

# SignPosts

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## From The Pastor's Study

**"So, what is up with Greg and all this reading?" I've not heard anyone say that out loud, but some of you have probably wondered why we are reading these five books this year. And why these five? Is there a meaning behind them? Will these books help me in some way? How many question marks have I already used???????**

**Baptists believe that the Bible is the Word of God and when it is interpreted through the Holy Spirit, it is our guide for all matters of faith and practice. As we read and study the Bible, we encounter other disciples who have read it as well, and learn from them as they share their experiences with God. Books and other writings allow us to hear from a wide range of people, both from generations past and those living today, about how they have applied the Bible to their lives and how they have encountered the living Christ.**

**It is my prayer that these five books will help us to better understand the God we serve and inspire us to draw closer to Him. I hope you will pick up the last three and join us as we learn together what others can teach us about the God we love.**

**On the journey together,**

**Greg**

## Thinking Theology: What Those Words Mean

**Armageddon: A mountain in the Middle East that Rev. 16:16 describes as the location of the final battle between God and the forces of evil.**

**Arminianism: The teachings and theology of James Arminius who disagreed with John Calvin on several points, including predestination and whether or not salvation can be lost. Baptists incorporate the theology of Calvin and Arminius.**

**Ascension Day: The day that the church remembers the ascension of Jesus into heaven (Acts 1:3-11). It is the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter.**

***Got a term you hear in church but wonder what it really means? Send Pastor Greg a note and he will feature it in an upcoming Thinking Theology.***



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## Newsorthy

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Wednesday Night Summer Schedule

Starting June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Bible Study will meet in the fellowship hall from 7:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Choir practice will be at 7:30 pm each Wednesday night. We will not meet on Wednesday nights in August.

#### 2013 Book Club

Let's read some great books together! During the year, we will study five books that are wonderful guides to the Christian life. Our third book is *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. This book challenges us to think about how God acts in the world and the motivations behind our own actions. Pick it up and start reading now, and we'll discuss it during the Wednesday night Bible Study meetings in June and July. Other books in our series are:

*Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom, September and October

*Three Simple Rules* by Rueben P. Job, November and December

#### ATS: After The Sermon Class

Sermons are mostly one way communication. The preacher talks, you listen. We're going to try and make the sermon a conversation in 2013 with our ATS Class (After The Sermon Class). Join us in the fellowship hall after the ARISE service for a discussion about the sermon topic of the day. Most Sundays it will be lead by the preacher of the day, but we'll

also have others lead the discussion. If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class, come and join us!

#### Community VBS 2013

The Clarksville Community Vacation Bible school will be held 7/14 thru 7/18 at Clarksville Presbyterian Church. It will start each night at 5:30 with dinner being served by participating churches and will end at 8:30. There will be an end of VBS program on Thursday night for both children and parents. Dinner will be provided for all that night and VBS will conclude at 7:50 on Thursday. The theme this year is Everywhere Fund Fair-Where God's World Comes Together. The ages are 4 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The registration form can be found on the BC website and will also be available in the worship bulletin the Sunday before Bible School. Any completed forms should be brought with your child on the first night of Bible school. Your child will be placed in a group according to the grade that they have just completed. The colors for each night are as follows: Sunday-Orange, Monday-Red, Tuesday-Blue, Wednesday-Purple and Thursday-Green. We are looking forward to another successful and fun VBS this year!

#### Ordination

We are thrilled to announce that Joey Tucker has been called as the pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church! Joey has been preaching in local churches for a little over a year and is working on a certificate program at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. We will hold an ordination presbytery here at CBC on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and all who are ordained as a deacon or minister are invited to attend. The service of ordination will be on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>.



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## Quarterly Business Meeting July 21

**Our quarterly business meeting will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you or a committee you serve on will be bringing a motion to the business meeting, please submit that motion to the church office so it can be published. Any motion can come to the floor of the business meeting without prior submission, but we want to do our best to keep the congregation informed. Thanks for your help!**

## OIAM Is Coming September 21!

OIAM stands for "Operation In As Much" and refers to the command of Jesus in Matthew 25 that in as much as we cared for others, we cared for Jesus. Make plans to join us on September 21 as we serve others in the love of Christ.

## Outdoor Movie Night

The outdoor movie night at Pittard Park will be Friday, July 26th starting at 8:45pm. If it rains we'll move the movie to the Fellowship Hall. We will show "Oz the Great and Powerful"- rated PG. We'll have snacks and drinks for everyone. Run time is 2 hours, so we should wrap up around 11:00pm.

