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I trust you noticed on the front page that two books are being considered for our Sunday night adult study this year. I really like them both, and feel either one would make for a good study with lots of discussion. In fact, we may eventually study both of them. But for now, it's up to you to decide which one we will begin on September 15th.

The first one up for consideration is *7 Reasons Why You Can Trust The Bible* by Erwin Lutzer, pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago. Dr. Lutzer does an exceptional job of exploring seven foundational arguments for the reliability of Scripture. He explores the Bible's claims about itself, its historical reliability, prophetic predictions that are fulfilled, what Jesus said about it, the harmony between science and the Bible, and how God has preserved it and lives have been changed by it. In a day of skepticism about everything, we need to make certain we understand why we can base our lives, and our eternal destiny, on a book that's thousands of years old.

The second book is *The Hand of God* by Alistair Begg. Alistair is the pastor of Parkside Church in Cleveland, who is from Scotland and still preaches with a brogue. His writing, however, transcends cultures and speaks powerfully to the people of God wherever they are. In this delightful book he reveals things about the life of Joseph, and God's providential care of him, that I had never considered. If you would like to be reassured about God's guiding and protecting hand, this study will help you face the trials of life.

Please let me know which study you would prefer within the next two weeks so I can get them ordered. We'll decide how to best cover the material in them once we start meeting together.

And speaking of Sunday nights, I've been talked into showing pictures from our European trip this Sunday at 6:00. But be forewarned, I still have a ton of pictures on my iPhone, and Chris is figuring out how to project them all on the auditorium wall. So if you come, you may want to bring some snacks to stay awake, or just bring a pillow.

God Bless, Rick

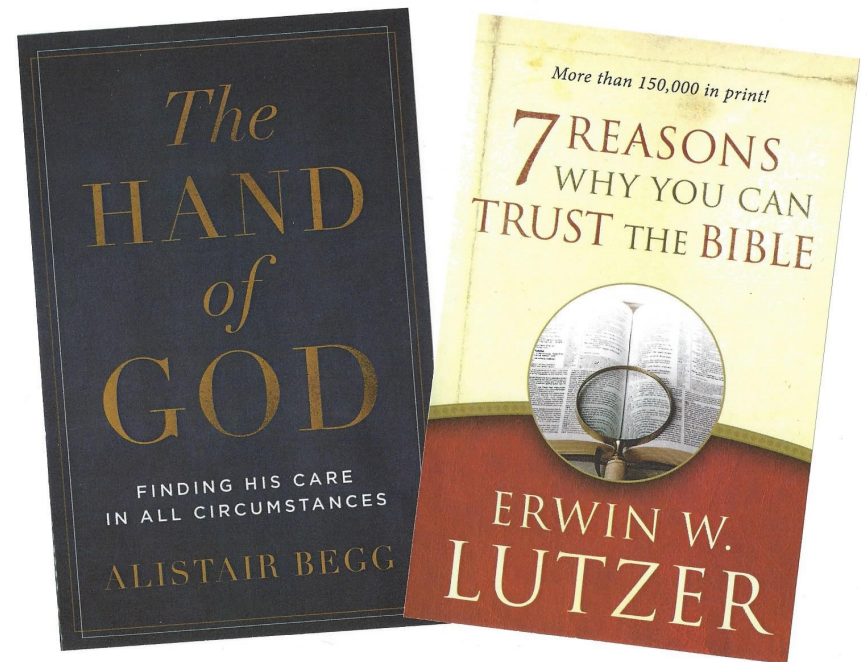


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THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

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

STATISTICS

	7/21	
Worship		108
Offering		\$3,975.81
	7/28	
Worship		127
Offering		\$4,390.57

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-8/4/19

Greeters	Beryl & Jamella Reese
Visitors' Stand	Bonnie Ruebush
Communion Meditation	Paul Hunley
	Jonathan Sperry
Ushers	Kirk Polley
	Scott Bales
	Chris Luzio
	Will Bartels
	Brad Stirmell
	Chuck McLaughlin
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Renee & Courtney Bales
Infants.....	Karen Mann
	Nicole Moore
	Kaelyn Mann
Sunday School	
Toddlers.....	Julie Divjak
Infants.....	Jonathan & Jeni Sperry

The Hidden Word

HOSEA 6:6

"For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Shocking Stats!

