

The Connection

11 SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

THINK ON THESE THINGS

WRITTEN BY JERRY ASCHER

The Scriptures exhort believers to constantly be discerning what they allow to enter their minds. We understand by experience that many things are vying for that entrance. Satan knows that if he can get believers to think wrongly, sinful words and actions are virtually inevitable. What is a believer to do? Where are we to turn to ensure that we think thoughts that please the Lord? The obvious answer is that we go to the Word of God to find how we are to order our thinking, to “learn Christ,” as the Apostle Paul describes in Ephesians 4:20. He continues in verses 22-24 with this familiar admonition, “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” As we renew our minds, and think those thoughts that are in line with God’s Word, true righteousness and holiness are the by-product. Easier said than done, isn’t it? We experience this battle every day, don’t we? We often are beset with discouragement and despair over what we see around us. We find ourselves doing the things we know are wrong and neglecting the things we know we should be doing. Even more unfortunate is that some of us justify wrong thinking, and by doing so, we play right into the schemes of Satan. Have you been neglecting to fill your mind with the Word of God? We have many ways to make this a priority. One of those ways is to be under the preaching of God’s Word. Another is to be disciplined in your personal, daily meditation in the “law of the Lord.” (Psalm 1) This Sunday, several Bible Study classes begin. I would encourage you to take part in one of these studies. We have more resources at our disposal than at any other time in the history of the world to help direct our minds and hearts toward holiness. May God help each of us to use these resources to help us think rightly, that we may heed the warnings God gives us, knowing that “in keeping them, there is great reward (Ps. 19:11).”



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. The services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes are available for ages 2-3 for each service.

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- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING"
- PRAYER
- "AT THE CROSS"
- "COMPLETE IN THEE"
- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18
- "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"
- MESSAGE: "LIAR, LUNATIC, OR LORD?" JOHN 10:22-42
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "WE WILL GLORIFY"

Sunday Adult & Teen Fellowship Groups Available:

9:30 AM

Pastor Jerry Church History: Forerunners of the Faith (Room 207)
Sandi Stephens Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of the Living God (Room 312)

11:00 AM

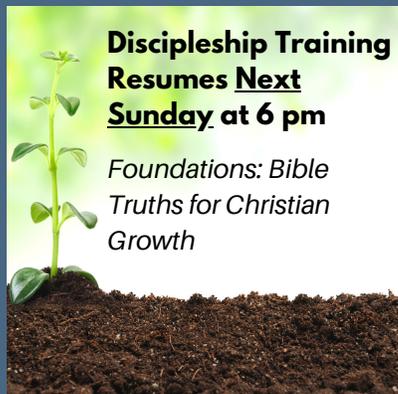
Will Breckenridge Young Couples' Fellowship Group (Room 207)
(for married couples in their 20s-30s)
Manuele Russo The Epistles of John (Room 312)
Bob Cook Acts: The Birth of the Church (Room 306)
Jeff McConnell College & Career Group (Room 221)
Anthony Neumann Teen Fellowship Group (Room 308)



Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am

Ages 4-5 Room 209
Grades 1-2 Room 212
Grades 3-4 Room 211
Grades 5-6 Room 309

SUNDAY EVENING BAPTISM & NEW MEMBERS' JOINING SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 6 PM



Discipleship Training Resumes Next Sunday at 6 pm

Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth

These services will be held in-person or available live stream in your home.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. In addition, a Zoom group Bible study is available (Please email kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com for a Zoom invitation). For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 10:22-42

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Even though we have been limited in doing some of our usual ministries, God has opened doors to reach into our community and to show the love of Christ. Throughout July/August, Herb continued to use our van and do weekly food relief throughout several of Knysna's poorest communities. He has met so many people through this work and has been able to meet a very real need as people are in desperate financial conditions through losing employment due to the lockdown. Pray for the contacts that are made through this unique outreach. Gospel opportunities abound!

Though we have been very thankful for online services, we are VERY excited to begin meeting again for church on Sunday, Sep 6. We had our first in-person Thursday night Bible study at our home last week and there were 17 people present. There was great excitement as people finally saw each other and fellowshiped once again! Please pray that we would be wise as we begin to meet again.

The ministry of the Biblical Leadership Institute (BLI) has been able to continue through lockdown by offering classes online. Herb taught a class on "Marriage and Family Counselling" through a series of video lessons. This is a subject that he is passionate about and he is seeking to train others in this important matter.

Ministry for Janet has been different as well. She has not been allowed into any of the schools to volunteer with the children and she misses her "kiddies." She has taught Sunday School lessons on video as well as telling several visualized missionary stories for the children. Please pray for Janet's leg to heal. She has been 7 weeks in a plastic "boot" and her injury is still giving her pain.

Janet has been busy gathering all the necessary documents for our South African visa renewals. Our current visas expire on September 30 and we need new visas before we can leave the country, in order that re-entry to South Africa goes smoothly. Please pray for the timely processing of our visa renewals.

Herb & Janet Hunter (Megan, Noah) minister in Knysna, South Africa. MBC has supported them since 2016.



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Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.

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Drop-in Baby Shower



Natalie & Baby Lauren Haines
Sunday, September 27, 4-6 pm
Fireplace Room (207)

Gift Registry: 



FOUNDATION BAPTIST COLLEGE

Block Course: Church History
October 5-10

This class traces the history of the present Baptist movement back to 17th century England. Students will examine the three primary theories of Baptist history and trace the spread of Baptist teaching throughout England, North America and the world.

- Professor: Dr. Michael Miller, Pastor of Foundation Baptist in Calgary
- Audit or credit
- In-Person or Zoom

