



God's vision for this summer is packed full of opportunities to serve Him. He has given us 4 summer missionaries, Trey Shaw, Melissa Chisenwa, Gracie Cabral, and Maggie Schmidt. He's lined out the mission trip to Canada WhiteDog Indian Reserve, starting this Saturday 21st through 5/28, the "4 St. Louis" college mission project with Southern Baptist Convention, June 8-13, the Lenox Rodeo Mission to the cowboy culture, and a college Discipleship training week for campus students to train them to share Jesus on their campuses through Glorieta College Week, Aug 6-12. Pray for Summer Missionaries as they sacrificially serve Him this summer. Pray for these evangelistic/missional/training opportunities that God will move on the hearts of those students who God is calling to be involved in these experiences. And Pray most of all that God will create those moments through out the summer when His children will be sensitive and obedient to sharing Jesus with a Phillip's Ethiopian heart.

Several months ago I mentioned a free cell phone application tool written by Dr. Brandon Parks, pastor FBC Raytown, that is very effective to not only become a deeper/stronger disciple but when used gives you a way to systematically teach someone else to become a disciple. i.e. "Make a Disciple", Matt 28:19-20. This curriculum can now be obtained through our bookstore as a training course. If you're interested in using an effective tool to make disciples ask Debbie to order you the workbook "LifeCoach Discipleship". The following is an excerpt.

How Do I Study the Bible Part I: "Pronounce It!" Take a verse of scripture and each time you read it, stress a different word in the verse, emphasizing one word at a time. Example:

Psalm 23:1 says: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

The **L**ord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The **L**ord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord **i**s my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord is **m**y shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord is my **s**hepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd, **I** shall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I **s**hall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not **w**ant.

With each of the emphasis, STOP and make a note about what insight that word gives to you. Here's what each word spoke to Brandon:

"**THE**" tells me there is only one God, He's not just "a god"—He is the one and only true God. "**LORD**" reminds me that I have submitted myself to His Lordship. He is the boss and the owner of my life, and I can trust Him with everything. "**IS**" is the present tense verb. The God I see is not the God of the past, He is the God of my present, and I know He will take care of my future. What he is offering in this verse is available to me today. "**MY**" tells me He's not just offering this promise to the spiritually ELITE; He is my very own personal shepherd. A "**SHEPHERD**" cares for the needs of his sheep, just like I need God's protection from danger, His provision for my needs, and His Spirit to convict me when I wander astray. "I" shows that with the knowledge that the Lord is my shepherd, that benefits me directly. "**SHALL NOT**" is a pretty emphatic statement. There isn't any room for question or doubt. This is based on a certainty. With God, I will not have a single "**WANT**". In other words, when God is my shepherd, I can rest in His presence. I can be content. Everything that I need for life, God promises to supply. Do you see how easy this is? You don't need a seminary degree or any special tools to do this.

Above all this summer, pursue Jesus with a focused intentional heart.

HE is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice— Souls Diann Barnes



May Associational WMU Meeting

The North Grand River WMU met May 17th at the association office. A group of 10 ladies took the bulk of the program to Sunnyview Nursing Home where we were able to share the word, prayer and missionary news with long time WMU ladies and other interested Christian women. Diann Barnes was able to attend and provided us with piano accompaniment so that we could lead a song session of old hymns. Virginia Crumpacker gave the devotional. At the close of the program we were able to pray individually with each person attending.

The meeting reconvened at the mission center where we shared other news. A prayer request was for Greg Brumett, returning IMB missionary, who will live in Kansas City, to find a job. Also the Flores, IMB missionaries to Lesotho were requesting help to buy food for the Lesotho people, who are under a severe food shortage. Money can be donated through the Baptist Global Relief.

Shelly Sims reported on the new directive sent by President Obama to the schools concerning use of restrooms and dressing rooms by transgender students. It is time to not be the silent majority and get involved in repealing this directive. We Christians need to push back.

Shelly Sims will be in Haiti June 14 to June 28 and requested prayer for the trip.

The National WMU Missions Celebration will be in Saint Louis June 12-13. It will be in conjunction with the National SBC Convention.

A carry in luncheon was shared by all.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21 at the mission center at 10:30 am. A special guest speaker, Missionary Maerissa Knapp will share about her work in Africa.

Verse: Romans 13:1- *"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authority, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."*

Shelly Sims

WMU Director

Youth Leader Meeting

I would like to encourage all youth leaders and pastors to come to our next meeting, June 27th at Tenth Street Baptist Church at 6:00 pm. We will start to plan a music rally the weekend before school starts. Outside with band's. I will need a lot of help with this—as much as possible!! Please bring or message ideas, band names, contact information...

Our next event is Resound in Bethany.

Thank you.

Vanessa Hamilton—

North Grand River Association Youth Director