

Mohn's Hill Church

The Hill News

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Western Eyes

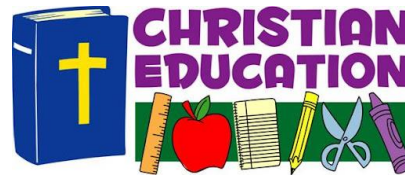
By Pastor Ken

I just finished reading a book entitled, "Misreading Scripture With Western Eyes." In the book, the authors, E Randolph Richards and Brandon J O'Brien, contend that our ingrained culture of individualism causes us to incorrectly interpret Scripture through the lens of our North American point of view instead of the worldview in which the original authors lived. This is due, in large part, to the fact that we live in an individualistic society, where personal rights are declared the most important part of society, versus a collectivist culture where what is best for the group is deemed as supreme.

The authors give many examples of how Scripture can be misread because of these cultural differences. One example given comes from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. In his letter, we read that Paul instructs women to cover their heads (1 Cor 11:5-6). While the reason is not made immediately clear, we in the Western world often interpreted it to mean that women are to practice physical modesty. The reason for our deduction is

because we live in a world where physical modesty is not always practiced. However, from Paul's worldview, he was not discussing physical modesty. Instead, Paul was addressing the Corinthian women's practice of making church less a public event (when respectable women wore head coverings) and more like a dinner party (when women did not wear head coverings). In other words, Paul is addressing the lack of respect and reverence for the church service, not physical modesty.

When we read Scripture, we must take into account our worldview, the writer's worldview, and our own life bias. Otherwise, we may be Misreading Scripture With Western Eyes.



From Christian Education by Lindsey Hart

Hello, Mohn's Hill family! Are you interested in

discipling others? Are you looking to be involved in fellowship & growing in Christ together? I've got just the thing for you! The Christian Education Committee oversees areas including: Nursery, youth & adult Sunday School, Children's Church,

Small Groups, the Women's Mentoring Ministry, BKC, & more! We would love to have more people attend our meetings!

Contact Lindsey at lindseyhartphotography@gmail.com to be added to the email list. You'll have updates from our meetings, and we can let you know when the next one is scheduled! We are so very thankful for our

volunteers ... these ministries would not be able to thrive without you!



Summer Volunteer Opportunities by April Matz

Springtime brings preparation for the summer. Summer brings many ways to get involved through our church. One way you can help out is with Celebrate Reading on Tuesday evenings during June and July here at the church.

The Celebrate Reading program keeps community kids reading all summer long. Did you know that students lose a great amount of their learning over the summer and that is what educators refer to as the summer slide? Celebrate Reading is one fun filled evening a week that has the goal of keeping kids reading all summer long. We have had many parents express their appreciation for this program. There are various volunteer opportunities with this unique ministry that meets the need in the life of children.

Another way you can help out this summer is by volunteering at the Backyard Kids Club down at the Adamstown Grove in the evenings the week of July 21-25. There are so many different ways you can help serve during this week-long vacation Bible school ministry to the community; security, snacks, station leader, kid helper, registration, and more. Not to mention have a lot of fun serving God and the community. We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved including teenagers and adults. This year specifically there have been some changes to the program so it is a great year to come out and get involved as we all experience new things together and follow where God is leading this ministry.

Be sure to read your bulletin for all the details to get involved with either of these community ministry opportunities. In springtime, we prepare the soil and plant seeds. In summer we watch them bloom. Within the life of our church, you can sign up and prepare yourself this spring; so that maybe this summer you can make the difference in the life of a child and watch them bloom.



Parents: We Need Your Help: We are so blessed to have an excellent playground for our preschool students and our church family. However, we have noticed that the rubber mulch is being thrown on the equipment. We are asking parents of our church family to please ask your children not to throw the mulch, or to leave toys out in the elements. By helping out we can all enjoy the playground. Thank you in advance.

From the Nursery: What a joy it is to have the children come to the nursery to play and learn about Jesus. The Christian Education Committee wants to remind all parents that if your child is exhibiting an illness or has a fever, please refrain from bringing them to the nursery. By helping out, we can keep illness to a minimum.



An Update from The Outreach Director by Debra Briggs

As Spring draws closer, I think of warmer weather, birds chirping and flowers blooming but most important I think of our creator, for without Him none of these things would exist. I am reminded that each of us is a new creation through Jesus. I think of how our Lord created each of us in His image, but we all have God given talents and gifts that make us unique.

