



Greetings,

Several of us have been reading Jerry Bridge's book, "The Practice of Godliness." Although it has been around for a long time (1983), I never had the pleasure of reading it, and I am glad that I did! For those who would like to be part of the next Zoom book review, we will be reading another book by Jerry Bridges, "The Pursuit of Holiness" (May 17, 6:30pm), which was the predecessor of *the Practice of Godliness*. While the *Pursuit of Holiness* deals with "taking off" the old self, the *Practice of Godliness* deals with the "putting on" of the new self in Christ (Ephesians 4:20-24).

I confess that my heart's desire is to continually "put on" the good things of Christ, but often times I find myself reverting back to the old, familiar, fleshly ways. Oh, how grateful I am for God's mercy, grace and patience. *The Practice of Godliness's* underlying scripture is based on *1 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

It seems like we are in a season of life that is offering many opportunities for training in righteousness, but there are also many distractions that compete with our heart and blur our focus on Christ. Training involves preparation for living in a way that is pleasing to the Lord in this life with an expectation of what awaits us in the next. Paul stated that he was careful not to get involved in civilian affairs (2 Timothy 2:4), but rather was training and building himself up to get a much greater prize, his heavenly reward. Oh, may we move from investment in this life to something of greater, eternal worth.



Training for godliness will no doubt find us meditating and submitting to God's standards established in the Holy Scriptures. It will no doubt require an "all in" devotion to God, as we place our trust and dependence on His Son, Jesus Christ. Like many things, apart from the Holy Spirit's help, and without remaining in Christ, we will accomplish very little in this life of eternal weight. May we stand before the Lord one day to hear the words that Paul longed to hear, "Well done good and faithful servant!"

P.S. Special thanks to Linda, Marty, Carolyn, Liz, Mary, Karen, Sharon, and the rest of the crew who cooked and served us at the Seder Supper! It was a great night of fellowship, food and teaching as Ari connected many dots from the Old Testament to the New!

P.P.S. Some of you know that my son Jonathan is getting married to Tina this May 28th in South Carolina! I will have the privilege of officiating at this service and ask that you keep this young couple in your prayers!

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May 2022

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

May flowers are here! It's always exciting to see the new life that every spring brings. The flowers, grass, trees, all come AFTER the rainy gloomy days of March and April, and they come bursting forth with gusto! If you feel like your "gusto" has been constantly rained on and feel discouraged, I encourage you to read the devotion below and allow it to lift you up and get your focus back on God and what He did for you through His son Jesus.

This month is donation collection for supplies for Tender Care that the youth sponsor. Please feel free to give any donations to Faith or myself marked for Tender Care and we will take what is donated to Tender Care in June during our Missions Week service day for them. We are so excited for Missions Week coming up in June and the opportunities to share about the love and sacrifice of Jesus to our community.

Reflecting Jesus

In a football game, the players tower over the referees. The players are bigger, stronger, and more powerful than the older, smaller, and often out-of-shape referees. In a game, the players can use their power to knock you down ... but the referees can use their authority to put you out of the game.

Never confuse power with authority.

Satan may be able to knock you down. He has more power than you. But he has absolutely no authority over you if you're a believer. Of course Satan knows that, but he doesn't want you to know it. So Satan tries to intimidate with lies and pressure, and deceive you into believing he has authority over you.

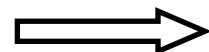
On the cross, Jesus Christ deactivated, dismantled, and disarmed Satan's rule over sin and death (Col. 2:13-15). God gave the ultimate authority to His Son. He has placed all things in subjection to Jesus.

One of the reasons we often don't live in light of this truth is because we confuse the terms "power" and "authority." Satan still has power. He still dominates the world in which we live and influences people's lives in countless ways. His tactics are both real and destructive, but what he doesn't have is final authority. Jesus has the authority. Jesus is exalted "far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion."

Satan has no authority or power over the one who is aligned under the covering of the risen and exalted Christ. This is why Satan will try long and hard to hinder the one who has an abiding relationship with Jesus. He knows if he can get you to ignore the authority and rule of Christ in your day-to-day activities and decisions, He can deceive, trick, and harm you however he chooses. Yet acknowledging and remaining under Christ's lordship and authority will protect you from Satan's onslaught.

God "made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. By grace you are saved! He also raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavens, in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:5-6).

When Christ died, you died with him. When Christ arose, you arose with Him. When Christ sat down at the right hand of the Father, you sat down with Him. In other words, you were made to function in concert and cadence with Christ. For you to gain access to the authority, which comes through the perfect union of Jesus Christ—bringing heaven to bear on earth—you must abide in Him. To abide means to dwell, to align your thoughts, choices, and perspective under God's thoughts, choices, and perspective. It means connecting with Him and honoring Him in everything you do. God doesn't want weekend visits with His kids; He wants full custody.



This is such an important part of the victorious Christian life. You can go to all of the church services you want, read all the spiritual books you want, even do all the Bible studies that you want, but experiencing all God has planned for you comes only through aligning yourself under and abiding in the One who reigns over all, the exalted Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

Ephesians 1:18-21 NLT

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15 NLT

that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5-6 NLT

For information about Fusion events, please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)

GREENLIGHT OPERATION SUMMARY NOTES

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On Friday night, March 11, 2022, Greenlight Operation from Lemoyne, Pa. came to our church to speak about the human trafficking going on not only in South Central Pennsylvania, but across our nation and around the world.

