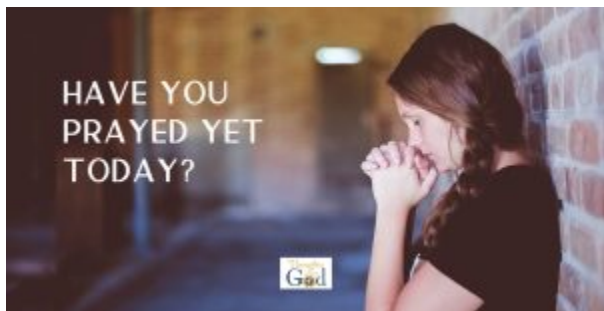


SONLIGHT SAMPLER

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Please consider Luke 11:1: *“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”*

Martin Luther was an important and busy guy. The previous sentence may be a gross understatement, considering that Luther is often credited with starting the Protestant Reformation. Even if he wasn't the originator, he was certainly the most prolific and fiery of its early supporters. Despite his hectic work schedule, copious writing, preaching, teaching, and other plentiful tasks, he still diligently made time to pray.

He is quoted as saying *“I have so much to do (today) that I should spend the first three hours in prayer.”*

Jesus too was an important and busy guy!

As Savior of the world, Jesus spent His days traveling, teaching, arguing with religious leaders, healing sickness, driving out demons, and proclaiming the salvation available to the world through Himself as God's one and only Son. (*Among other things!*) Yet *“Jesus often*

withdrew to lonely places and prayed” (Luke 5:16). Mark gives us an example: *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed”* (Mark 1:35).

The question for us is: If Martin Luther and Jesus Himself made time to pray, how can we possibly say we're too busy?

Jesus begins his teaching on prayer during the Sermon on the Mount by saying *“WHEN you pray”*, not *“IF you pray”* (Matthew 6:5). It's tough sometimes, because prayer doesn't come naturally for everyone. Speak honestly to God: praise, frustrations, triumphs, fears, and deepest longings. After all, God already knows you better than you know yourself... there's nothing to hide!

Remember that prayer doesn't have to be long or complicated. It doesn't need to be *“holy sounding”* either. You know what I mean, those prayers with all the right-sounding words that somehow end up sounding hollow. Use the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11:2-6) as a guide, but not as a formula.

Don't just pray it rigidly, try to pray spontaneously, from the heart.

Just never use the excuse that you're *“too busy.”* If Martin Luther and Jesus had time for prayer, you do too!

Question: If not, could you spend some time with God now?

By

Darren Hewer





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EASY BAKED APPLES



- 4 apples
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 to 2 tablespoons butter
- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Core apples but leave the peel on. Place the apples in a baking pan large enough to hold apples and some water.
- Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together and then fill the cored apples with it. Add a sliver of butter to each apple and then fill baking pan with 1/4 inch of water.
- Bake for 40 minutes, checking halfway. If you can pierce the apple skin with a paring knife, then it's ready. Enjoy.



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Fill your minds with beauty and truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, right, pure, lovely, good, virtuous, and praiseworthy.
 Philippians 4:8

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEPTEMBER 11 SIGHT AND SOUND SHOW



For those who have purchased tickets for the showing of “Joshua”, you are reminded that the show begins at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 – ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING following Worship Service

This meeting is for you—if you want to help make decisions, serve on a committee, volunteer.

We have positions, from the elder board to the missions and worship committees and more. Perhaps you want to greet people, help with sound, media, hospitality or a bible study.

We ask that you pray for our church's mission and if God is leading you, volunteer to serve

SEPTEMBER 27



On this day, we will honor and thank God for all He has given us.

We ask that you please bring your fresh vegetables, potatoes, fruits, flowers and store-bought canned foods that you are able purchase because of God's gracious and plentiful supply.

All food items will be donated to
Community REACH

Small Group Bible Studies

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY

Meets Wednesday
morning- 9 a.m.

Current study is in the Book of Acts
Led by Cindy Shenberger and Gail
Kauffman

NIGHT CLUB BIBLE STUDY

Meets every Wednesday evening at

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the 15 members of
the

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY

for their donation of \$235 to purchase the
new thermostat that adjusts the
temperature through WiFi. This means no
one has to arrive hours early to turn up the
heat!



A BIG SONLIGHT WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR

BRADLEY STULL AND WIFE, RACHEL



There is a fresh face and a renewed energy at SonLight. The congregation is thrilled to officially welcome their new minister, Bradley Stull. He recently stepped into this role with a deep passion for faith, fellowship and small-town community life.

As an independent church, Sonlight has always enjoyed the freedom to serve the community. Being an independent church means our focus is entirely local but our message is to preach the gospel.

Looking ahead, Pastor Bradley's goal is to ensure the church remains a beacon of hope, support and hospitality for everyone in the area.

Whether you are a lifelong churchgoer, haven't stepped into a sanctuary for years, or are just curious, Pastor Bradley and the congregation invite you to join them for Sunday Worship Services at 10 a.m.



