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FROM THE PASTOR

Humanism...

Last Sunday I started a sermon series on humanism and how important our Christian response is to this threat. What is humanism? By definition it is "an outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters. Humanist beliefs stress the potential value and goodness of human beings….". I started the sermon by sharing that over 30 years ago Dr. Frances Shaefer said the problems that we deal with: addictions, family issues, murder, terrorism and other issues are to be thought of as a group not individually. In other words, they have a common source, man's belief in himself—humanism.

We see it all around us. The commercial from NIKE with Colin Kaepernick as spokesperson emphasizes "believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything". Now I'm not against promoting positive ideals in individuals and aspirations to be better and reach your potential. However, without adding a spiritual dimension, the result is the idea you can be better because of who you are and your potential.

Here is where I'm headed. God created us as spiritual beings. His design was that we have fellowship with Him. When humanism creeps in it removes the need for God and replaces it with a "you can do this attitude". You don't need any help, you have the power within you.

Throughout human history civilization after civilization promoted the belief in gods. Mankind through the centuries has seen the need to believe there is a being out there who is great than himself or herself. The issues the Bible has dealt with is that God surpasses all the gods, there is not great than Him. Ultimately, he showed this through the cross and the empty tomb. God defeated death, the biggest enemy of all.

Think about it this way. When was the last time you saw a movie or show really show church or God as important? On television, I cannot recall any in recent years. In the movies we have "Unbroken" and "Hacksaw Ridge". However, God was limited in both of those movies. So, we take God out and replace Him with man and the result is what we see in the world going on around us.

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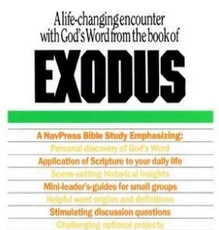
A tell-tale sign is the opioid epidemic. All I hear about on the news is officials baffled by a solution to this. In Chicago, murder is spiraling out of control and officials are at a loss as to how to stop it. Human nature is selfish and all about looking out for #1 meaning ourselves.

The Bible says in Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Left to our own ways, mankind is going on a downhill path that is destructive. Without God there is no hope. We cannot do it ourselves. That is precisely the reason that God sent Jesus. Jesus came to show us the way out of destruction into life. Jesus came to give us real life and an abundant life. He came to give us hope, not in ourselves, rather in God who made us and knows us.

Pastor Joel

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; … **Ecclesiastes 3:1-22**

Wednesday Bible Study



Our studies meet at 7 pm each Wednesday.

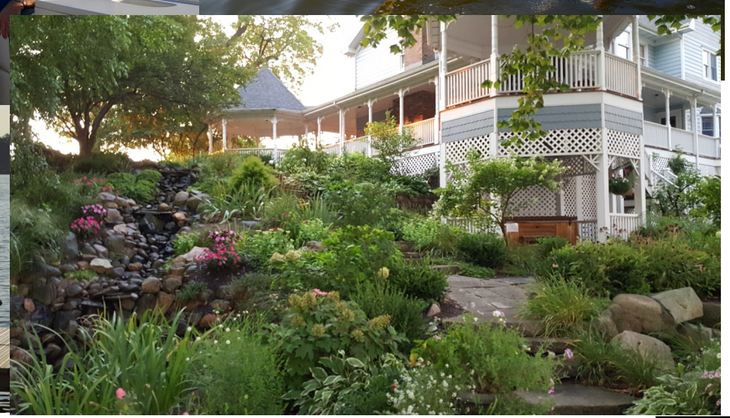
We are studying *Exodus*, part two in the story of humanity's redemption, tells how God brought Israel up out of slavery to men, and allowed them to become His servants. And through miraculous deliverance and covenant law, the Redeemer is revealed.

The book of Exodus contains many valuable insights for us today, including God's methods for dealing with rebellion, His shaping of Moses into a servant leader, governing principles for the just treatment of others, and guidelines for pure and wholehearted worship.

