

Food for Thought

- ❖ A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. ~ Denis Waitley
- ❖ Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you. ~ Anne Lamott
- ❖ To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement. ~ Augustine
- ❖ When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ~ 1 John 3:2
- ❖ A Substitute has appeared, appointed by God Himself, to bear the weight and the burden of our transgressions, to make expiation for our guilt, and to propitiate the wrath of God on our behalf. This is the Gospel. ~ R C Sprout
- ❖ Our little time of suffering is not worthy of our first night's welcome home to Heaven. ~ Samuel Rutherford
- ❖ The way to cover our sin is to uncover it by confession. ~ Richard Sibbes



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mission

The mission of our church is
to glorify Christ,
proclaim the Gospel,
reach the lost,
and train and instruct
Christians in the faith
for service and daily living.

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Integrating Motif (part one)

by Pastor Paul Losik

There are many essential theological concepts present throughout both the Old and New Testaments — such as the grace of God, the kingdom of God, and the love of God. Indeed, these are all important, for they provide us with valuable information about the character and works of God. But the most important concept at the root of my theology is the glory of God (his *kabod*). A suitable definition of this is the greatness or magnificence of God's total essence. It is his visible, exterior splendor revealed through his inward moral perfection and his sublime power, knowledge, and works.

God's chief delight — his ultimate purpose in all he does — is in his glory (Isaiah 48:11). He desires to preserve and manifest his glory above all other actions. God is supreme. For him *not* to seek his own glory first would be idolatry; that is, there would be something or someone else of more worth than himself. He must put his glorification — his devotion to himself and his name — above all else; otherwise, he would not be God.

The revelation of God's glory comes partly from Scripture. It is through Scripture that we can know about who God is (his attributes) and what his intentions are (his actions). This is only a partial revelation, however. Full revelation, as much as a finite person can know, will only occur when we are with God face to face. Scripture also teaches and exhorts us that we are to seek first God and honor him (Matthew 22:37), not exchanging the glory of the immortal God for anything or anyone less than him.

God created us in his image to declare his glory (Psalm 19:1-4). We were to spread his glory throughout the entire earth. But at the fall, we sinned. We rebelled against God and began honoring our own names, not God. We began striving for the manifestation of our name and the exaltation of our works, as the tower of Babel illustrates. Thus, we disparaged God and his glory, for we held our honor and independence (among other things) in higher esteem than God's glory.

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, died on a cross to pay for the sins of humanity. In doing so, he also glorified the Father and repaired the affront to God's glory. He expiated for all of our sins, including the egregious sin of failing to laud, honor, and render praise to God, which is his rightful possession. Those who repent of their sins and accept Christ into their lives are made new creations by the Holy Spirit, who abides in them forever. They will be with God and experience his glory forever in his kingdom. Those who do reject Christ will suffer eternal wrath in the lake of fire, for they disdain the glory of God and call God a liar. And God chose a people for himself so that his glory will be displayed (Isaiah 43:7). He offers grace and compassion to people so that nations will fear him and his glory (Ezekiel 39:21). God created us to see His glory (John 17:24). As part of creation, we honor God by our design.

(to be continued)

(Editor's note: This begins a series of articles revealing Pastor Paul's understanding regarding the core truths of the Holy Scriptures.)



One Way Schedule for February

| Date | Theme | Lesson | Verse |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Feb 5 | Bring a Friend | Jesus walked on the Sea | Review |
| Feb 12 | Wear Red & Pink | Jesus the Healer | Psalm 56:3 |
| Feb 19 | NO | FAMILY | NIGHT |
| Feb 26 | Career Night | Jesus had power | Psalm 103:3 |

Faith Kids' BIRTHDAYS!



- 5 William Miller
- 10 Matthew Knight
- 21 Brad Haug



Who WE are as The Church

Have you ever asked yourself this question? Another ponderable is: as a church, are we growing? Growing? Is that what a church is supposed to do? Let me change the focus – are you, as a Christian growing? If not, why not – you should. 'Christian' is not a static status. Or, in my opinion, it shouldn't be. Just as you, as an individual, are created with gifts and assignments – so is the church. A church should never sit back on its activities and achievements with a self-satisfied complacency. The church is always called to a mission, a vision, a work to do.

