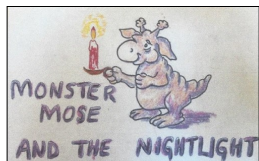


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My good friend George, who was in town last week, told me about a poem he wrote and illustrated years ago to help his son handle fears at night. I thought you, and your (grand)kids, might enjoy it.

Well, the lights went out without a peep, and they both snuggled under the covers deep.

The floor was dark and as cold as frost. Mose wanted up, whatever the cost.

As mommy tucked David and Mose into bed, she sang a lullaby.

But David had a bad dream, and he turned and tossed. Poor Mose landed in a heap.

Monster Mose had sleepy in one eye, he stretched and he yawned, and he let out a sigh.

She smiled and whispered it was time to sleep. And God heard the prayers they said.

They both hugged Mommy, and she kissed each head. They mumbled and grumbled they'd rather play instead.

But David didn't hear him though he yelled and he tugged. Poor Mose knew that he was lost.

So he looked straight up, and—Oh! What a sight! Just outside the window stars were shining bright.

Mose began to cry, he was in such a fright. He needed to be hugged.

And the moon above the treetops was the world's nightlight. And a thought came to Mose that brought him such delight—

The end zzzzzzz



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Vacation Bible School

JUNE 10-13 6:15-8:30

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School
9:15 AM
10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship NC
Offering \$6,881.88

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-6/9/19

Greeters Bonnie Ruebush
Visitors' Stand Rich & Karen Mann
Communion Meditation Paul Hunley
Doug Marlow
Ushers Rick Polley
Will Bartels
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Gary Gredzieleski
Chuck McLaughlin

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Jake Divjak
Infants Marilyn Wenneborg
Stacey Cantrell
Emma Warwick
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Dixie Williamson
Elizabeth Wright



--Chad Formea's college roommate in hospice with ALS.

--Carmen & Carly Karhliker travelling to Italy.

--Jonathan & Jeni returning from European river cruise.

--Frank & Joyce Embree at the death of a great granddaughter.

The Hidden Word

PROVERBS 22:17-18

"Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge; for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, that they may be ready on your lips."



SUNDAY'S COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Doug Marlow

The world seems to be spinning out of control these days, and it would appear difficult to pinpoint any one thing to blame. But if we look inward, and not outward, you would have to admit it's man's sinful nature that has caused the mess we are in, and none of us are innocent. We have all gone our own way and done our own thing with disastrous results.

In spite of the foolish notion often portrayed by some, no nation, no culture, no individual, is basically good. The world is filled with evil, and at one time or another, we've all had a hand in it.

As the prophet Isaiah puts it, "We all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah wasn't merely painting a picture of sinful humanity. The above Scripture was a prophecy of the coming Messiah.

Ultimately the world doesn't have a poverty problem, or a crime problem, or a sexual problem, or a terrorism problem, or even a climate problem. The world has a sin problem, and Jesus is the answer. We are ultimately criminals desperately in need of a pardon.

As Charles Sell put it, "If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness. So God sent us a Savior."

So, the bottom line is the world has a sin problem, and the answer is Jesus.

(Continued next column)



As I write this, VBS is a week away! WOW! Everything is coming together thanks to your willingness to assist wherever possible. This is going to be a good week, a good platform to teach attending kids about the faithfulness of our loving God.

Registrations continue to come in. It helps to have as many pre-registered as possible, but please don't let that stop anyone you talk with from coming. We have room for at least 20 more kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade so if asked, please just inform them to be here a little early on Monday and we will assign them to a group.

As a church family, please keep VBS in your prayers over the next few weeks. Kids are exposed to so much at such a young age in our society. Pray that God will use our efforts as a vehicle to draw these youngsters to Him as some hear the Gospel for the first time.

MEDITATION CONTINUED

The most quoted verse in the Bible, John 3:16, declares, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Less well known is the verse immediately following, John 3:17. "For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

There is no escaping this all important truth. We are all in need of a Savior. So, whether rich or poor, sick or well, imprisoned or free, in good times or bad; we all need that amazing grace and forgiveness provided by the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



The summer camping season at LSCA begins next week! Reagan Formea and Kate Sperry are our first two campers since High School week is first up on the schedule. The theme this year is SHINE! Teaching time allotted at the various camps will be centered around Matthew 5:16 which reads, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Please pray for the kids attending LSCA this summer!



LSCA has asked that we supply two volunteers for the morning of Monday, June 17th to help out in the kitchen from 10:30-12:30. Rick Polley has agreed to serve which leaves one opening left for anyone else in our congregation who can help out that morning. I'm not sure what you will be doing on that day, but you will get to experience an energetic lunch room full of 9th graders who love to eat every few hours.



We had 14 volunteers here today helping decorate our building for VBS! Thank you to all who volunteered to make this a special week for the kids in our community!