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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

From the Desk of.... *Pastor Bonnie*

When's the last time you read your Bible from front to back, Genesis through the Revelation? If your answer is, "I haven't quite made it yet," then join the club! For many years I struggled, knowing that I *should* read my Bible every day; that I *should* have read it from cover to cover; that I *should* know *all* the main stories by heart and be able to find them in God's Word (*at least the ones that might appear as answers on Jeopardy, for goodness sake!*) But let's face it... the Bible is NOT the most user-friendly book on most people's bookshelves. We need help understanding some strange words and concepts; encouragement to stick to it even through all the 'begats'; humility to admit there are some stories in there that don't seem to make sense in today's culture; and the grace-full presence of the Holy Spirit to give us the confidence to act on what we've read. I will be forever thankful to the people who introduced me to Bethel Bible Study; for that is where I found the help, the encouragement, the humility, and the grace of the Holy Spirit that I needed to get through the whole Bible in one 9-month study and begin to really STAND on the PROMISES of GOD.

So the thought occurred to me earlier this year... why not do a sermon series of epic proportions – marching through the Bible from one end to the other in 9 months?! And that's my plan. We'll start September 8 with Genesis chapters 1 and 2... and end in May with a grand celebration of the Revelation. There will also be, of course, room made for celebrating Advent, Lent, and Easter... and even a 'week off' here and there; but for the most part – buckle your seat belts – you're in for one wild ride!

Below you'll find Scripture readings that will provide context for each sermon. If you're in the overachiever column and stick with it, you will have read ~ 85% of the entire Bible in this 9-month timeframe. If you stick with the basic reading, you will have read key scriptures from all the books of the Bible. If you're not a 'reader' this would be a good time to invest in the Bible on tape or CD so that you can listen while someone else reads. Regardless of your investment in reading however; I invite you to come and listen as God's Word unfolds before us in these 9 months.

Blessings!

Bible Sermon Schedule

Sunday	Topic	Key Scripture	Additional (Overachievers)
1-Sep	Orientation	II Timothy 3:16	

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8-Sep	Creation & God's Divine Intention	Genesis 1 & 2	Psalms 8, 23, 24, 46, & 80
15-Sep	Disharmony: The Fall	Genesis 3	
22-Sep	The Calling	Genesis 12:1-3	Genesis 4 - 50; Numbers 20:10-12; I Samuel 18:6-9; II Samuel 11:2-5; I Kings 11:1-3; Mark 14:66-71; Acts 7:57-8:1; Hebrews 11:8-10
29-Sep	United for a Destiny	Genesis 12 - Exodus 11	Deuteronomy 7:6; Leviticus 20:26; Numbers 6:26-27; Isaiah 51:15-16; Galatians 5:2-12
6-Oct	Guest Preacher - Elaine Darnell		
13-Oct	An Emerging Nation	Exodus 12 - Lev. 27	Ezekiel 31:18 & 32:19; Isaiah 2:1-3; Zechariah 8:20-23
20-Oct	The Destiny Ensured	Numbers 1 - Deuteronomy 34	Hebrews 8:13-10:14; I Cor. 10:16; Ephesians 2:13; I Peter 1:2 & 18-19; I John 1:7
27-Oct	The Promised Land	Joshua 1-24	
3-Nov	Outsider / Insider Threats	Judges 1-21	Romans 13:1-7; I Timothy 2:1-3; I Peter 2:13-14
10-Nov	The Kingdom United	I Samuel 4:1 - 31:13; all of II Samuel; I Kings 1 - 11	I & II Samuel and Amos 5:7; 6:12; 7:2 & 9:10; Micah 2:6 & 3:11; Hosea 8:2; Jeremiah 2:7; 7:1-10; 9:25; Jonah 3:10-4:1