Does the church make any difference in the life of the community that it is planted into? It should. Just as we should be making a difference in our world, the church should as well. If all this sounds like veiled, or not, criticism – no. It's the beginning of the year which typically marks reassessment. I was just asking us all what we think and who we think we are as the church. No hidden agenda, no particular suggestion apart from the one that you, individually, and the church always needs to grow.

As we begin our new season, we have a wonderful opportunity for everyone to become involved and invested in the life of the church. Everyone does have a role, an opportunity to help the church continue to grow. The church is never just Sunday morning, but that is a start. Not criticism but an invitation because your gift is for the enriching of the body. Help it to act on the Lord's plan.

Be encouraged!

Carolyn is excited to announce her new website (drCarolynCoon.com) and her new Facebook page (Dr. Carolyn Coon). Check them out!



Mistaken Identity

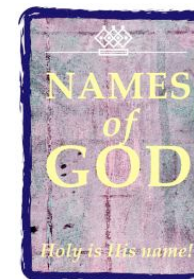
~ by Sharon Meier

Who are you? Some people say you are what you eat. Some say you are what you do. Some believe you are what you feel. Others are insistent they are what society has made them to be. And still others are adamant that they are whatever they want to be.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" They gave Him various answers. He posed a second question: "Who do *you* say that I am?" This is THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION OF ALL! That is the question we will all be asked at some time in our lives...many for the first time the moment their lives end!

There are many, many Jesuses in our world today: all but One are "mistaken identity" Jesuses. Our greatest mission in life is to find out who the REAL JESUS is. Our second greatest mission in life is to follow Him. And our third is to reveal His name and nature to those around us. If you follow a fake Jesus, you will be lost...because he doesn't know where he is going! If you follow the real Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, you will be saved from sin, death, and hell because He knows the way to everlasting life in a paradise beyond our wildest dreams where there will be no sin, death, or hell. Read the Bible to know the answer to life's biggest question. Then, let's tell others not to be the world's greatest losers by following someone with a mistaken identity.

Prison Ministry Meeting
Sunday, February 9, 12:15 p.m.
in the classroom nearest the gym



Yeshua

"Salvation"

I have waited for Your salvation*, O LORD

Genesis 49:18

* "Iyeshuatcha"

("Jesus" is the Greek form of Yeshua.)

Family Fun from Creation Moments

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6 & 7

Scrambled Scriptures uses the classic "word search" puzzle to help kids of all ages memorize Bible passages and learn what the Bible says about creation and other Bible-science issues. If your children don't know about "word search" puzzles, show them that they are to search for the words in the grid that are listed below the puzzle ... and then draw a line around the letters. The words appear in a straight line and can be found in any direction – left to right, right to left, downwards, upwards and even diagonally.

On this page you will find an ever-growing list of puzzles and their solutions. Click on the puzzle link to view or print the puzzle. If you're stuck, click on the solution link.

We hope that you and your children enjoy our Scrambled Scriptures puzzles. If you have any word lists or Bible verses you'd like to suggest, please send them to info@creationmoments.com.

There's a different puzzle every Saturday! Sign up to receive Scrambled Scriptures in your e-mail every Saturday! It's fun for the whole family from your friends at Creation Moments.

Click on the links to view and print the puzzle and solution.

<https://creationmoments.com/scramble-scriptures/www.creationmoments.com>

Editor's note: A unique resource for more fascinating facts about nature and the Bible is a book entitled, Have You Considered: Evidence Beyond a Reasonable Doubt by Julie VonVett and Bruce Malone.

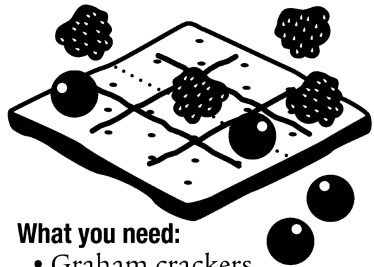


Kris Driscoll

serving with ReachGlobal, the missions arm of the Evangelical Free Churches of America (EFCA).

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

Puzzle!

First, write the opposite of each listed word. Then transfer letters to the correct numbered blanks to discover Jesus' messages about love.

