



Meadow View Messenger

Somethin' From Sam

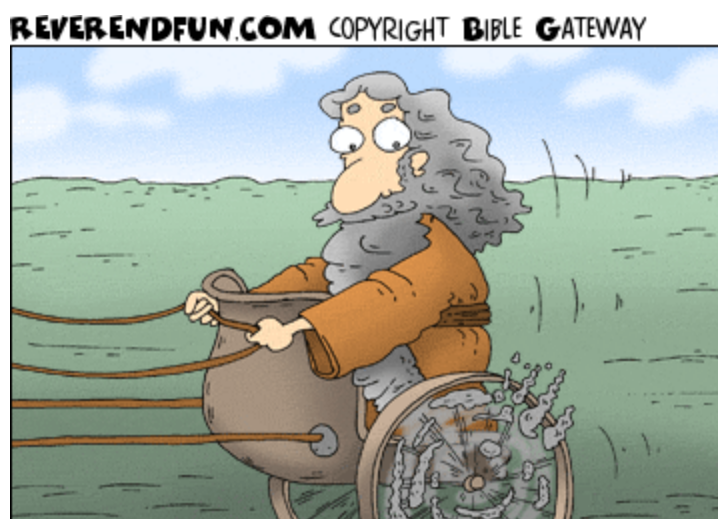
As I write this short newsletter article, I am just praising our wonderful Lord for another fantastic week of Vacation Bible School. This year was probably our most consistent year as far as the daily numbers were concerned. We averaged almost **200** children each night, pre-school through the teens who attended the "IGNITE" sessions at the Frazeysburg Community Center. The majority of the attendees this year were here ALL 5 NIGHTS! But here is the number that I am most impressed with – we **AVERAGED 66** adult volunteers that showed up to help, including a high of **77** who were here on Sunday night! That was no doubt the first time that we had a "problem" of trying to find something for the volunteers to do. I'll take those kind of "problems" all the time! Once again this year, a great big "THANK YOU" goes to our co-VBS Directors, Jen King, Johanna Harper, and Tiffany Murphy as well as to J.W. for coordinating the "IGNITE" Teen Conference. WELL DONE!

As far as the month of August is concerned, our final movie night of the year is Friday, August 12th. Then on Sunday evening, August 14th, we will be welcoming one of the missionary families that we support, the Thomas family – Binoy, Rebecca, and their 4 children – to Meadow View. They are back in the United States for a short furlough and we will be having a carry-in dinner at 5:00 P.M. followed by a presentation of their mission work in India beginning at 6:30 P.M. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know the people that we support on a monthly basis!

Our annual church picnic will be Sunday, August 21st and on Sunday evening, August 28th, we will be having a congregational meeting to review the results of the "Strength Assessment" that was conducted earlier this year by Alan Morrison from Midwest Builders as well as to share a vision of what is next regarding the plans for a new building. I hope to see YOU at each of those important events as we continue to serve our Lord together for the glory of His Kingdom!

Serving our Savior,

Sam



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Youth Update

Another year of VBS and Ignite has been successfully completed. There were many hours worked by our volunteers, and most volunteers are completely worn out. I think we need to remember what Paul said in Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." I think no matter how tired we may become we need to remember that we are called to serve. We are promised a great "prize" if we continue to "press on". We had so many volunteers help with VBS and Ignite, and I want to encourage you to continue to plug yourselves into this great church family where help is always needed. Don't know what you can do to serve? See Sam, the elders, deacons or me. I want to say thank you to all that made VBS and Ignite, our biggest outreach of the year, such a huge success.

There are only a few weeks left of summer break before the kids go back to school. We still have some great events the kids will not want to miss. On August 7th, all Sunday evening youth groups will be having an "End of Summer Fish and Cookout". This will start at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 8:30 pm. All ages are welcome to come and enjoy an evening at the Schindler Pond on Pleasant Valley Road. August 12th is our last Family Movie Night. Invite your friends and family and join us

for a great summer evening. August 17th is going to be Meadow View day at the Muskingum County Fair. Join Sam and I as we check out the animal barns, and of course, sample some "healthy" fair food! August 22nd-25th the Teens will be headed to Licking Valley Church for a Youth Revival. Trust me - you do not want to miss this evening event!



