

A devotion for August

The fact that God has chosen some to be saved does not mean that He has chosen the rest to be lost. The world is already lost and dead in sins. If left to ourselves, all of us would be condemned eternally. The question is: Does God have a right to stoop down, take a handful of already doomed clay, and fashion a vessel of beauty out of it? Of course He does. C.R. Erdman put it in right perspective when he said, "God's sovereignty is never exercised in condemning men who ought to be saved, but rather it has resulted in the salvation of men who ought to be lost."

The only way people can know if they are among the elect is by trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. God holds people responsible to accept the Savior by an act of the will. In reproving those Jews who did not believe, Jesus placed the blame on their will. He did not say, "You cannot come to Me because you are not chosen." Rather, He did say, "You are not willing to come to Me that you may have life." (John 5:40)

The real question of a believer is not, Does the sovereign God have the right to choose people to be saved? Rather, it is, Why did He choose me? This should make a person a worshiper for all eternity.

From *Alone in Majesty*
William MacDonald

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A message from our pastor Bill Proctor

In an uncertain world we can trust our certain God

Trust. I must need to strengthen my trust in God's ability to act in my life because I have certainly been in the midst of many lessons in learning to trust more deeply and more fully in God's power and willingness to act in my life.

Lesson number **one** – trusting God would lead just the right individuals to serve as our new youth directors. After searching several months and interviewing several fine candidates who eventually turned us down, and then beginning a nation-wide search, the Lord lead Sarah Hooker and Jake Halfmann right to our door. You will read more about them in this newsletter, and they begin their ministry with us August 1, just in time to help us begin another new school year. Trust.

Lesson number **two** – you may not know that Lanee and I decided a few months back to downsize, so we placed our home on the market. As everyone knows this is not a good time to be selling a home, but our house sold in a month – we thought. The buyers loved the house and came many times to see it, but soon they began insisting we do some repainting, fix faucets that did not need repairing, repair an oven that already worked perfectly – and many other unnecessary things, all of which we did at our own expense – and then they withdrew their offer the evening before the sale was to be final and bought a home in Brownwood.... Happily our house has sold again, but this time the buyers appear to have the "cart before the horse" – making an offer and signing a contract before securing a loan. Trust.

Lesson number **three** – did I mention we have already purchased another house? We are now the proud owners of a 100 year-old former farmhouse located at the corner of S. Madison and Ave. K. We are also now the proud owners of two mortgages until our current house sells. Trust.

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May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21



A heart-felt welcome to our new youth directors...

Dear Friends,

We welcome our new youth directors: Sara Hooker and Jake Halfmann. Sara and Jake recently joined our church and are engaged to be married next June. They will share this position as they finish their final semesters at ASU. They are an outstanding young couple and will provide our youth with spiritual leadership, community-building recreation and fellowship. God has heard our prayers and blessed once again!

Jake will graduate with a degree in Animal Science. He is on the Dean's List. Jake has organized workouts for youth at the YMCA, is a Certified Personal Trainer, and has farmed with his father on the family farm in Vancourt. He is a Decathlete and has placed in the Lone Star Conference in track and field. Jake has assisted in VBS classes, helped in service projects and fund-raising events.

Sara will earn her BS in Biology from ASU and is on the Dean's List. She is a two-time All-

American in track and field. Sara is the recipient of the 2010 ASU Athletic Academic Excellence Award and won the LSC Female Athlete of the Year award both in 2009 and 2010. She has served a one-year term as a youth member of the Session at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, directed VBS, directed Christian Education and organized Sunday School for the youth and young adults.

Both Jake and Sara come highly recommended and by the grace of God.

A huge thank you to the Youth Committee, John Allison and Lauren Heare for their leadership this summer. Our youth have enjoyed Monday evening fellowship at the Lake Lodge, have attended The Great Escape, Youth Synod and the Triennium. They were instrumental in the search for our new youth directors.

Blessings to Jake and Sara as they begin their new ministry!

Kary Rawlings

Deacons deserve huge thank you!

