

Does Truth Exist

In this month's newsletter, I want to continue to explore the question, "Does Truth Exist?". In my previous articles I surmised the world is on fire because society has abandoned *reason* and *commonsense* in exchange for *relativism* and *progressivism*. With these new norms in place, our society has become unstable.

If we, as a nation, do not return to *reason* and *commonsense* as our guide, our society will not sustain the chaos caused by the insane mindset of the *relative* and *progressive* movement. Relativism: no absolute truth. Progressivism: a form of socialism.

I concluded my last article with a plea for us to set aside our societal tendencies to be *relevant* and *progressive* and rediscover *reason* and *commonsense* as proper schoolmasters to help instruct and guide us to live with purpose during uncertain times.

According to Genesis 1:27 we were all made in the image of God. Since we were made in His likeness, we have the ability to think and rationalize as our Creator. Like His, God designed our minds to be rational so we could logically process information and make decisions based upon what appears to be rational and understandable.

God's design seems simple, but the human mind has always had a propensity to ignore God's designs and plans with the idea that there is something in the unknown that is better.

In 585 B.C., some of the more learned Greeks tried to harness various theories that had emerged from common discussions which took place over important questions such as, *is there a god*, *creation* and *the purpose of man*. For many ancient and modern philosophers, these unanswered questions eat away at their souls as they grapple with the concepts of what is *truth* and *reality*.

Over time, the Greeks established educational centers with the purpose to explore and discover these elusive concepts and questions within the confines of a school setting. They concluded the mind needs time to study, process and express new ways to establish a belief system that would help stabilize the mind and enlighten the soul to the purpose of their existence.

The main purpose of these philosophical schools was to give students the ability to rationally investigate the concepts of *truth*, *existence*, *knowledge* and *moral conduct*. Over the centuries, philosophy has morphed and branched off into other areas in the pursuit of *knowledge* and *understanding*.

It is fascinating to observe how our minds still crave knowledge and remain captivated with the many facets of philosophy whether subtle or in an obvious manner.

Through these various schools, many new concepts and constructs were presented and observed. One of the most nagging questions that continued to evade these scholars was "*How do we know what we know?*" After much debate and study on the matter, the Greeks developed the word epistemology as a means to encapsulate the very essence of the question. Epistemology therefore is the study of the *origin* and the *source* of knowledge.

Much of the anxiety brought about to early civilization of man could have been avoided if they only had a copy of God's word. King Solomon already discovered the answer to the *origin* and *source* of knowledge when he wrote in Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

May God help us acquire more wisdom and understanding as we faithfully submit our lives to the will of our heavenly Father so He may delight in the ways we strive to please Him.

Your Friend,
Pastor Tim

Church Parking Lot Sale

Last month, the fellowship committee hosted a parking lot sale at our church. Caryl Shaw, the fellowship committee chair, said she was planning this event to raise \$500.00.

Shaw said a lot of work went into organizing this event and is thankful for all the volunteers who offered their time and some their backs to help bring this event together.

When it was all said and done, the *fellowship committee* had accomplished their goal! After all the items were sold, including items from the grill and bake-sale, the committee raised \$1,017.75, praise the Lord! The remaining items were given to another church for their own sidewalk sale.

Shaw, along with her committee, is grateful for the support received from the members and friends of members of our church, like Shirley Dawson. The committee was also grateful for the support received from Pastor Han and his church.

Shaw said, in the end, we had a lot of fun and a chance to meet new people whom we invited to our church. We give God the glory for the success of reaching our goal and the opportunity to reach out to our community.

Women on Missions

Saturday, August 8th
10:00 am

Come join us for a potluck brunch and to learn more about missions. We will be packing backpacks for the Afghan community. Hope you can come out and help us with this ministry.

An Evening of Surprises

Saturday, August 29th
4:00 pm



CHURCH WIDE
Progressive Dinner

Everyone is invited to a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, August 29th at 4:00 p.m. This will be an evening of surprises so come on out and enjoy an evening of fun. We will all meet here at the church and carpool together.