## Coming Up At CBC:

- July 1: Deacon's Meeting
- July 4: Office Closed
- July 7: Brotherhood Breakfast at 8:15 am, The Lord's Supper will be celebrated
- July 11: MCC Meeting
- July 14-18: Community VBS
- July 19-20 Lake Fest
- July 21: Quarterly Business Meeting

## Did You Know?

- Our OIAM team and the youth group had a great fund-raising experience at the Flea Market downtown?
- ARISE played at Bethel Baptist on June 30<sup>th</sup>?
- Our stewardship emphasis has focused on how our offerings bless and help others?
- The Children's Center saw ten 4 year olds graduate from pre-school?
- We raised over \$3,700 for Heather Anne Tucker at our benefit dinner?
- That Zack McKenney and Matt Gilliland are leading music at VBS this year?
- Pastor Greg attended the CBF national gathering in Greensboro NC?
- God is making all things new?

## Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

### DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATION

- ... How in the world do you fold a fitted sheet?
- .... MapQuest needs to start on #5...we know how to get out of our neighborhood!
- .. . "Do not machine wash or dry" means you'll never wear it... ever!
- ... Leaving your house looking great and confident and then you don't see anybody you know the entire day - What a waste!
- ... When your "check engine light" has been on for three months and nothing has happened. Probably just looking for attention!



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## Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

You urged me outside saying, "Come. You must see this". I knew what You were about to show me because it was only weeks earlier I had watched the mother cardinal build her nest in the center of my blueberry bushes. Flying to and fro collecting twigs for her home, she cautiously approached the nest. Each time she'd land some distance off and check her surroundings before approaching. Before they were even hatched, she protected her young from predators. When she completed her home, she laid three beautiful eggs and set about the arduous task of keeping them warm. She weathered winds and heavy rains and though her feathers were soaked, she did not leave her children. She kept them safe, warm and dry. So, outside I went laughing in anticipation of the miracle. And You did not disappoint for in the nest were three little gaping mouths silently waiting for their next meal! I was struck by the paradox of how mighty You are yet so tender in Your creation. How wondrous those lives are and I sensed Your pleasure. The chicks have their mother and I You. My Shepard who protects me fiercely, yet lovingly. And in this way, You reminded me to *"Look at the birds of the sky: they don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they?"*. Yes. Yes, I am and in this moment I have no worries. Just pure, simple delight in three feathered lives.

## GOD Does Answer Prayer

Submitted by Evelyn Allen

Have you ever been absolutely certain that you were the answer to someone's prayer? I recently had that experience and it was an awesome feeling. I have always tried to help people; but the timing and circumstances of this occasion was positively God in action.

I was working in my yard when suddenly I had the thought "We need to send Kathy some money". Kathy is Bill's cousin who lives in North Carolina. She is a beautiful person inside and out. She is a very hard-working, generous, loving Christian woman. She would do anything to help anyone.

Recently Kathy cared for her sick mother in her own home for several years. Kathy worked at two or three jobs at a time to make ends meet. Now on her own, she is rebuilding her life.

When I got the message from God to send Kathy some money, I talked to Bill and he agreed. Kathy's son was getting married and we knew it would be expensive for her. We didn't act on this for several days but the thought stayed with me. I felt that we had to send some money. So we each wrote a check and mailed them.

Three days later, we got a call from Kathy. She was crying and thanking us profusely. A day or two later we received a letter telling us what had been happening with her. Her two jobs were cutting back her hours. Her best friend had desperately needed money and Kathy had loaned her the money she had saved for the wedding. Her friend could not repay her yet. Kathy was having a really hard time. She got on her knees and asked God to help her. Her mother, our wonderful Aunt Helen, had



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always told her to have faith, always have faith. Kathy wrote herself a “check” and put it on the refrigerator as a reminder to have faith. On this “check” Kathy had written in the dollar amount box “Grace”. On the text amount line, she wrote “Abundance”. And on the memo line she wrote “Faith”.

Then one day she came home late from work and she had a letter from us in her mail – our checks. She fell on her knees again – this time thanking God for answering her prayers. She marked the “check” to herself “Paid in full”. She sent her friend an IOU marked “Paid in full”. Her friend cried and said she couldn’t just forget her debt, but Kathy told her “I have been so unexpectedly blessed and I’m paying it forward”. She had enough for the wedding expenses.

I don’t feel I really had anything to do with this except to listen to God’s message to me. God made it possible for us the share with Kathy. He heard her prayers and He knew we loved her very much. He also knew she loved Him very much.

Kathy knew I sometimes wrote something for SignPosts. She wanted me to write this to tell everyone that God does answer prayers. As Aunt Helen always said: “Have faith, always have faith”.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Note* Every Sunday</b>                      9:00 <b>ARISE</b>                      9:45 Sunday School                      11:00 Worship</p>	<p>1                      7:00 Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>2                      Sidney Long Birthday  </p>	<p>3  <b>Note* Every Wed</b>                      7:00 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>4                      Independence Day  </p>	5	6
<p>7                      8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast                       Observance of the Lords Supper</p>	<p>8                      5:45 Children's Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9                      6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</p>	10	<p>11                      7:00 MCC Meeting                       7:00 Grief &amp; Comfort Ministry Meeting</p>	12	13
14	15	<p>16                      Prentice Gupton Birthday</p>	17	18	19	20
<p>←————— <b>VBS</b> —————→</p>						
<p>21                      7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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