

Visions of Hope

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Mission Statement:

Hope's Mission is to teach the Bible and follow Christ's example by giving back to the community and those in need

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Sunday Worship
9:30 am

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

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Duties List

June 11

June 18

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Daryl Mueller

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Scott Bauman

Readers

Michelle Bauman

Jerry Anderson

Acolyte

Anna Fehlhaber

Haylee Schreiber



I need your feedback. Yes, I want to know if there is any interest in a weekly gathering to study the scriptures. In every church that I have previously served I have had one, two, or even three different Bible Study groups that met each week.

Bible Study is an essential part of growing in our Christian faith and knowledge. I am willing to meet with people in the morning, in the early afternoon and even in the evening. But I need to know what you would like to do. I need your response.

I have already thought that perhaps I should just simply start a study group, perhaps on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. But I really need to know if people in our church will be interested and will attend. It does require a commitment. But Bible Study is absolutely critical in formation of our Christian faith.

Initially, I always begin these studies by reading, discussing, and studying the Book of Genesis and the first portions of the Book of Exodus through to the beginning of the desert wandering of the Hebrew people. In my experience, it is essential to begin with these two books from the Hebrew Scriptures because they lay the critical foundation for understanding so much of the Christian Scriptures.

After we have put down the proper foundation with these two Mosaic Books I always move on to the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew is the great teaching Gospel of the New Testament and he lays out for us, in magnificent detail, the pure essence of Jesus' teachings.

Please, please get back to me on this vital issue. Hopefully we can begin a study group sometime in this greening month June.

Pax Christi,
Mark Reiff+

Tossing and turning in my bed one night, I found myself unable to sleep. Something was bothering me but I couldn't put my finger on what it was. Unable to ignore the restlessness in my spirit I grudgingly got out of bed, then I looked at Ken's spot on the bed and found it empty.

I hate to admit it, but sometimes when Ken goes out of town for a weekend of drag racing, I get a little scared when he is not there. I spent a few minutes ranting and raving about every gripe I had ever had with him, then I realized this wasn't on him, but that scared feeling was on me. A little light bulb in my head clicked on. All my ranting and raving was really just a cover-up for the fact that I was feeling insecure. We Christians are like that, we get insecure about where we fit into God's plan. And the funny thing is, we feel insecure when things are going well. When we have no major trials, or troubles we become a little complacent, as if we are waiting for the other shoe to drop. We don't always have to be in a crisis to talk things out with our Lord and Savior.

At first, we want to resist the idea that we are feeling insecure because we know a lot about our identity in Christ. We know that we are a child of God (John 1:12) and that we were chosen by God, and holy and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12; *1 Thessalonians 1:4* ⁴*For we know, brothers and sisters^[a] loved by God, that he has chosen you,* ⁵*because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction*). With that kind of identity, how could we possibly feel insecure? But we do. The truth is, we sometimes hit a humdrum point in our faith walk with God and it triggers insecurity. The longer we ponder and consider our identity in Christ, the more we begin to wonder where our security in Christ fits in, and if there is a difference in our level of security when we don't communicate with God on a daily basis.

I looked up both words in the dictionary and found an answer. Identity refers to "The condition of being the same as a person or thing described" while security refers to, "The state of being or feeling free from fear, anxiety or doubt." Aah haa! That was it. While we understand our identity in Christ, we need to understand that our security is in Christ, He alone can free us from fear and doubt and move to the next level in our faith walk with God.

While I was feeling out of sorts with just being afraid, I went and turned on the computer. Out of curiosity I typed the two words "Secure in God" on google.com to see what I could find. Waiting for my dinosaur of a computer system to bring up the results, I said a quick prayer asking God to give me something that would help me grow in my security. No sooner was the prayer released from my lips, did a book called *Secure in Heart: Overcoming Insecurity in a Woman's Life*, by Robin Weidner pop up on the screen. I couldn't double click the link fast enough when I saw the title and as soon as I read the excerpt, I was sold. It said: "Being secure in heart is about knowing who God is, who Jesus is, who you are...and being able to apply this knowledge in a way that sets you free."