These past few months as the Outreach Director I

have had the opportunity to meet new people, some I have walked alongside of and served with and many I have met were just in need of a meal, a listening ear, a loving heart, a kind smile or someone to pray with. We are called to make a difference and to continue to build God's Kingdom for His Glory. Through each person I have encountered, I am reminded of the verse, whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me. When we are helping others, we are serving Jesus and what a blessing that is! Serving others and using our talents and gifts is something God calls us to do. We are to be Christlike and serve one another, to be Jesus's hands and feet. When we live a life of servanthood as a church, lives are changed both inside our church and in the world around us. Blessing others with a serving heart and showing God's love to everyone we meet blesses us as well. If you would like more information on how you can serve, please let me know. I would be honored to walk alongside you.



The Ministry Council by Terry Ventresca, Ministry Council President

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray this newsletter finds you and your families doing well! I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Ministry Council president. As president of the Ministry Council it is my honor and privilege to serve with a group of outstanding people who make up the Council's membership. Without their hard work and dedication our Church would not be the successful ministry that we are. I would like to recognize the members of the ministry council:
Support Staff: Rev. Ken Ogden - Pastor, Debra Briggs - Director of Outreach, April Matz -

Director of Kiddie City Preschool and Ministry Associate, Sandy Storm - Administrative assistant, Volunteer Staff: David Reed - Treasurer, Barb Fink - Ministry Council Secretary, Lisa Geletka - Spiritual Care, Mark Kern - Property, Lindsey Hart -Christian Education, Casey Long -Music and Worship, Linda Reed -Evangelism, Julie Sheidy - Pastoral Relations Committee, Mike Sheidy - Security and Cemetery , Randy Wingenroth - Missions, and Carla Burkhart, Bob Storm, and Angel Torres- Members at Large

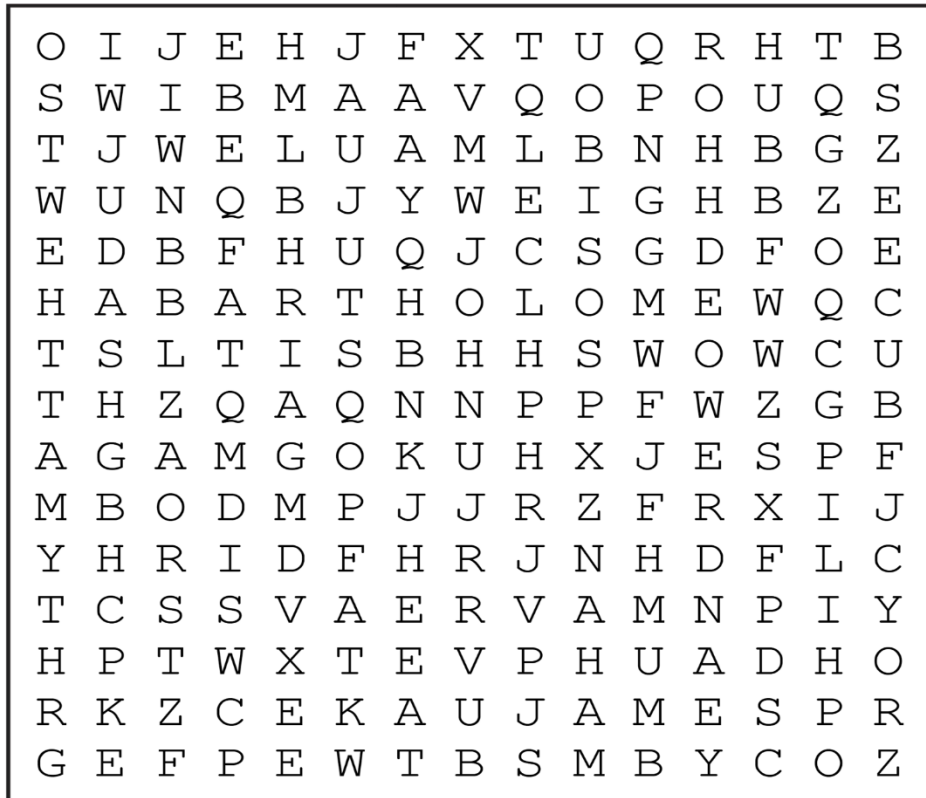
This fall the Ministry Council will participate in a leadership retreat where we will perform a Church health survey and set the 1, 3, and 5 year goals for our Church. Along with you, we are able to take HIS mission into the world. Matthew 5:14 - (the words of Jesus)" You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." We are HIS Church on the hill shining bright for those around us to see.





Bible Word Search

Apostles / Disciples



Word list:

PETER
ANDREW
JAMES
JOHN
PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS
MATTHEW
JAMES
THADDAEUS
SIMON
JUDAS



