

## Learning from “The Chosen”

Starting in September I will be doing something I've never done with a sermon series before. You might remember a few years ago a sermon series on several Dr. Seuss books...I had never done that before; but many people received those messages well. I have been singing the praises of the television series, “The Chosen” for a while now. I have decided to utilize this series as the **background for a sermon series**. Here is how it will work.

Each Sunday we will focus on one episode of the series. We won't simply rehash or discuss what happened in the episode, rather I will focus on one particular aspect of the episode and use the Bible text that the episode covers or a related Bible text. I will also comment each day on the Facebook sermon group post about some aspect of that week's episode. I think you'll get the most out of this series if you watch each episode before Monday of the week that particular episode will be covered. If you've already watched the series, I suggest re-watching the episodes as we go along. I've picked up many more things as I've watched the episode for the second time. If you haven't watched the episode, you can still benefit from the sermon. During our service I will show a brief video clip of the show that highlights the point of emphasis for the week.

The sermon series begins on September 5<sup>th</sup>. You can watch the episodes on your phone via “The Chosen” app or you can watch the episodes commercial free at [www.thechosen.tv](http://www.thechosen.tv).

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric



## IT IS NOW TIME!

It is now time to turn in your calendar dates for the **2022 Church Calendar**. If you or your group or team has **practices, events, activities, meetings, meals, etc.** that you wish to hold **either here at the church or offsite**, please provide the information to the appropriate ministry team leader. The calendar helps prevent events from competing for our time. Use of the church also needs to be scheduled to prevent conflicts for space and for the best use of our facility. (Ministry team leaders please turn in your dates to the church office for the proposed calendar.)

A **Church Calendar ADDITION Form** needs to be completed for **every church activity** so that none are missed. Be sure to include the start & end times, preparation start & end times, and rooms to be used. Just because your event or meeting was on the calendar in the past, please do not assume anything. Again, don't forget to submit offsite activities.

A **Facility Use Agreement** needs to be completed for private use of the church facility. This and other forms can be found in the church office or by going to **[www.bvcob.com](http://www.bvcob.com)**.

Thank you for keeping your church family informed of the where and when of church life. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Note: In order to give priority to church functions and ministries, calendar dates for 2022 must be submitted from the ministry teams by October 1, 2021. No outside groups will be permitted to schedule any events for 2022 (with the exceptions of weddings) until after November 1, 2021.

## Youth & Young Adult Activities

**Game Night: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month, (**September 8**, 6 – 8 pm). Whatever your age, join us for adventure board games of many different kinds!

The **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>)** are **movie nights** in the PIT at 6:30 pm, where we enjoy a movie and food together along with much conversation and discussion of life and faith around the movie.

### Youth Sunday Afternoons (Theme: Mental Health)

- September 6 - (Sunday) No Youth  
[Labor Day Weekend]
- September 12 - (Sunday, 1 – 5 pm)  
Off Site - Cherry Run
- September 19 - (Sunday, 4 – 6 pm)  
Youth at church
- September 26 - (Sunday, 4 - 6 pm)  
Youth - "Drive By Blessings"

Peace,  
Pastor K



Did you buy your gift cards?

## BVCOB Youth: PIT



(Youth and families striving to be more  
Passionate about, Intimate with, Transformed by  
Christ)

*"... make my joy complete: be of the same mind,  
having the same love, being in full accord and of  
one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or  
conceit, but in humility regard others as better than  
yourself. Let each of you look not to your own  
interests, but to the interests of others."*

*Philippians 2:2-4*

This is the first part of our Youth Bible  
Memory passage this month. I am offering a  
\$25 Amazon gift card to those who will  
memorize it - a worthwhile investment. What if  
these words would go through our children's  
heads when they interact with their sibling, or  
parent?

On a whim, I recently suggested a "spiritual  
practice" of 'wonder': instead of immediately  
criticizing our sibling's actions or words, ask  
yourself, "I wonder why they said that or did  
that?" It was meant as a playful way to stop  
siblings from spontaneously combusting, but  
has stretched me in unexpected ways. When  
someone drives differently than we want, or  
shares a strong opinion different than my own,  
or doesn't arrive on time to a meeting, or is  
upset by my own lateness...I'm sure you could  
name other instances. This simple question of  
"I wonder why they ..." opened up my mind to  
somebody else's interest - not just my own.

Self-centeredness is obviously not a new  
thing - Paul is encouraging a fairly competent  
church to do better at working toward unity.  
His very practical suggestion is to consider  
others - maybe the question, "I wonder" can  
help us do that.

Peace,  
Pastor K



There is comfort in the fact that God  
can never be taken by surprise.

Frank Gaebelein



## Leading the Way

I am looking for someone to take over the  
Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief trips. I will  
no longer be available to organize these trips  
anymore. If anyone is interested in taking this  
over please let me know and I will help you get  
started.

Thank You,  
Ashley Wetzell



## Did you Know??



We accept all types of metal for recycling??

Bring your aluminum cans and any metal that  
you have, even appliances, piping, old metal  
ladders, car parts and even old tools can all be  
recycled.

There is a trailer by the shed where you can  
place your items. If you have any questions,  
please talk to Jake Myer.

Help support Operation Christmas Child by  
bringing in these items. The money from the  
**recycling helps pay for shipping** the Operation  
Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Vicki Bastian for Mission Ministry Team



Forgiveness is not just an occasional act,  
it is a permanent attitude.

Martin Luther King, Jr

From Your Lead Pastor,



Is There Integrity Apart from God?

This morning I listened to a sermon by Andy Stanley on integrity. I shared it on my Facebook page today (8/11/21) if you'd like to find it and listen to it. I thought I'd share some of it with you. Here is a dictionary definition of integrity: "Integrity is the practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values." I wonder if the writer of this definition knows how truly religious or spiritual this definition is?