Dear Friends,

A huge "Thank you!" goes to the Deacons, Ken Newman, and Rod Winn for their tremendous help in patching a hole in the ceiling of Mrs. Norma Joe Williams' home. A trellis was also cleaned and other small duties performed. The greatest gift of all was the joy of being able to serve one so worthy and to hear the stories of the talented and faithful Norma Joe. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Kary Rawlings



- 8/1 Terry Rigdon
- 8/2 Linda Kilman,
- 8/3 Cindy McCammon
Krisanna Byars, Katherine Jost
- 8/4 Mary Erwin, Hayden Boster
- 8/5 Lydia Davis, Emily Catalani
- 8/6 Evalie Grigg, Bryce Parsons,
Che Stone
- 8/7 Charles Beattie, Alexa Byars
- 8/8 Annie Roeben
- 8/9 Cameron Hunt
- 8/10 Mary Van Kirk, Brandt Bates
- 8/11 Carolyn Turner, Carolyn Bradley, Griggs Holland
- 8/12 Crystin Darby, Amanda Walling,
Creel Goodman, Brenda McManus Kissko,
Colette Mull
- 8/13 Birdie Bruce, Preston Walvoord, Jansen Curry
- 8/16 Gus Eckhardt

- 8/17 Dwain Gober, Kathleen Pfluger
- 8/19 Trey Hohmann, Gene Sherrod,
Laura Fidelie
- 8/20 Grayson Collum, R.T. Mackie
- 8/21 Emory Albert
- 8/22 Carter Behrens
- 8/24 Jim Lane
- 8/25 Georgia C. Edwards, Jason Wall,
Kim Walvoord, Mike Cornell
- 8/28 Rudy Akin, Mary June Beck,
Caroline Allison
- 8/29 Spencer Proctor, Susan Williams,
Teri McQueen

A birthday is just the first day of another
365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip.
~Author Unknown

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Service w/Communion	2 9:00 AA Youth - LL	3 9:00 Staff - CR	4 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA	5	6	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Service	9 9:00 AA - vans Youth - LL	10	11 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 5:15 Diaconate - 107	12	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Service	16 NO AA 5:15 Steward—CR	17 5:15 Session - 210	18 6:45 MBS - 210 NO AA 5:15 Praise Team 7:00 Chancel Choir	19	20	21
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Service	23 SCHOOL STARTS	24 9:00 Staff - CR	25 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 5:15 Praise Team 7:00 Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Service	30	31	<i>There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart. ~Celia Thaxter</i>			

MSO committee makes appeal for our Ministry of Compassion fund

by David Byrd

On behalf of the Mission Service Outreach Committee Thank You for all that you do for this Church and its mission causes both here in San Angelo and around the World. Over ten percent of our annual Church Budget goes to Mission and Greater Church causes.

One of our larger mission projects here in San Angelo has had a tremendous need during the first half of the year. The Ministry of Compassion fund that helps needy families at a maximum of \$50 per family has run through the entire budget of \$13,000. We have helped over 300 families through Christians in Action and Catholic Family Services. These two organizations screen the families and qualify them for the assistance. All funds are distributed directly to a service provider rather than to the individual. Thus, abuse of the system is limited.



Tom Early, as Chair of the Stewardship Committee and myself as Chair of the MSO Committee visited both Christians in Action and Catholic Family Services to see for ourselves how the screening process was handled. We were very impressed with the diligence and care that each of these organizations demonstrated, and the ecumenical efforts that are provided to and through these two organizations.

The Mission Committee with the approval of the Session is making a special appeal to you to consider a special contribution for the Ministry of Compassion cause. All funds received will be used to assist needy families here in San Angelo. Again, thank you for all that you do for our Church and the various mission causes. If you choose to give to this special call for funds, on the check's memo line write Ministry of Compassion fund. Again, we thank you.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35-41



Lesson number **four** – as I write this we still do not know the extent of repair, the cost, or the length of time it will take to stabilize and rebuild the truss that has failed in the attic high above the Sanctuary. The engineers should arrive soon and a plan will be put into action. In the meantime we will worship in the Wood Fellowship Hall (which was full this past Sunday and required us to bring out more chairs in order to accommodate everyone), we will hope and pray that the failed truss will not give way completely and do irreparable harm to our beautiful and historic old structure (one in which we have just completed re-painting, re-carpeting, installing a new sound system, insulating the attic, installing new pew cushions, installing a new fire prevention sprinkler system – the list goes on!) Trust.

