School	Church
Aug 4	Erin/Laura	Sabrina/Jenny
11	Erin/Judy	Jennifer/Sammy
18	Erin/Makele	Leslie/Margaret/Stacy
25	Erin/Jenny	Linda/Jill/Khloe
Sept 1	Erin/Laura	Leah/Mary
8	Erin/Judy	Sabrina/Khloe
15	Erin/Sammie	Jill/Jenny/Stacy
22	Erin/Makele	Leah/Lindy
29	Erin/Laura	Mary/Sammie/Macy

Medora's Munchies

Strawberry Yogurt Bark Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 cups nonfat Greek yogurt, I like Fage, or Dairy Free Yogurt
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, divided, ½ cup sliced
- 1/4 cup honey
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- ¼ cup whole raw pistachios or another nut. Chocolate chips. You can vary fruit.

Instructions:

Line a small 13 x 9-inch baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a food processor or blender pitcher, add yogurt, honey, 1/2 cup of the strawberries, vanilla and pinch of salt. Blend on high until smooth throughout, roughly 10-15 seconds.

Pour mixture onto baking sheet, and use an offset spatula to spread out evenly.

Top off with the remaining strawberries and nuts.

Set in the freezer for roughly 2 hours to set. Cut into 12 pieces and eat frozen.

For more servings: you may double or triple it.



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August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Steven Treece Birthday Jeff & Laren New- boles Anniversary	2	3
4	5 Deanna Steffen Birthday	6 Primary Election L.E.T. Group 6pm	7 Nora Hodgson Birthday	8 Leslie Mandeville & Erwin Dannels Birthdays	9	10 Mary Spaich Birthday
11 Fellowship Groups 6pm	12 Bruce Wilson Birthday Doug & Debra Schriever Anniversary	13 Jack Mandeville Birthday	14 Linda Russell Birthday	15 Arlana Snow Birthday	16 Erwin & Carol Dan- nels Anniversary	17 Gary Schroeder Birthday
18 Susan Penner Birthday Fellowship Groups 6pm	19	20	21	22	23	24 Eric & Leanne Lisco Anniversary
25 Anniversary Sunday	26 Noah Mandeville, Becky Stewart, & Amber Boisse Birthdays	27	28 Taylor Newboles Birthday K4T 6:45 pm Starts	29 Derek Hodgson, Ken Snow, & Miles Wallis Birthdays	30 Mark Steffen & Troy Wilder Birthdays	31

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 Pastor Wayne John- son Birthday	4 Sylvan & Suzanne Davis Anniversary K4T 6:45 pm	5 Tatyanna Garcia Birthday Raymond & Barbara Peterson Anniversary	6	7 Ryan Ratzlaff Birthday
8	9 Dave Hawthorne Birthday	10 Richard & Judy Parsons Anniversary	11 K4T 6:45 pm at KSF	12	13	14
-----Kansas State Fair-----						
15 Kansa State Fair Last Day	16	17 Tony & Sally Wonsetler Anniversary	18 Andrew Henderson Birthday K4T 6:45 pm	19 Corey Goering & Madison Spaich Birthdays	20 Ric Ratzlaff Birthday	21
22 Communion Sunday Kydon Schroeder & Ethan Wallis Birthdays Levi & Jamie Spaich Anniversary Fellowship Groups 6pm	23	24 Macy Gay & Lance Martens Birthdays	25 Donna Busch Birthday K4T 6:45 pm	26 Warren Bontrager Birthday	27	28 Jerry Ingram Birthday
29	30 Doug Peterson Birthday					

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