Don't forget, if you are planning to come please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Talent Night

Sunday, August 30th
6:00 pm

Come join us for a night of talent. Let's make this an exciting and fun time. If you are interested in participating in our talent night please see Shauna.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31st
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Start thinking of how you can be a part of this special outreach event. Decorate a trunk, conduct a game, serve food, other? See Diane for additional information. Signup sheets will be on bulletin board soon.

Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class
Assignment - Virginia Beach

Megan Hines - Pastor Tim's Daughter
USNA Class of 2019
MIDN Megan Hines
E - Company / Platoon -10
Annapolis, Maryland

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air force
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona

Joshua Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Navy
Assignment - Great Lakes, Illinois



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Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Services

Family Dinner 5:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting 5:45 pm
 Choir Practice 6:45 pm



August Calendar

5th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
 8th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am
 9th - No Evening Service
 10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
 12th - No Wednesday Night Activities
 15th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
 16th - No Evening Service
 19th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
 22nd - Survivor VBS - 9:00 am
 24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
 26th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
 27th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
 29th - Progressive Dinner - 4:00 pm
 30th - Talent Night - 6:00 pm

Happy Birthday

2nd - Cindyann Lucas
 10th - Robbie Currie
 10th - Jane Thornell
 17th - Janie Huffman
 24th - Al Thornell
 29th - Joy Lee

Happy Anniversary

10th - Mike & Barbara Trimble
 18th - Robert & Caryl Shaw
 28th - Ambrosio & Ofelia Agbayani
 28th - Charles & Diane Varady



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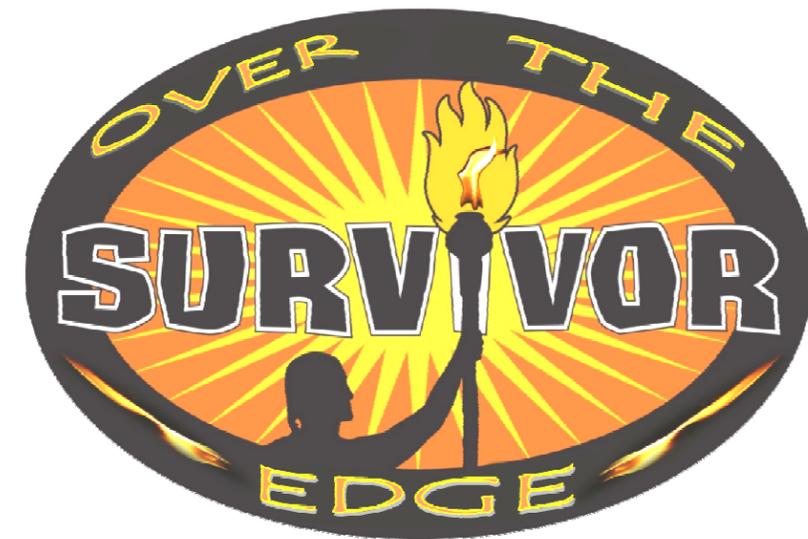
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You Have Been Chosen To Join Our Tribe!



Make Your Way To The Deserted Island- - -

Saturday, August 22, 2015
9 am to 4 pm

- - - **for an exciting adventure on Survivor Island!** This all day adventure will be the first of its kind. It will be chock full of fun, exciting games, food challenges, tribal council, crafts, singing, learning and lunch. We will have classes for everyone. Those of you with internet connection can register on line on the church website. (fsbcsl.org)

We need several volunteers to help in our endeavor to imprint the name of God on the hearts and minds of the children in our community through this outreach ministry. If you feel compelled to join this mission adventure please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Deb Davis.

Don't forget to pray daily for our Vacation Bible School using your VBS prayer calendar! Extra copies are in the back of the church.