SonLight Chapel had the privilege to be part of a work program with **1 Act of Kindness** on Saturday, August 29th. We had 38 men, women and children participate. Our part was to assist River Rock Landscaping (Alan Miller) with building a bird garden.

1 Act of Kindness is a project that was put on Phil Carpenter's heart with the mission to build a new home for the Kostenbauder family, at no charge to them, that provides them with space and accessibility they need for their unique living situation.

Over the years the Kostenbauders have been active members of their local community, organizations, school, and church. Their activities have included serving on the church board; hosting church youth events for hayrides, bonfires, and games; teaching Sunday school; helping with the high school wrestling program; working with special-needs adults. The Kostenbauders have invested in helping others.

While at their farm for youth events, the founder of 1AOK Phil Carpenter had the privilege to get to know the family and see their home. Years later the Lord spoke to Phil that He wanted him to do something special for the Kostenbauders, but what that was he didn't know. It wasn't until months later that the Lord laid on Phil's heart to build them a new home. After months of struggling with the how, the when, and if he could even accomplish this, Phil finally decided to move forward with the project, fully trusting in the Lord to work out all the details both logistically and financially.

If Paul could see the church in America today, we'd be getting a letter.



CHRISTIAN LIFE MINISTRY

Over the years, I've had people express disappointment that I include sin, confession, and repentance in my teachings. If you're one of these people, know that I love you. Furthermore, I sympathize with you. Our world is filled with spiritual "leaders", willing and eager to tell you what you want to hear while omitting what you don't. Who doesn't want to be validated? Who doesn't want to feel good? Who doesn't want to say and do anything and everything they wish without consequence? There is a direct correlation between a 'feel good' sermon and a 'feel good' collection plate. While comforting, we allow ourselves to be led astray if we only focus on that which is considered "positive" and ignore the reality of sin and the need for repentance. Remember, brothers and sisters, we are in the world, not of it (John 15:19).

Those who have put their trust in humans come to recognize that something is amiss. The promises didn't come to fruition. The "rich get richer" often at the expense of the faithful. Truth calls from beyond the veil. The discerning and wise realize they have been distracted, deceived, and divided.

The revelation is a reason for hope. The testimony and transformation and are a powerful affirmation of the faith we profess to possess.

I am not called to fill your ears with pretty words, to share only those parts of Scripture that sound

good, feel good, or with which you agree. My calling and passion are to help you live your best life here on Earth and help prepare you for eternal life in Heaven. I am grateful to serve, learn, and grow with you.

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 ESV

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 ESV

"You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you." Deuteronomy 4:2 ESV

"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." 2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV

"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 ESV

"If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain." 1 Timothy 6:3-5 ESV

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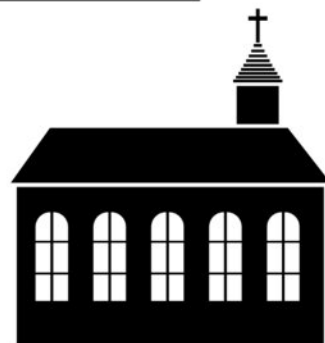
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Word list:

BELIEF
BLESSINGS
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CHURCH
COMPASSION
COURAGE
ETERNAL
FAITH
FAITHFULNESS
FORGIVENESS

FRIENDSHIP
GIVING
GOD
GRACE
GUIDANCE
HEALING
HEAVEN
HOLY
HOPE
JESUS

JOY
LOVE
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The Montayre Family Cebu, Philippines

Prayer Letter July-September 2026

Hello from Cebu Philippines. First, we want to express our gratefulness to everyone who prays for us, follows and supports the ministry. Thank you for reaching out to God on our behalf. Next, here's an update on our son Clark. After seeing several different doctors and running many tests, the only diagnosis we got was allergies. It seems to be environmental, such as smoke, farm animals and exhaust from cars. His symptoms have lessened when he is on allergy medicine, but have not gone away. Please keep praying for our discernment if there are still other underlying conditions that need addressed. Lastly, please keep praying for the 4 Bible College Students. All of them have had health issues during this semester. Pray for them not to be discouraged and to have the strength of the Lord to finish their course.

We would like to share a great praise. Clark was able to take a friend from church with him on his birthday trip. On the way home, Clark was able to lead his friend to the Lord. Please pray for the upcoming baptism of Joevan. What a wonderful memory to make for your 10th birthday and for eternity.

Pray for Libby as she has extra immigration paperwork to do over the next few months. There are deadlines that need met. Once you hand over the papers, you just have to pray they will come back on time.

Please pray for our church members. Some have fallen away and other's hearts are cold for the Lord. "Let us not grow weary in well doing."

Thank you again for serving with us. May the Lord be glorified in all we do.

Serving Him,

Marvin, Libby, Clark, Chloe, Caleb & Caydee Montayre

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