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From The Desk of Pastor Jon

We just finished our series on “Abraham: The Father of Faith.”

We learned about the history of Judaism and Christianity and how Abraham was a man of faith. We also learned about how he stumbled. Our next sermon series is entitled, “From Saul to Paul.” We begin with the conversion of the Apostle Paul called, “Blinded by the Light.”



I had someone ask me why I am doing a six week series instead of doing individual sermons. My answer is that many times Pastors preach on their favorite topics rather than gradually moving through the word of God. Moving slowly through the scriptures is often called “expository preaching.” It means that the original context of the scripture is explained and then application is made. If we don’t fully understand what was happening, we may take the scripture out of context. “God wants everyone to be healed,” “God wants everyone to be rich,” “America, love it or leave it” type sermons are popular, but out of context with Scripture.



I was watching “Religulous” by Bill Maher the other day. The movie is a documentary that mocks Christianity and Christians along with other religions. Bill Maher is an agnostic or atheist who hates religion and particularly Christianity. He interviewed dozens of Christian leaders who had very little knowledge of the Bible and made a mockery of them for his movie. I have found that many Christians, including Christian leaders, are biblically illiterate. In focusing on expository preaching, we begin to understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how it can change our lives. Please join in as we study the exciting life of the former “Christ-Killer,” the Apostle Paul.

In His Service,

Pastor Jon

CHURCH CAMP



crossings

cross over from death to life



When: July 1-5, 2013

Where: Crossings @ Cedarmore

Cost: \$280*

*\$50 **Non-Refundable** Deposit Due October 7, 2012

There will be multiple opportunities for fundraising throughout the next 10 months.

The Town Wide Yard Sale on October 6, 2012 will be the first fundraiser for camp.

GRADES 6-12
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
11:00 AM

GRADES 6-12
WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS
3:00 PM -
8:00 PM

GRADES 6-12
SUNDAY
NIGHTS
6:00 PM

Youth Events

September 8, 2012--**Service Project at FBC Crothersville** -- 8:30 AM-Until

September 22, 2012--**Paintball Outing in Brown County** -- 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (\$45)

October 6, 2012--**Town Wide Yard Sale** -- 6:00 AM-12:00 PM (Fundraiser for Camp)

October 22, 2012--**Scavenger Hunt** -- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (details will follow)

July 1-5, 2013--**Crossings Church Camp** -- (\$280)

The Ezekiel Chronicles

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Jesus said in Matthew 5:19-20, "Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Many people realize a need for God in their lives, repent of their sin, and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. They become new Christians, attend a church with some regularity, and some even join a church. In their excitement, they strive to serve Christ and to follow God's will for them in the church. However, when new visitors whom we are trying to disciple, or maybe even a non-Christian, asks the basic questions about the belief of a Christian, they really don't know how to answer.

The reason for this is the majority of Christians know the basics of why we need salvation and how to accept Christ as Savior, but have never been discipled beyond that point. In order for us as Christians to advance the Kingdom of God and be a stronger army for the Lord, it is imperative that we know what we believe and why we believe it. In doing so, we will be effective and knowledgeable disciples of Jesus Christ.

With that being said, beginning the first Sunday of October, I will be leading a Sunday School class on discipleship. This class will encompass spiritual disciplines, family worship, and foundations of the faith. This class will help us to build stronger roots as individual Christians and as a church body. It will also enable us to identify false doctrines and stand in confidence and know what we believe as a church.

We welcome everyone to come and join us for some in-depth study and fellowship. Look for more information on this class coming in September.

For God's Glory,

Pastor Mike

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Upcoming Events in September:

September 9: Church-wide Pitch in Dinner and Gospel Sing

Church-wide dinner: 5PM

Gospel Sing with Smith and Company: 6:30 PM

October will include the annual hay ride. (Details to come at a later time)

I will be out of town from August 31 to September 4, but you can reach me on my cell at 812-569-4165

YARD SALE

October 6, 2012

6:00 AM -- 11:00 AM

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Furniture Electronics Books
Clothes Tools

WE WILL TAKE ANYTHING!

FBC CROTHERSVILLE PARKING LOT

Here is how this will work:

- Look through your house/storage and find whatever you want to donate to the yard sale.
- Contact the church office or Taylor to arrange pick up of your items, or simply drop them off at the church.
- If you are interested in receiving a receipt for a tax deduction, we can make this happen as well.
- If you are interested in volunteering to work the yard sale or have any suggestions, feel free to contact Taylor.

**BIG OR SMALL, WE WILL
TAKE IT ALL!**

There will also be a breakfast in the FLC from 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM for missions.

Staff Highlight: Becky Allen

What is your position here at FBC Crothersville and how long have you been in that position?

I have worked here at FBC for 7 years as the Secretary/Clerk/Notary Public.

What responsibilities does this position entail?

My responsibilities include making weekly worship service bulletins, answering phones, notary public, taking minutes at our monthly business meetings, working with the pastor and staff in taking statistics, new members information, and help facilitate their duties, and other duties deemed relevant to the office of secretary.

What are the church hours each week?

Wednesday's and Friday's from 10 am to 3:30 pm

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

I am married to Gary Allen for 41 years and have two beautiful daughters, Shannon and Lori. I have been a member of FBC for 16 years, and I have been a Sunday school teacher for 5 years. The light of my life are my two grandsons who live in Columbus and my granddaughter who lives in Sellersburg. They keep Grampy and Grammy hopping going to their football games.

What are some of your hobbies?

I like to read mystery novels and sitting on the beach listening to the ocean waves.

Is there anything in your life that we can be praying for you about?

I need prayers for my health and the doctors to find what is causing my sleepiness and lack of energy.