Note the spiritual language; "honest", "moral principles and values". The important thing to remember is that without God, there is no anchor to words like moral principles and values. What is moral to one culture may be immoral to another culture. Who is right? Are both cultures right? Why is being honest important? Who gets to say that honesty is the best policy? Haven't we all at various times decided that being dishonest was actually the best policy...having lied to someone to try to convince them that we in fact are not liars?

Where does the idea of integrity originate? Where does the "right way" of doing things originate and is it anchored or does it flex with culture? Proverbs 11:3 says, "*The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.*" If that scripture is true, then integrity is a pretty important thing for all of us isn't it?

God has written His law in our hearts. We have an intrinsic revelation of what is right and wrong. Let's not push against that. Rather, let's submit to God's revelation around integrity.

Also, this topic is a really good way to begin a conversation with someone who doesn't think he believes in God or who sees belief in God as useless. I'm pretty sure that this person doesn't want to be lied to or cheated or deceived. I'm pretty sure he would get upset if his car was stolen...why? Why do we care if we are lied to? Why do we know, somewhere inside of us, that we have done something wrong when we lie? This is the internal law of God that is written on everyone's heart. No one can deny this and the idea of thinking about it can help open up a conversation about God and integrity.

God Bless,  
Pastor Eric

Do You Get All The News You Need?

Contact the church office to receive:

**Church News**

news@bvcob.com

**Prayer Concerns**

prayer@bvcob.com

**Share Ads**

share-ads@bvcob.com

## We Can Do This!

FILL THEM WITH



We are still in need of a number of items to fill our shoeboxes. Will you please take the time to check the list and help us get the needed items? We will collect the items through the beginning of November, but **please consider how you can help us reach the goal now!**

Join the Mission Ministry Team in sharing some fun, some necessities and most of all, the story of our Savior. Please glance over the shopping list located at the mission table for the items that are being given to the children.

Take note, some are new items for this year, and some items that we have typically done in the past have been removed from the list. Next week you will receive an updated list of what we are requesting from you, our very generous church family.

Thank you to those who have donated already, we appreciate your kindness. Remember, all items can be purchased at any of the local Dollar Tree stores.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and Happy Shopping!

Tracie Diehl, for Mission Ministry Team



## Church Auction Date Set March 5, 2022

Mark your calendars and start saving your donations. If you have items to donate that you cannot store, please contact me. We also are looking for new people to step forward to help plan and work this fun event. Call or text me at 570-452-4854.

Steve Richard



## Men's Breakfast Is Back

We are back to meeting on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** of each month at **7 AM** for Men's Breakfast at Sam Beiler's house. Join us for a tasty breakfast made by Sam, lively fellowship, and time in the Word together. We would love to have you there!

Zach Showers, for Men's Ministry

## LOOKING AHEAD



October 3 – Love Feast

October 29 & 30 - Children's Retreat

November 7 – Fall Church Council Meeting

November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 27 – Kettle Cook

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

March 5, 2022 – Church Auction



## CHURCH CALENDAR

Please remember that the calendar in The Lamplighter is only a copy from the church events calendar. For the complete view of the current official calendar including facility in use items visit the church website, **[www.bvcob.com](http://www.bvcob.com)**.

## Who Can Stand Against Us?

YOU = ONE

YOU + GOD = AN INFINITE NUMBER



## The Bin is Back!

The Mission Ministry Team is happy to announce that the **Community Aid Bin** has been returned! Please bring your clean gently used clothes in a bag and place them in the bin. The bin is emptied every week and we will receive credit for your donations. The money received will help pay for sending the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please read the instructions below that have come with the bin. Thank you in advance for your clothing and shoe donations!!

Vicki Bastian  
Mission Ministry Team Leader

## 1. No Trash

**Clothing bins are not to be confused with dumpsters.**

You may have noticed that there are less CommunityAid bins in your community than before. Unfortunately, this is the result of an unmanageable amount of trash that has been dumped at our collection bins. Please do NOT leave any type of trash in or around our bins.



## 2. No Dumping

**Room in the bin? Put it in! Can't fit anymore? Take it to the store!**

Please do NOT leave any items outside of the bin for any reason. Leaving donations outside of the bin ruins them and turns them into trash (see #1). They're also at high risk of being stolen. If your bin is full, please seek another option:

- **Take it to a store!** Did you know that clothing donations dropped off at any of our six stores can be credited to your nonprofit partner of choice for financial impact? Find our list of stores at [communityaid.org/shop](http://communityaid.org/shop).
- **Save it for later!** Hang onto those valued donations until your bin has more space to keep them safe inside. Who knows, you may even find more to add to that bag!

## 3. Clothing and Shoes Preferred

**Have household items to donate? Consider bringing them to a store instead.**

By only donating clothing and shoes in our bins, you'll help us create more room in the bin (addressing #1 and #2!) AND you'll be keeping other donations as well as our drivers safe from sharp or broken objects.



Speaking of broken objects... by donating your household items at the store, you'll be able to preserve their quality and function so another family can enjoy them as much as you have!

## 4. Clean Clothes, Please!

**Don't forget to wash your clothes before donating!**

Clothing items are put directly on the sales floor after being inspected, sorted, and tagged by our team.

Please help us continue to offer only quality items by washing your clothing donations prior to donating.



## 5. Secure Your Donations

**Tie up your bag to keep those donations snug!**

Donations dropped off in a bag or box that is not securely closed run the risk of stains, tears, and permanent damage.

Please help us maintain the quality of items we sell in the stores by tightly securing your donations in your packaging of choice.



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8:00 AM - Worship Service  
9:00 AM - Fellowship Time  
9:20 AM - Sunday school  
10:30 AM - Worship Service