If I were a betting man I would be confident you have some areas in your life where you too need to grow your trust in God. The reality is this – our life is filled with uncertainties, but our God is sure. We either trust God or we don't – there is no middle ground for trust. Trust is or trust isn't; plain and simple.

How deep is your trust in God? Our trust level is a good gauge of our faith level.

Remember, in Jesus Christ we have all that we really need – everything else is extra. Even so, we can still trust God to provide the “extras” we need to live as God's faithful people. Trust.

Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him; let all the upright in heart praise him!

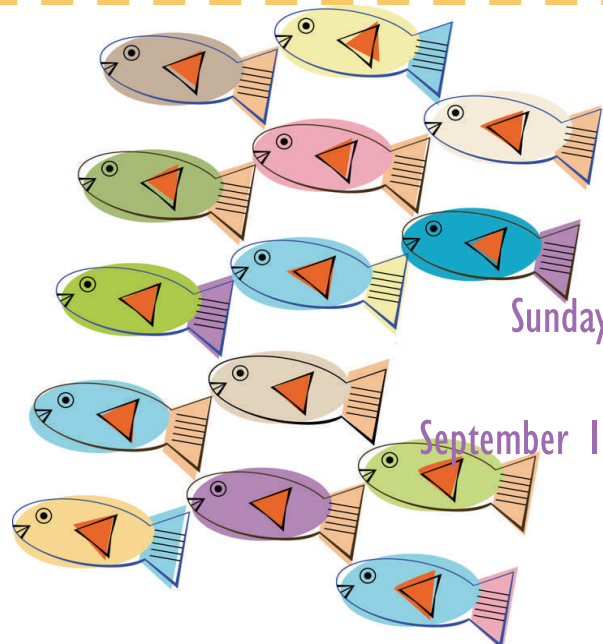
Psalm 64:10



We have 50 tickets for the Saturday, August 1, San Angelo

Colts game against the Edinburg Roadrunners. The game starts at 6:05 p.m.

Discount tickets will be available at \$5.00 each, and the proceeds from the tickets will go toward our youth ministry. Tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday morning and through the church office. Bring a friend – grab a child – treat a grandchild – and come enjoy America's favorite pastime.



Sunday School
Kick-Off
September 12, 2010

2010 Summer Arts Conservatory

was another great success! Thank

you to everyone who helped make that possible!



Our prayers and sympathy to...

Patty & Randy Gardner
on the loss of Randy's
father,

James Gardner,
Who passed into eternal
life on June 26, 2010
and to

Cindy & Mike McCammon
on the loss of Cindy's
brother,

Max Tankersley,
who passed into eternal
life on, July 5, 2010



Food for the month of
August:

boxed cereals,
macaroni & cheese,
canned meats and
vegetables

Please place your
donations in the
basket in the
Commons.

Members' News & Notes

Congratulations to **Katherine Lauer**, daughter of Carson and Anne Lauer, for earning a superior rating on the cello at the Texas Federation of Music Clubs State Music Festival in San Marcos. Katherine also earned a silver medal in voice at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin.

And to **Aliece Cargile**, daughter of Dr. John and Nancy Cargile, who was named to the Dean's List for the 2010 Spring semester at Sanford University.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We have a desperate need for Sunday school teachers for children and youth. Please call the church office for more information, 655-5694.



Service time for
August is 10:30 a.m.

August 1-Communion
Randy Brooks, Sutton Page,
Fran & Tom Early

August 8
Evalie & Neal Grigg
Randy Gardner,
Mary Louise Strain

August 15
Joy & Bill Morehead, Polly Harper,
NEED VOLUNTEER

August 22
Jessie & Jerry Lee,
Jean & Jim Johnson

August 29
Devin Bates, Penny Roberts,
Victor Probandt, Ginger Heare



August
Flower Delivery

August 1- Mike McCammon,
Brad Holland
August 8 Ken Newman,
David Quam
August 15 Susan Little,
Verna Morse
August 22 Colette Mull
Barbara Rogers
August 29 Gabriela Spraggins
Allyn Byars

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