Was God speaking to me or what? I ordered the book and I am impatiently waiting for Amazon to deliver it. I hope I can discover false securities. One thing for sure we sometimes lean on but never recognized, the lies from the devil which pulls us away from God. I pray that we can discover, through a deeper revelation of God's character and unconditional love, that being secure in heart is our rightful position as believers. The key however, is being willing to engage in the battle, that is to fight off that deceitful devil, and fight to maintain our security in Christ Jesus. "Security in heart is our most precious gift from God--the ultimate overflowing of his goodness to us. But because of its extreme value, it's a gift that must be battled for and protected." (A little blurb from the book) Here I thought, I had reached a humdrum point in my faith walk, only to discover that God has so much more for me to learn. I just had to be willing to fight for it. And that's the tough part, isn't it. We sometimes sail through life and forget who our compass is. We have it in our silly little heads that "if it's not broke, don't fix it".

When things are going well, like sunny warm weather, crops in the ground, vegetable and flower gardens flourishing, we think "hey, I got this" and we forget the One "from whom all blessings flow". We all need a deeper revelation of who God is, and also understanding who we are in God, this equips us for the battle. And when we apply the truth of God's Word daily, we are truly able to fight, win and stand strong in our security.

Your sister in Christ
Rosie Schilling



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

George Wright—fell broke hip and spiral break in upper femur—Bonnie's dad
Mildred Imhoff—fell and broke her femur—Ken's mother
Joyce LeVoy—Atrium, Marshfield for rehab
Larry Syring (Bimbo) - heart surgery—Leroy's brother
Don Hanson—heart surgery
Dorothy Wright—fluid on lungs and congestive heart failure—Bonnie Blake's mom
Patty Rueter—cancer—Beth Leffel's niece
John Hamann—recuperating from hip surgery
Leroy Syring—recovering from a stroke
*Scott Campbell—waiting for stem cell transplant—relation to the Streckert's
Paulette Kroll—Myleloid Leukemia—receiving chemo treatments
Bill Brayton—DeEtta Peterson's brother
Amy—cancer—friend of Barb Mohr-Borchardt
Dylan & Logan Weichelt—sons of Bryan & Stacey
Sawyer Mueller—microcephaly—Daryl & Beth's son
Jennifer Bohman—prayers of healing

Update on Scott Campbell

*Scott has been at the U of M hospital to prepare for the stem cell transplant, having been determined to be in remission from the multiple myeloma. At the last minute, a lump and a bump on his body called for a PET scan, and it was discovered that the cancer is still there, just in hiding. This means two more rounds of strong chemo and then, hopefully, the transplant. The family is devastated but still hopeful that a transplant can eventually take place to prolong Scott's life.

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	June 4	Attendance	97
Offering:	Regular		\$3485.00
	Building		\$30.00
	Sunday School		1.00
	Missions		\$130.00
	Loose		\$7.00
	Sign		\$277.00
	Jake Brinkman		\$100.00
	Baby Care Kits		\$50.00
	El Salvador		\$175.00
	Total		\$4255.00



will meet
 Wednesday, June 21,
 6:30 pm at church

The Bulletin Board

- Council will meet Sunday, June 11 immediately following worship
- Chip Ingram Small Group Study will continue on Fridays only at 10:00 am



June Mission Project is EL SALVADOR - CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Because the Children Need to Know Jesus...the alternative is gangs. Please give these precious boys and girls of El Salvador hope and a smile. Small Christmas gifts (under \$10) slightly used or new and no batteries please! Trucks, hot wheels, dolls, coloring books, books in Spanish, deflated balls.

Also taking donations for:

women/men/children's shoes, winter hats & mittens, women/girls' long skirts, scarves & belts
 Personal hygiene items such as toothpaste & toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, body wash, deodorant, feminine pads (no tampons).

Instant coffee packets & sugar packets have also been requested. All these items will be driven to Missouri in September and then shipped to El Salvador in time for Christmas.

Dollar Tree and garage sales are great places to pick up toys and items. A tote will be put in the narthex to place items in and shopping lists are on the counter. If you have any questions, contact Connie Lechleitner at 715-573-3996 or gclechleitner@gmail.com

Christian Women

will meet

Tuesday, June 13

6:00-7:30 pm

Belvedere Supper Club



Vacation Bible School

will be held the week of July 24-28
 from 5:30-8:00pm.

There will be a light supper
 served from 5:00-5:30pm.

Children age 3 through
 children entering 6th grade