(From Revival Outside the Walls website)

- ♦ 52% of all "Christians" believe that non-Christian faiths can lead to eternal life.
- ♦ 69% of churchgoers believe that everyone will go to heaven.
- ♦ 93% of practicing Christians aren't comfortable to have a conversation about the Lord with their own grandchildren.



AUGUST SERVERS

8/11: Jonathan Sperry, Paul Hunley
8/18 & 8/25: Doug Marlow, Paul Hunley

AUGUST PROJECTIONIST

Chad Formea

AUGUST GREETERS

8/11 Rhonda Luzio
8/18 Will & Sara Bartels
8/25 Brad Stirmell

AUGUST VISITORS' STAND

8/11 Bob & Dixie Williamson
8/18 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
8/25 Judy Marlow

AUGUST NURSERY

Worship - 8/11

Toddlers: Rhonda Luzio
Anna Hunley
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Sara & Regan Bartels
Sunday School
Infants: Kristin Polley
Vicki Small

Worship - 8/18

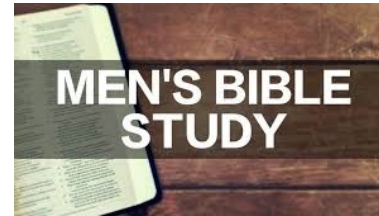
Toddlers: Kelly Donaldson
Kate Sperry
Infants: Kristin Polley
Adora Burdinsky
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School
Infants: Rebecca Smith
Karen Mann

Worship - 8/25

Toddlers: Vicki Small
Jake Divjak
Infants: Janice McLaughlin
Stacey Cantrell
Grace Hunley
Sunday School
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Kileen Huber

Missing a Jacket?

A nice gray Free Tech jacket in 2X has been hanging in the hallway for several months. If it is yours, please claim it before it finds its way to a donation box.



It looks like Thursday night beat out Tuesday night for the Men's Bible Study. We will start at my house on the Thursday after Labor Day which is September 5th. We will meet at 7:00pm.

Also, an idea was put on the table suggesting that a few guys rotate leading us through the chapter for the evening. I love that idea! When you prepare to lead the discussion, it definitely pulls you into the text in deeper ways. I'll lead the first one, Scott has agreed to lead the second study, then we'll look for volunteers after that.

Please let me know soon if you are interested in attending so I can order the books. We will be going through a commentary by Warren Weirsbe on Galatians titled "Be Free." It should set the stage for some great discussions!



Our ultimate frisbee games are growing, but there is still room for you if you want to get some exercise and enjoy a fun activity at the same time! Next Tuesday, we are planning to play on a field in the Southwest corner of South Park in Chatham. Pull in the park off Main Street and look to the right across from the baseball fields, you should see some guys gather there around 6:30. You will sweat, gasp for breath and probably mess up a few times like the rest of us, but don't let that stop you from coming. Hope to see you there!



Statistics vary but one thing is for sure, thousands of children die every day from hunger related causes. Carrie Sexton's home church in St. Louis is hosting a MobilePack event through the Feed My Starving Children organization where volunteers will gather to pack meals for those undernourished throughout the world. Last year, they packed over 380,000 meals. This year, their goal is to pack 450,000 meals over 4 days in St. Louis.

To accomplish this, they need around 1,800 volunteers. All the material for the event has been provided. So, this is a great opportunity for a Family Service Project! In only two hours, each family member will pack nearly enough food to feed a child for a year. Most volunteers are at assembly-line type packing stations where they scoop, bag, weigh, or seal bags filled with rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals. Family members or individuals ages 5 and up are welcome as jobs are assigned based on everyone's individual ability.

It would be fantastic if we could get a group (12-15 people per table) or maybe even two groups from CCC to participate on Saturday, September 22nd. We can officially register our groups on August 19th, so please consider donating a couple hours of your life to make a huge impact in the life of a child who needs our help. Afterwards, since we are in the area, we can brainstorm something fun to do around St. Louis. A sign up sheet will be posted in the hallway this Sunday.