



The Baptist Bulletin

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Biblical Illiteracy

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Prayer Requests:

Nation & Leaders

Heartland District meeting

Parade Float

Semi-Annual Meeting

Ministries:

Small Groups
Sparks
Moms2Moms
Moms in Prayer
Bible Studies

The 2019 Discipleship Pathway Assessment study showed that most Protestant Christians do not read their Bibles regularly. 31% of those in the study stated that they read the Bible every day. 12% admitted that they rarely or never read the Bible. A 2016 study found that 1 out of 5 Americans have read the Bible all the through at least once. 50% of the 4 out of 5 stated that they had read very little or none of the Bible.

With this statistics, Christians should not be surprised that the 21st century, Western Church is biblically illiterate. The Church shows that we don't care what the Bible has to say and ultimately don't need it in our Christian walk. There is something else that is interesting about Americans.

A 2017 Lifeway Research Study was able to determine that most Americans have a positive view of the Bible. That includes the same people that have never read the Bible, but state that they like it. Americans tend to feel that the Bible provides positive influences and good moral lessons. Most know of lessons and stories from Scripture that they can use to help them in life.

Sadly, this has become the pattern for the Church as well. The Bible is not looked at as a whole, but instead we see verses posted on social media which we "claim" as our life verses or favorites. Those passages that make us feel good or sound like they will make our lives better are the passages the masses learn. In grabbing at single verses, we abandon the context and the purpose of Scripture which makes us biblically illiterate.

To become biblically literate we need to spend time reading the Word of God. We need to read each passage. Keeping each part in context. Then we learn that "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). Not just for the purpose of making Christians feel good about themselves. But "that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17).

We need the Word of God, the Bible, to grow in relationship with the Lord. For every passage has the purpose of exposing us to the gospel and deepening our fellowship with our Savior

The closer to the Shepherd, the farther from the wolf. Julie Ackerman Link

Missionaries of the Month—Dan & Sandra Wahlgren (TWM)

Pray for Forest Fire Protection for the camp & neighbors

Praise for work groups from churches in 5 states and RV volunteers who keep everything running.. Huge progress on the new addition. Pray for additional donations toward this project and need for Fall work groups to complete it before winter.

Praise for busiest year ever. Last minute mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico to take much needed food and supplies to refugee camp the end of August.

A close friend redesigned the camp website—check it out www.tablecamp.org

Thank you for faithfully praying and supporting all that Christ is doing here!

Dan & Sandra Wahlgren



Birthdays ~ ~ ~

Sept 11	Jakeh White
Sept 12	Kathleen Pratt
Sept 15	Bertha Kuhman
Sept 15	Connie Sitorius
Sept 16	Alissa Urman
Sept 19	Eddie Fruit
Sept 22	Dan Urman
Sept 27	Teresa Demoret
Sept 30	Kelli Petereson

Anniversaries ~ ~ ~

Sept 2	Leon & Janie Vogel
Sept 11	Mick & Cor Peterson
Sept 13	Duane & Val Cashman



Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$140,112.96
Fiscal Year ends 2/28/22

Offerings Received for 6 months:
\$72,147.48

Expenditures Paid for 6 months:
\$84,347.66

Nursery Volunteers ~ ~ ~

Sept 1	Cor Peterson
Sept 12	Alisa Crown
Sept 19	Jody Nelson
Sept 26	Connie Schweitzer

Greeters ~ ~ ~

Sept 1	Virginia Hudson / Jim Flesch
Sept 12	Marsha Weeks / Joyce Sabin
Sept 19	Kim Crisman / Kelli Beck
Sept 26	Volunteers needed

FBC Ministries Beginning in September

Awana Sparks—Registration Night is September 1st for area kids in K-2nd grades. Regular meetings on Wednesday nights from 6:30—8 p.m.



Moms in Prayer—Mothers of all ages and stages of life uniting in prayer for children and schools meets weekly for one hour on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. throughout the school year.

Moms 2 Moms

Morning: 9:30-11:30am

Evening: 6:00-8:00pm

Sep. 7th	Sep. 21st
Oct. 5th	Oct. 19th
Nov. 2nd	Nov. 16th
Dec. 7th	(No Dec. evening meeting
Dec. 21st	both are in the morning.)
Jan. 4th	Jan. 18th
Feb. 1st	Feb. 15th
Mar. 1st	Mar. 15th
Apr. 5th	Apr. 19th

You can contact us by phone and our Facebook Group.
(308)-529-7811 Gothenburg Moms2Moms Community

Moms 2 Moms is for mothers of children 0—thru 12th grade.

Come be encouraged in the art of mothering starting September 7th at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for the morning sessions.

Acts Precept Study

Mondays at 6:30 pm (begins 9/20)

Books ordered September 3rd—See Kim Crisman (529-2418) to be included.

An afternoon study of the Beatitudes is being planned for Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. See Joyce Sabin (537-3460) if interested, books ordered September 8th.





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Harvest Festival Parade is September 18 at 10 a.m. this year. We will be decorating another float for it.



MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- Sept 5 Christian Ed—12:00 pm
- Sept 7 Music Committee - 4:30 pm
- Sept 9 Town Small Group—6:30 pm
- Sept 11 Country Small Group—7 pm
- Sept 14 Management Finance—7 pm
- Sept 14 Elder Board—8 pm
- Sept 16-17 Converge Heartland meeting
- Sept 18 Harvest Festival Parade
- Sept 19 Worship Watchcare - 12 pm
- Sept 25 Country Small Group -7 pm
- Sept 26 Potluck / Semi Annual meeting

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sun. Worship Service—9:45 am
Sunday School—11:00 am
- Mon. Moms in Prayer—8:30 am
Ladies Bible Study—6:30 pm
(Acts begins 9/20/21)
- Tues. Moms2Moms
1st Tues @ 9:30-11:30 am
3rd Tues @ 6-8 pm
- Wed. Awana Sparks—6:30-8 pm



Sunday, September 26th

Potluck at Noon. Bring food to share together.

Semi-Annual Business meeting about 1 p.m. with verbal reports by the commissions and ministries.

Attention Jr. Sr. Highers

FCA 5th Quarter at the Commons Friday, September 3 after the football game until 11 pm. Bring a friend for the food & games.

Is Genesis History?

September 8 at 7 p.m.

Free viewing—come see the compelling truth at the Gothenburg Sun Theatre.