We are always looking for people who are interested in working with our youth. There are many wheels that need turning to make our youth ministry a success. Here are some volunteer opportunities. See me if you can help in any way:

- * *Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers*
- * *Wee Church Teachers*
- * *Jr. Church Teachers*
- * *Sunday Evening Teachers*
- * *Sunday Evening Helpers*
- * *Teen Youth Sponsors*

May we all keep pressing on.
-jw

Preschool Update

It is almost time for the start of a new school year here at Meadow View Preschool. We are excited to get back into the swing of it. Our first day of school will be September 7th. Please keep our staff and children in your prayers as they embark on a new school year full of learning and fun. We currently have 11 children enrolled for the 2011-2012 school year. That means we have 7 spots available. If you know anyone interested, please have them call the church to request a packet or contact Trudy Gabbard at 624-1092.

If you would like to help out the preschool we have a few different ways you can do that. If you would like to donate your time we are

accepting volunteers for centers. If you might be interested in this please see Trudy for the requirements and information. We are also going to have our helping hands again and collect things like wipes, 100% juice, tissues, glue sticks, and some other items, so keep your eye on the bulletin board for these things. We also have our scholarship fund that helps a child attend preschool. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund please mark your offering envelope with "Preschool Scholarship" or see Trudy about sponsoring a child for the year. Your time and help make it possible to plant the seed in a child and help teach God's word.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the preschool!

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VBS Thank You



As Sam mentioned in his article this month, VBS was a huge hit this year! The numbers truly are amazing! The hours and hours of planning and preparation were well worth it.

We would like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped in any way. From those who

spent time helping with decorations to those who kept us in your prayers daily to the wonderful floaters who were somewhere different every night of VBS - there is no way we could have done it without you and God behind us.

We can't even begin to tell you some of the wonderful stories

that came out of the week and how God was touching the little lives of the children.

Thank you again!

Johanna Harper
Jen King
Tiffany Murphy

July Baptisms & Transfers



July saw 3 baptisms & 1 transfer! Please be sure and congratulate these new Christians and welcome our new member!

Baptisms

July 3: Alexis Brock

31 W. 12th St.
Dresden 43821
754-2380

July 7: Emily Hoover

6560 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Frazeysburg 43822
828-2645

July 17: Caleb Gabbard

29 George Nethers Ln.
Frazeysburg 43822
828-2082

Transfer

July 17: Betty Jenkins

18 Stevy Ln.
Frazeysburg 43822
828-6116

First, Not Second

By Ron Boatwright

God and Christ must be first in our lives, and not second. Jesus says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Our number one priority in this short life must be to go to Heaven or otherwise we most likely will not go there. Jesus says, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). If one doesn't go to Heaven, there is only one other place and that is the eternal torments of Hell. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul" (Mark 8:36).

We cannot put other people and other things ahead of our service and worship to God and Christ and still be pleasing to Them. They will not accept second best. Jesus says, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37-38). Jesus says the only way we can be worthy of God and Him is, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). We are to "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). God is only "a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6), by putting Him first. Are we really putting God and Christ first in our lives? Judgment Day will be too late to find out if we haven't.



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Q: Were you there?

A: When teaching children, we tell them they should politely ask the question “Were you there?” when talking to someone who believes in millions of years and molecules-to-man evolution.

If someone replies by asking the same question back, we say, “No we weren’t there, but we know Someone who was there, Someone who cannot lie, who knows everything, and has always existed. And this One has revealed to us what happened in the past in His history book called the Bible. Are you interested in reading God’s history book to find out what the Word of One who was there tells us about the true history of the world?”

This simply illustrates the difference between historical and operational science. The word “science” primarily means “knowledge.” Operational science (based on our five senses, repeatable, observable, etc.) has enabled man to build wonderful technology. Whether one is an evolutionist or creationist, Christian or atheist, we basically agree on operational science. The disagreement comes when considering historical science—knowledge concerning the past when we were not there.

Continue reading at www.answersingenesis.org as Ken Ham addresses the difference between observational and historical science.