17-Nov	The Kingdom Divided	I Kings 12:1 - II Kings 17:14; II Chronicles 10:1 - 36:21	II Kings 17:15 - II Kings 25:30 & Isaiah 7; I & II Chronicles; Isaiah 1:1; Jeremiah 1:1-1; Micah 1:1; Zephaniah 1:1
24-Nov	Pointing the Way	Isaiah 1:25-28; 1:20-22; 2:2-3; 6:13; 11:1-12; 32:1-5; 42:1-7; 49:1-6; 52:13-15; 53:1-12; 60:1-7; Joel 2:28; 3:16-17; Jeremiah 23:3-6; 29:10-14; 31:7-9; 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:35; Micah 4:1-2; 5:2-4	Isaiah Chapters 2, 10, 11, 32, 51, 53; Ezekiel; Daniel; Hosea; Joel
Sunday	Topic	Key Scripture	Additional (Overachievers)
1-Dec	The Exile	Lamentations of Jeremiah	Isaiah 4:4; 46:1-13; Ezekiel 1:1-3; 18:2-3; Jeremiah 1:1-3; 24:1-8; Psalm 137:1-4; Obadiah; Jonah; Nahum; Habakkuk
8-Dec	History as Judge	Amos 5:24; 8:4-8; Deuteronomy 16:20; Zechariah 7:8-14; Isaiah 10:1-4; Psalm 8; Micah 6:8; II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-12	Chapters in these books not previously read: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Micah
15-Dec	Restoration	Isaiah 7; Isaiah 9	Chapters in these books not previously read: Daniel, Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah; Malachi
22-Dec	Jesus Arrives in the Fullness of God's Time	John 1:1-14; Mark 8:27-29; Colossians 2:9	Matthew 1:23; 3:17; 4:3; 8:2 & 19; 12:23; 13:55; 16:13&16; 26:49 & 69; 27:42; Mark 1:24; 14:61; Luke 2:11; 7:16 & 34; 9:35; 19:38; John 1:29, 38, 41 & 45; 6:35; 8:12; 10:7 & 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1.



Administrative Council News

As stated last month, our budget and spending are still somewhat precarious but there was some improvement in July. We will continue close scrutiny to ensure we will meet our budgetary obligations.

In regards to the Pastor's pension cost, they are real for next year, as Bonnie has indicated she plans to revoke her current waiver effective January 1, 2014. After all the confusion at the July Administrative Council meeting, I contacted Conference Benefits Officer, Terry Shoemaker, and she provided a letter that explained the Pension Benefits Plan and how the 2012 General Conference modified the plan to be effective January 1, 2014. The modification did not affect Pastor Bonnie or us in any way since she is $\frac{3}{4}$ time already. This will mean that Estancia and Mountainair will be billed by the Conference for \$4,500.00 per year or \$375.00 per month. A meeting is scheduled with Mountainair on Saturday August 29, 2013, to determine the amounts each church will be billed.

Pastor Bonnie announced that this year's Charge Conference is scheduled for September 29, 2013. The location and time will be in Mountainair at 5:00 PM. This means a lot of reports and other paper work has to be done in a rather short time, and we are shooting to have all completed by September 13, 2013.

To Our Friends at Estancia UMC:***August 29, 2013***

We have decided that we will attend St. Stephen's Methodist Church in Albuquerque starting immediately. While we will miss you we hope to stay in contact. Our reasons for changing are that Kirsten has returned to live here while her son attends UNM. She was part of a large church in Atlanta that she enjoyed very much, especially the nontraditional worship services. This will provide us with a time to be together on Sundays during and after church and to share family fellowship which is something we have not been able to experience in recent times. Joanie and Kirsten have already attended St Stephen's UMC and are signed to work at the Asbury Café during the State Fair.

We wish you all well and thank all of you for your prayers and good wishes concerning Jon's heart condition. We look forward to our new walk with Christ and hope that our departure will not seriously affect your walk.

-Jon, Joanie, and Kirsten Shively

The Great Thing

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, – but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Calling All Bible Guppies!

Guppies regroup with a

PARTY on Thursday, September 5 @ 3:15

We'll celebrate what God has done in our Guppy Garden and award prizes to those who participated in dressing, tilling, and keeping the earth as God commanded.

So tell your neighbors – bring a friend – come and have some ice cream! See you then!!

GUPPIE GARDEN





September

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri at

1 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	3	4 10:30:am Quilters	5 3:30 PM BIBLE GUPPIES	6	7	
8 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	9	10	11 10:30:am Quilters	12 6:30 PM TRUSTEES 3:30 PM BIBLE GUPPIES	13	14	
15 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	16	17	18 10:30:am Quilters	19 3:30 PM BIBLE GUPPIES	20	21 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast	
22 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	23	24	25 10:30:am Quilters	26 3:30 PM BIBLE GUPPIES	27	28	
29 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	30						



September

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