

Community Bible Church

October Newsletter 2020



Jesus' disciples asked Him what the story meant. He replied, "You have been permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I am using these stories to conceal everything about it from outsiders, so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled; 'They see what I do, but they don't really see; they hear what I say, but they don't understand.'" – Luke 8:9-10

A preacher once told a group of students that he had so much to tell them that he didn't know where to begin. In saying so, he committed a fundamental error! This became apparent when a smart young listener suggested, "Well, begin near the end." People

need no encouragement to score points off preachers. It is all too easy to charge preachers with going on too long, or with curing people's insomnia. And some of the good-humored teasing is sometimes not too far from the truth!

But what about listeners who don't play their part in the communication exercise? Effective communication requires hearing as well as speaking, apprehending as well as articulating.

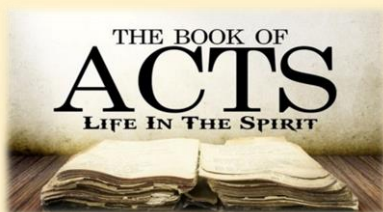
Jesus addressed this issue straight on. He explained that He had decided to teach in parables, that is simple stories with profound meanings. He did this because of the different ways listeners respond to what is being said (Luke 8:9-10). A parable can be heard at a very superficial level, without any moral or spiritual significance being discerned or applied. A parable can also have a life-transforming impact on the hearer if the lesson is taken seriously. So, the issue becomes not the effectiveness of the speaker, but the attentiveness of the hearer!

The illustration of the sower sowing seed was masterful. All Jesus' hearers were familiar with the process of scattering seed because they were farmers, or knew of farming. In Jesus' story, some of the seed fell on the path, some into shallow soil, some among thorns, and some in rich soil. This certainly matched the listeners' own experience of sowing. They all knew that some of the seed will respond in a very superficial, shallow manner and amount to nothing, while some of it would bear a rich, fruitful harvest. But Jesus's real point was lost on some of them. His point was that the same is true of hearers! "Good soil," He told His disciples privately, "represents honest, good-hearted people who hear God's message, cling to it, and steadily produce a huge harvest (8:15).

Productive hearing requires two things. First, it requires the right attitude; a positive approach and a serious intent to apply the truth honestly. Secondly, it requires a willingness to work for the long haul on what is being said, not just for a moment or two. There's an element of "clinging" to the truth of the message, and there must be a "steady" or consistent application of what is heard. This way, huge harvests of blessing abound in the hearts of hearers.

Much has been written on the subject of effective speaking, but little is said on the role of attentive hearing. No doubt preachers in pulpits need to sharpen their skills. But people in the congregation need to focus their concentration, too.

Pastor Bradley Kihlthau



Please join us for Sunday Morning Worship Services @ 10:30 a.m.

Corporate worship is commanded by the Lord from His Word (Hebrews 10:25), and for good reason. Why? Because Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), spur one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10, and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32). Obviously coming together as the church is beneficial for the believer, but don't forget your committing to the church is also good for your peers to witness, "*Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*" - Matt. 5:16.



Elder's Meeting – September 2020

Present- Kevin Ross, Jim Schmall, Garrett Wynne, Rod McCoy, Larry Kennedy, and Pastor Brad Kihlthau.

Prayer Requests were shared and Bible Devotion was given by Jim Schmall from Psalm 37 concerning our need as believers to not fret in troublesome times, but to trust in the Lord. Prayer time was held.

Previous Minutes – were presented and approved.

Financial Report – was presented and approved, Current General Balance \$68,536.90 and Building Fund \$25,408.23.

Ministry Updates were shared by Pastor Brad – **Worship** - Pastor shared that our worship service attendance has remained strong going into the fall with numbers around 100 each week. There is a good spirit among the people as they attend and interact. Pastor will continue his teaching series from the Book of Acts into the month of October.

Sunday School / Bible Studies – it was shared that the Adult and Children's classes going are going well. He also shared that the Villa Service is starting to seem like a lost ministry with restrictions. The Wednesday night study is going well.

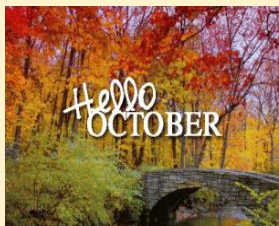
Missions – It was shared that the total for Missionary Becci Rohrer from our County Fair event was \$1,981. Pastor asked the board for support for Holley Miedema who is working as a missionary at Frontier School of the Bible this year. The board approved \$200 per month for this school year.