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| cool | 1 2 3 4 | soft | 20 21 22 23 |
| under | 5 6 7 8 | old | 24 25 26 27 28 |
| out | 9 10 | after | 29 30 31 32 33 34 |
| large | 11 12 13 14 15 | false | 35 36 37 38 |
| quiet | 16 17 18 19 | | |

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| 13 11 | 24 25 26 22 11 7 14 31 | 21 10 23 | 1 9 35 20 | 24 5 18 22 | 10 34 9 28 20 29 17 33 | 24 5 18 8 | 28 17 23 |
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| 1 9 35 20 | 21 15 16 | 24 17 18 36 | 11 35 3 30 10 28 35 20 | | | | |
| 2 10 23 | 1 9 35 20 | 21 14 16 | 24 5 37 8 | 4 9 10 23 | | | |
| 21 27 23 | 16 32 6 7 | 24 5 18 22 | 10 34 9 28 20 29 17 33 | | | | |

Answer: warm, over, in, small, loud, hard, young, before, true; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV



Young Adult Small Group Social

for a night of
Food,
Fellowship,
and Fun!

Who: Young Adults :o)

What: Gather for pizza, games, and conversation!

When: Friday February 7, 2020
6:00-8:00 PM

Where: Nick and Laura Johnson's Apartment
1829 S. Wacouta Ave.

(South building, on the side facing the river,
call Laura with questions:
608-604-2324)

Bring your friends and come for friends
you haven't met yet!



**DISCIPLESHIP 101 CLASSES
FOR TEENS AND ADULTS
SUNDAYS AT 9:00 a.m.**



Saturday, February 22

5:30 - 8:30 at the church

A **Guys Night Out** is a monthly event for men 18 years and older who want to get together with other men and have a great time.

Food, fun, fellowship, Bible study

Cost: Free will offering

Sign-up: You may sign up at the Information Center in the church lobby or call George Schneider to make a reservation.


Thank you!

SERVANT LEADER
QUILTING SINGING SERVING OTHERS
TRANSPORTATION ALTAR YES TEAMWORK
THANK YOU GUILD READER
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ACOLYTE GIVE
VOLUNTEER
YOU USHERING MENTORING
GREETING
WORKING TOGETHER BEING AVAILABLE
THE HEART OF EVERY CHURCH EVERY WHERE
ANSWERING THE CALL
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS
STEPPING UP
ASSEMBLING SCHOOL KITS
DISCIPLESHIP
FOOD PANTRY
THANK YOU FOR SAYING YES



February 2020

Faith Community Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----------|--|
| <p>LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Needs Fund 9:00 AM Pre-Service Prayer Class 8:00 AM Discipleship 101 Class 10:15 AM Worship Service | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time | <p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Elder Board meeting | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Family Meal 6:15 PM One Way Club, Bridge & Youth | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Young Adult- Small Group Social  | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Discipleship 101 Class 9:00 AM Pre-Service Prayer 10:15 AM Worship Service | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Church reserved until 5 PM 6:30 PM Trustees Board Meeting | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Family Meal 6:15 PM One Way Club, Bridge & Youth | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Discipleship 101 Class 9:00 AM Pre-Service Prayer 10:15 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Prison Ministry Meeting | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MEAL OR CLUBS | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Guys Night Out  |
| <p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Discipleship 101 Class 9:00 AM Pre-Service Prayer 10:15 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Potluck Lunch | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Family Meal 6:15 PM One Way Club, Bridge & Youth | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT'S LEAP YEAR!  |

February Volunteers



| Date | Church Cleaning | Fellowship Time | Greeter | Ministry Highlight | Nursery | Trustee Duties | Ushers |
|------|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Part One: Mansfield Part Two: Meier | Missy Brandt | Jonelle Kann | None | Allison Miller Bob Meier | Mike Mullkin | Rob Chuck Jason John M |
| 9 | Part One: Saylor Part Two: Mathre/Fish | Jill Kleppe | Jonelle Kann | Women | Heather Saylor Merideth McClendon | Mike Mullkin | Rob Chuck Jason John M |
| 16 | Part One: Schneider Part Two: Slotman | Bill & Kris Perkins | Jonelle Kann | Worship | Sandy Goree Miah Miller | Mike Mullkin | Rob Chuck Jason John M |
| 23 | Part One: Collins Part Two: Deweese | Potluck Lunch | Jonelle Kann | Students | MaryAnn Haug Liz Haug | Mike Mullkin | Rob Chuck Jason John M |