

Polity-Procedure Joy

I am excited about our new Polity-Procedures. You are thinking, “Bro. Jason, we all know you are a little crazy. But, why are you excited about our Polity-Procedures. What is a Polity-Procedure?” It is simply a guide of how we operate. Here are some changes worth noting:

Business Meetings – instead of four a year, we now only have two. It shows we are united and running smoothly, so we don’t need business meetings all the time.

Ministry Teams – most of our committees have been changed to ministry teams. Anyone can sign up and serve at any time. It is only a one-year commitment. It shows we are encouraging and equipping everyone to get involved and serve.

Facility Usage – members can now use the facilities for reunions, parties, etc. without a fee. It only requires a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit and approval from the church office. It shows we are being good stewards of our facilities and making use of what God has blessed us with.

Security Policy – we now have a policy to protect the church and those who attend during our gatherings. It shows we are being good stewards and protecting, as much as possible, those here on campus.

Make sure to pick up a copy of this exciting material in the church office!

Your Pastor,

Jason R. McNaughten

Overwhelmed

Reflecting over my life for the past year, I realized that I felt overwhelmed quite a bit. I felt overwhelmed last January writing a proposal for my dissertation. I felt overwhelmed last March taking my oral exams for my PhD. I felt overwhelmed over the summer taking the youth on a trip to Atlanta. I felt overwhelmed writing, editing, and submitting my dissertation. But most of all I was overwhelmed by God’s goodness.

You see most of the situations I noted above were negative situations where I felt uncertain of the outcome. I struggled to trust myself and God with each of these deadlines. However, when it came time to celebrate, I was overwhelmed by God’s goodness.

Looking back over the years it took to complete my PhD I was incredibly humbled by God’s guidance and encouragement. I also was blown away by your support. Many of you prayed or offered simple encouragement to help me get through the program. If you share my burden, then you share in my victory.

One of Christ’s chief lessons to us was to love one another. He taught us to uplift and support one another therefore we should “**Bear One another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.**” **Gal. 6:2** Thank you to those who bear mine, I will continue to bear yours to the Lord in prayer.

Youth Pastor,

Dr. Joshua Peeler



January

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| 4 th John Angelle | 13 th Betty Mounger |
| 6 th Marie Damron | 13 th Lee Weber |
| 6 th Brenda Summers | 15 th Leo Day |
| 7 th Jani Ewing | 20 th Jack Elstrott |
| 7 th Beverly Stuart | 20 th Kinley Stuart |
| 10 th Cindy Bennett | 20 th Eric Weston |
| 10 th Madison Picard | 22 nd Stafford Chenevert |
| 12 th Josh Fulmer | 28 th Nathan Fulmer |
| 12 th Robin St. Romain | 31 st Nevis Cormier |

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Wed. Services: 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

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JANUARY EVENTS

Joy Luncheon, Wed., Jan. 9, 11:30a.m.

Nursing Home Ministry, Jan. 9, 1:15p.m.

Joy Breakfast, Weds., 9a.m., Jan. 16, 23, 30

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan. 20

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