

"Loving God, Loving People"

Matthew 22:37 - 40



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Early Sunday worship 8:30 am

Sunday Christian education hour 10:00 am

Later Sunday worship 11:00 am

Sunday evening prayer meeting 6:30 am

Wednesday discipleship night 7:30 am

July 5, 2009



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“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I, Send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

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Ramzy & Nancy Asfour have served on the mission field as both faculty and directors of the Galilee Bible College in Israel for eleven years. God has now opened the door for them to teach in the Azusa Bible College in Amsterdam.

News

Come back this evening at 6:30 pm for our **prayer meeting**. Joey McCain will share a special message on fervent prayer.

Our **choir** will have practice in the chapel immediately following the later service.

Our **missions committee** will meet with missionaries Ramsy and Nancy Asfour after the later service in the fellowship hall. Anyone who wishes to fellowship and learn more about their ministry is welcome.

Please keep our **Ecuador/Galapagos islands mission team** in prayer this week. They are: Anna Acevedo, Joe Acevedo, Gloria Danley, Eric Graver, Megan Hemmann, Billy Jasko, Ken Jasko, Louise Jasko, Claire McCarthy, Meghan McCarthy, Grace McKeown, Ed Otero, Debra Phillip, Barbara Rajcok, Otto Rajcok, Walter Solomon, John Sullivan, Faye Turner and Abe Valliath.

The summer is a great time for the whole family to come out to **discipleship night** and enrich their walk with the Lord. Our new classes just began and meet every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm. You can visit 1&2 Peter and find out how you can get through those tough situations in your life. Pick up a brochure on the kiosk for information on each class. Nursery is provided for children age 5 and under. Kingdom Kidz and Youth meet at the same time.

Our **new education class** on various Psalms begins today, at 10 am, in the chapel. John & Debbie Delatush will teach on Psalm 6.

All women are invited to a **breakfast fellowship** this Thursday, 10am, at the home of Diane Giaimo in Farmingdale. Call Diane at 732-917-0797 if you will attend.

Come out to our **prayer meeting** this Thursday at 7:30 pm in the prayer room. If you have a particular need, fill out a prayer request form which can be found on the kiosk and place it in the offering or the church office mailbox.

Please keep our youth, who are going to **Senior High camp**, in prayer this week. They will be away from Tuesday - Saturday.

Our **annual church picnic** is scheduled for August 1, with a rain date of August 15. It will be held at Black Bear Lake in Millstone. The cost will be \$13 per person (children under age 4 are free). Space is limited - payment is required with registration. A sign up table is in the lobby.

Next Sunday

8:30 & 11 am **Worship celebrations** – Charles Basden will be speaking on “What are you giving out?”

Our **building for eternity offering** will be received.

10 am **Education hour** - Eloi & Judith Richardson will teach on Psalm 30.

2 pm John L. Montgomery **care center service**

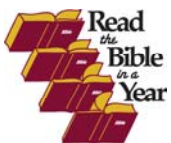
6:30 pm **Prayer meeting** at the new church property

Upcoming Events

July 18 Young adults pool party

July 19 Monmouth Worship Center service at Ocean Grove

July 21 55 plus fellowship luncheon



The year is half over! If you are reading through the Bible in a year, check off your progress on the sheet which is on the kiosk.

Mega Sports Camp for children in kindergarten through grade 6 will be held at the Marlboro Recreation center, August 3 – 7, 9 am – 12 pm. Space is limited so sign up today. Registration forms are on the kiosk.



A **new discipleship program** is being offered for our youth this summer – **L.I.F.E. “Living in Faith Everyday.”** This program will consist of four full-day sessions held here at church on Wednesdays starting July 15 and ending on August 5. See Pastor Obadiah for more information. The last day to sign up is July 8.

Registered van drivers and accompanying adults are **urgently needed** to drive to and from Junior High camp on Tues., July 14 and /or Sat., July 18. Please call the church office if you can help.

Did you know – **Today** there is a **prayer meeting** at 10 am in the prayer room. This will be **every first Sunday**.
Every **second Sunday** is **building offering**.
Every **third Sunday** is **communion**.
Every **last Sunday** is **missions offering**.

We would like to **thank all** who supported our missions team through their purchases last Sunday.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Elisabeth Edwards (*today!*)

Joanna Verdone (*today!*)

Benjamin Berman (7/6)

Thomas Carlo (7/6)

Gabrielle Cruz (7/6)

Brad Berman (7/7)



William Forquignon (7/7)

Richard DeMoro (7/8)

Jackie McCulloch (7/8)

Julia Rivera (7/8)

Eduard Mauer (7/9)

Tasha Kozak (7/11)

Mihir Macwan (7/11)

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Alan & Linda Sipes (7/11) *Twenty years!*



Registrations are being taken for our **Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School**. The fun begins on August 17 and continues through August 21, from 9 am – 12:30 pm. A special workshop for parents, **“Visionary Parenting”** will be held from 9:30 am to 12 pm on the same days. Registration is required for both. Forms are available on the kiosk.

Thank you to all who attended our **Intercessory prayer ministry** meeting last Sunday. We especially appreciate those who have decided to become a part of this vital ministry. If you missed the meeting, and would like to be a part of this ministry, call Roz Rivers.

Board Meeting Summary - June 18, 2009

1. Devotional – Luke 12:15 – about the rich fool. Life is not about having many possessions. Life consists of service – serving God and serving people. The rich fool said, “I have a lot of material possessions” and Jesus said “thou fool, this day thy soul is required of thee.”