Ladies Ministry – The ladies will have their Taco Bar for this month's service meeting and will be completing college care packages and having the elections of officers. Their Weekly prayer time and Bible studies are going well.

Men's Ministry – This Thursday will be the restart of their Monthly Supper and Studies intitled – "Cultures in Conflict". The men are having their Sunday morning prayer meetings.

Children's / Youth Ministry – Pastor shared that we have had a good start to our Kids for Truth ministry, with a good number of children and youth attending, and great help with previous and new leaders. They will be having "box cars at the movies" in October and indoor inflatables in November. The Sunday morning Children's Church has been split into two age groups and new leaders helping because the number of kids continues to grow. The basement classrooms are finished and being used Wednesdays and Sundays.

Other: It was shared that the doors for south entrance are ordered from Hullinger Glass and Locks. The shingling of the church roof is completed and gutters to soon be done. Prices for updating office printer were discussed. The current plan is to blow out our sprinkler system the first week of October. A small water heater has been ordered for basement bathrooms and will need to be install next week with a different faucet in the men's bathroom. Security Team changes are planned in the next few weeks. The meeting was closed in prayer.



Children's Church –4 –Megan Wynne/Kelsey Miller
 11 –Marva/Annie/James Miller
 18 –Sandie Kirsch/Kelsey Miller
 25 –Rick Schmunk/James Miller
 Ushers –Kevin Lindholm and Terry Draper

Nursery –4 –Mandie Larson
 11 –Ashley Lindholm
 18 –Emily Clapp
 25 –Amy Schmunk

For pray support please call the church office (308-586-2032), leave an email message (bayardcommunitybible@gmail.com), or text message to 308-641-7478 or 308-641-3383.

Daily Bread Devotionals are available at the top of the ramp-please take and use for your personal Bible study and prayer time.

Sunday School for all ages happens each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. This is a great way to start the Lord's Day with other believers. Pre-school through 6th grade in downstairs classrooms, youth upstairs, and adults in the Fellowship Hall.





Women of Joyful Hearts

The Women of Joyful Hearts Bible Study is on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am with Prayer Time at 8:45 am. Their monthly service meeting will be Monday, October 12 at 6:30 pm. With their Taco Bar. Ladies, please come join them. Hostesses will be Annie Catron. The Service Project will be college care packages and also the election of officers will take place.



Kids For Truth – “Box Cars at the Movies” will be held on October 14th (with car building on the 7th) * KFT Youth (7-12th grades) are meeting in youth rooms upstairs for Bible study, games, and treats.



Men’s Supper and Bible Study on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. (all men are encouraged to attend).

This month’s study “Paul Before the Areopagus” filmed on location in Athens Greece with Ray Vander Laan. Meal will be Enchiladas, salad, and dessert.

Note from some of our missionaries:

“Dear friends in Bayard, These are crazy times, aren’t they? We hope you are doing well. Fairy and I continue to be healthy; for which we thank the Lord.

This temporary abnormal has changed the way we are currently doing ministry. This fall we will be involved in an online AWANA Conference and Basic Training. We are grateful to the Lord for His help in adapting to new ways. Thank you for your kind support of our ministry. You are helping to make resilient disciples of the next generation” – Rick and Fairy Hattan (AWANA Missionaries).



Ministry Help Needed:



- We could use more Nursery and Children’s Church workers to help take the load off those serving right now. If you can help please let Megan Wynne or Amy Schmunk know and they will get you plugged in.
- We could use some help in getting the outreach building posts stained and sealed for the winter months.
- We could use some help in getting the sprinkler system drained and blown out for the winter.
- We still have some deep cleaning projects left to do inside of our church building, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- Ushers and Greeters needed for November forward, please contact Rod McCoy to sign up for a month.
- Pre-school Sunday school teacher to alternate with Marjorie Parks, please call church office.



2-Chance Reyes

6-Livie Miller

9-Mark Dalbey

12-Ashley Lindholm

13-Donna Ross

17-Jacob Wynne

18-JoAnn Schmall

19-Mendie Moranville

22- Mickey Becker

Tim Conrad

27-Amy Schmunk

28-Marsha Hoisington

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