



This week at Mission Bell Monday, August 14, 2017

Pastor's Pontification

The uniqueness of our faith in an omniscient God as well as our commitment to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit allows us to trust in God's plan for our church, each individual and our families. As we turn our church and our lives over to God, we acknowledge that he has a much clearer picture of who we are and who we are to become than do we. The Lord loves his children and his fellowship of believers. The Gospel of Luke reminds us that God knows each sparrow and cares for them. It goes on to state that if the sparrow is important to God, how much more important are we, His children. Luke 12:7 reads, "And the very hairs on your head are numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows".

The significance of the fact that God has even numbered the hairs on our head is we are so important to Him that he knows us, every aspect of our being. That does not mean that He controls our existence or acts arbitrarily toward us. Jesus assures us that we have free will. We are not pawns in God's game of chess. When we give our lives to Christ, God, through the power of His Holy Spirit indwells within us. We are changed. We no longer live only for ourselves. We take up the cause of Christ and the message of salvation.

The future of Mission Bell or any other church for that matter is to be found in the ministry of outreach and discipling. If we are faithful in spreading the Gospel through 'every nation', we will see the power of God and know that He not only 'sees and knows all', but that he is all powerful. We are stewards of the Gospel and we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. As we share the message of salvation, Christ makes his presence known in the lives of those who turn to him. As we watch lives being changed, such joy fills the fellowship that it will not be contained. We become 'crazy happy'.

Personally, I love to get crazy happy for God!

What's Happening This Week

Birthdays: Renee Lentz 8/15, Helen Ciba 8/16, Jaime Vance 8/18

The **education team** met and they are starting Sunday school the second Sunday in September. MBUMC will offer an adult conversation group (class) focused on key points of the sermon. It will be located in the music prep room.

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Our church has a pretty nice web site, and it could be even better if there was someone that has a bit of time to devote to its upkeep. Joan Klein is currently posting information with the help of a conference guru, but it would be lovely if someone that is computer savvy would like to learn how it's done and help out with keeping things current. We could also use some more administrators on the Facebook page. Let Joan know (call the church office or check your membership directory for contact information) if you would be interested in helping with the social media side of our ministry.



Coming Soon

Dinner groups will soon be starting up, watch the newsblast for information. If you would like to participate in dinner groups, please contact Connie Haines or watch soon for sign up sheets.



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