Supplies for class (if you already own them)
Old blue jeans, cloth scissors, E6000 or jewelry glue, jewelry tools
Bring you own BLING!
(Pretty buttons can be used or etc.)
$1.00 to cover the cost of memory wire
PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME IF YOU ARE COMING
SIGN-UP SHEET ON INFO BOARD

Mahseh Retreat

On August 22nd we took our annual pilgrimage to the Mahseh Center at Lake Bruce.
We had a great time of serenity and sharing with each other as fellow believers.



Mind Styles #4

By Betty Wood, Ph.D.

This article was derived in part from a book by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias, *The Way They Learn: How to Discover and Teach Your Child's Strengths* (1996).

The next learning style is dominant Abstract Sequential (AS). It is manifested in an adult by several characteristics. They

- feel compelled to explore virtually all the options when making decisions
- have a natural sense of logic and reason
- feel that everyone has the same need they do for extensive information, so they provide very long answers to short questions
- monopolize conversation when the topic interests them
- believe that emotions should be justified by facts
- rarely share what they are feeling until they have a handle on why they are feeling the way they do. AND they expect you to be able to justify your emotions

Remember that traits are stronger in children since they have not yet adapted to the needs of others. The dominant AS child

- is systematic and deliberate
- needs more time to complete tasks to their satisfaction
- appears to be slow, but is really being thorough
- would rather not do an assignment *at all* if there is not time to do it completely
- appears quieter and more withdrawn
- has an objectivity that emerges at a very early age
- is often uncomfortable with assignments that seem too personal
- has difficulty sharing emotions

An AS can thrive with

- organization
- credible sources of information
- logical outcomes
- opportunities for analysis
- plenty of time to work
- appreciation for their input

ASs are often stressed by

- being rushed through anything
- unreasonable deadlines
- hard questions unanswered
- abiding by sentimental decisions
- being asked to express emotions or feelings

You can lessen their stress by

- providing additional time to complete tasks
- giving lots of space and quiet time to work
- putting as much as possible in writing
- appreciating the less emotional aspects of a situation

Some qualities that other styles admire about ASs are the ability to analyze before making a decision, ready knowledge, intellect, the ability to conceptualize an idea, and precision. Some negative perceptions other styles have of ASs are aloofness, the need to have an explanation for everything, not in touch with reality, perceive things in numbers rather than effort, and highly opinionated.

According to Tobias, there are Ten Commandments of getting along with Abstract Sequentials.

Thou shalt:

1. Have specific goals when dealing with me.
2. Be deliberate.
3. Use logic and reason.
4. Keep issues factual.
5. Listen to what I have to say.
6. Give me time to research projects for the best approach.
7. Give me a job, live me alone, and let me do it.
8. Make certain I understand to purpose of the project.
9. Be complete and thorough.
10. Don't expect immediate response. I need time to think and research.

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. Psalms 127:35 ESV

Men’s Breakfast

The men gathered together on the 18th of September for food and fellowship.

Bro. Donn Broeker brought the devotion.

The kids have fun learning about the Bible. They also enjoy the activities that we do in class. Come and join in the fun.

This is for 1st-5th grades.

September 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
16 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship PCM Meal 'Taco Night' PCM 'Taco Night'	17	18	19 **7p** Bible Study	20	21	22 **4 pm** Reception for Joe & Lauren
23 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	24	25	26 **7p** Bible Study	27	28	29
30 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship **Noon** Kids Pizza w/						

October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 **7p** Bible Study	4	5	6
7 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	8	9	10 **7p** Bible Study	11	12	13
14 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship **3 p** Leadership Tm	15	16	17 **7p** Bible Study	18	19	20
21 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	22	23	24 **7p** Bible Study	25	26	27
28 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	29	30	31 **7p** Bible Study			

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Fellowship Time– 10 am
Worship– 10:45 am

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small groups

Sunday 9:00 AM

- Adult Class– Lee Sandifur
- Women's Class– Wanda Clendenen
- Young Adults– Joe Puetz
- Grades 6-12– Joel Flowers
- Elementary– Patsy Moore
- Nursery– Vicki Sandifur & Rita Herr

Come and join us during
Fellowship Time
each Sunday
Coffee & Breakfast items
10 am -10:45 am

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
Matthew 18:20 ESV