2. Ministry Contacts

Ministry contacts were discussed with reports:

- Impact Girls – needs more workers. LaChon Smith moved away.
- Overcomers – Ivar is organized and making inroads at New Hope.
- Latino – Although there has been a drop off due to summer work, there remains a committed group.
- Food pantry – Barbara doing well. Has been a drop off in numbers since January. She has enough help. Wegmans is supplying food.
- Nursery – Claire is doing well. Always needs volunteers. She would especially like a committed partner or two on the supervisory level.
- MOPS – The group has dwindled down some. Praying for a new direction, perhaps changing meeting time. Older women are needed as mentors.
- Women/Hospitality – The ministry is doing well. Johanna considers it a joy. Would like to see more outreach.

3. Previous Minutes

- Some of Easter play profit will be allocated to the church picnic.
- Building loan interest – Frank got it rolled back to 7.95%.
- Photo directory – looking into it.
- 25th Anniversary – Johanna Astuto will put it together.

4. Events

Past – Tony Cruz went well

- Marriage vow renewal was great
- Missions trip leaving July 3
- Ocean Grove music outreach July 19

5. Ministries

- New Jersey Assemblies of God is starting a ministry school, designed for lay people who want to go into ministry. We may host classes here in the fall.

6. Building

- Potential buyers in discussion
- Ebay – Art Hannah handling; raised about \$4000. We will do another Ebay day in the summer.
- Tailgate event went well – about 150 attendees.

7. Finances – unanimously accepted. Tithes ahead of projections. Finance subcommittee report reviewed.

8. People

- Various needs were prayed for.
- Six new families attending
- Quentin & LaChon Smith moved to Colorado.

9. Miscellaneous

- Board social July 18

19 Ways to Encourage Others

Encouragement goes straight to the heart. In fact, the word itself comes from a combination of the prefix "en" which means "to put into" and the Latin word "cor" which means heart. Knowing what a big difference encouragement makes in your own life, what can you do to help others "to take heart" when the going gets tough and way feels long?

1. Become aware of what encourages you, and do those same things for others.
2. Learn individuals' "love language"-the special way in which they feel most valued. In his book, *The Five Languages of Love*, Gary Chapman explains that not everyone's emotional needs are met in the same way, and that it's important to learn to speak others' "love language". The five love languages are: words of affirmation, spending quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service and physical touch.
3. If an encouraging thought comes to mind, share it! It may not have the same effect if you wait. Don't let shyness hold you back. Instead, form a new habit: "Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today..." (Hebrews 3:13).
4. When you introduce someone, add a few words of praise for the person's abilities, accomplishments, about how they've helped you or about the nature of your relationship. It's encouraging to be praised in front of others.
5. When someone is discouraged or hurting, offer specific, practical help. If you ask, "How can I help?" the person might be at a loss to answer. It's better to ask, "Would it help if I...(specific action) or say, "I would like to...(specific action)?"
6. Remind fellow Christians of the specific promises of God and characteristics of God. We may know something with our mind, but need to be reminded in our heart. The Apostle Peter wrote, "I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have" (2 Peter 2:12).
7. Write someone a note to tell them that you're praying for them. Tell them what you're praying. You can pray specific Scriptures for individuals such as Romans 15:13, "[I pray that] the God of hope [will] fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
8. Make celebration a more regular part of your relationships. Celebrate others' victories, large and small, with a note, with coffee together, with a special meal, a congratulatory phone call or just a high-five!
9. Be specific when you offer words of praise; it makes your encouragement more credible and concrete "You did a great job at..." "I really appreciate that you..." "I was really impressed that you..."

10. Encourage other believers with a reminder of Christ's coming. It redirects our thinking to an eternal perspective and ultimate deliverance from the sin and death. "We who are still alive and are left will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words." (1 Thessalonians 5:17b-18).

11. Realize the power of presence. Just being there is encouraging! When you're with others, you're telling them that they're important. The Apostle Paul closed his letter to the church at Colosse promising to send his friend Tychius "that he may encourage your hearts" (Colossians 4:8b).

12. If you're part of a church, Bible study or fellowship, be committed to showing up. Your simple presence encourages others that they are part of a community of faith and that they are not alone. That's why the writer of Hebrews says, "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as we see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

13. If someone you know is working on a large project, send her a single flower to encourage her at the beginning of the project, and a full bouquet when it's done.

14. Use encouragement as an outreach. If anyone should be known for being an encourager, it should be the Christian. Write a letter of appreciation to people at work, your apartment manager, your child's teacher or your doctor. Often when we interact with these people, we are asking for their services. Take time just to say thank you!

15. If you really want to encourage someone who gives you excellent service, write a letter of commendation to the person's boss.

16. We could learn something from the way team athletes freely pat, touch and high-five each other in competition. Touch is a powerful encouragement. Be sure to be sensitive in this area, though. Ask someone if you can hug her first. And be careful to be above reproach with persons of the opposite sex.

17. When you see someone making positive changes in their lives, affirm them. "You seem to have a really great attitude about..." "It may be that I'm just starting to take notice, but I see that you're..." "Do you think that you are becoming more...?"

18. Tell people how they've encouraged you!

19. Walk daily in the power of the Holy Spirit, asking Him to give you what you need to encourage others. Just as it is impossible to live the Christian life in one's own strength, it's also impossible to freely, unselfishly pour out encouragement without the help of the Holy Spirit who is our Encourager.