Jordan Pine, the CEO, and Ben Byler gave the presentation over a 1 ½ hour period. I thought for those of you who were unable to attend I would share some of the 3 pages of notes I took because it is good information we should all know. I'll share in bullet points what they told us.

1. Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery where traffickers use force, fraud or coercion to control their victims engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his / her will.
2. A minor is defined as anyone less than 18 years of age. The average age of a victim in America is 15 years of age with most of that being in the sex industry. It is estimated there are 40.3 million victims worldwide of which approximately only 1% are ever rescued.
3. Pennsylvania is 12th in the nation for the most reported cases. It is a 150 billion dollar industry and is the fastest growing criminal business.
4. In 2020, there were 354 victims involved in 221 cases in Pennsylvania. In 2019, there were 543 victims in 273 cases.
5. What I found fascinating is that A VICTIM CAN BE ANYONE! It doesn't make any difference if you are rich or poor, male or female, young or old.
6. Why is Pennsylvania such a hot spot for this kind of activity (mainly sex)? It is because of our interstate system (I-80, I-81, Pa. Turnpike, Interstate 15, I-95, etc.), the big trucking industry, and we are close to major cities like Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington D.C. They shared that 70% of America is within a day's drive of Pennsylvania.
7. Three risk factors in the foster care system are 1) substance abuse, 2) immigration and 3) sexual or physical abuse.
8. When the Covid pandemic hit, there was an increase in human trafficking, the reporting channels decreased and so did the groups helping to combat the trafficking. They told us 55% of this recruitment is done online.
9. 90% of prostitutes in Las Vegas are controlled by pimps. 39% of victims were recruited through a relationship, marriage or family member.
10. Possible signs of Human Trafficking include:

Live with an employer

Transportation provided by employer

Over crowding conditions

Inability to speak to anyone alone

Answers appear to be scripted and rehearsed

Paid very little

Signs of physical abuse	Employer holding identity documents
Submissive or fearful	Signs of neglect
Sexually explicit posts	Disoriented or using illicit drugs
Sudden changes in appearance	Signs of physical restraint, confinement or torture
Unable to leave location without an escort	Minor romantically involved with an escort

11. There are more slaves today than any other point in history.
12. Recruitment methods include: (1) false job advertisements, (2) sold by relatives, (3) have a loverboy, (4) abduction, (5) trafficked by a friend, (6) false immigration, (7) internet
13. Worldwide labor trafficking is the most common, but here in Pennsylvania and the U.S.A., it is sex trafficking. This issue thrives in darkness. That is why it needs to be brought to light.
14. What prevents victims from seeking help? Dependence on somebody, threats and abuse, distrust of police and authority figures(like teachers, church leaders, coaches of sports teams, Boy Scout leaders, etc.), disorientation and loss of identity.
15. The average life expectancy of someone involved in sex trafficking is 7 years.
16. Solutions to Help include (1) giving talks on prevention of human trafficking, collaborating with police, lawyers and other organizations, work to restore the victims through human trafficking seminars, establish a restoration home and develop a mentorship program with the Institute for Shelter Care.
17. PHONE NUMBERS TO KNOW:
 - Immediate danger call 911
 - Child Hot line – call 1-800-932-0313
 - Human Trafficking call 1-888-373-7888
 - Text Help to 233733

Keep Looking Up!!!

Mark Punchard

First Baptist Church Missions Conference 2022

May 1st and May 6th

**Come out for some special events.
Learn what you can do to make an
impact.**

**May 1st - comedian Scott Davis @
combined service (10am) and 7pm
comedy show!**

**May 6 - Cindy Janczyk @ Video
from Kathy Barnette**

WORLD
**Missions
Conference**

**DO YOU HAVE A KNACK (AND A HEART)
FOR BUILDING OR REPAIRING?**

JOIN THE FBC RELIEF TEAM

SEE JIM STOCKMAN FOR MORE DETAILS



Shoebox News!



Thanks you for praying and giving toward the completion of shoeboxes for needy children around the world. The number of items contributed is gradually increasing. Praise God.

Some items we continue to need include:

New t-shirts - any size, any color for children to wear

Used t-shirts - to make jump ropes

Clothing items - any size

Bar soap

Washcloths

Baseball style hats

Sturdy plastic bowls, cups, and plasticware

Small toys/cars, playdough, musical instruments, stuffed animals

Please place donated items in the box under the mailboxes. Monetary items go in the church's offering plates. Please mark the envelope "Shoeboxes."

Thank you,

The Shoebox Team

In need of help and healing?

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, May 15th 6pm

W2 Group



This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month following the second service to support and love each other. They will be joining the FBC congregation on May 29th for the Outdoor Service with picnic. In October, the W2 Group will attend the show "David" at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster. Anyone interested should sign up with Linda Kump @ 717-253-3163.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

NEXT - FBC Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 21st @ 7:30am

Deeper Still

Ladies Bible Study
Meets every other Thursday
@ FBC



BOOK OF
ESTHER

elder's corner

Have you ever thought about the influences in your life? Television, the internet, magazines, newspapers, news apps, church, individual devotions/quiet times, social media, the list goes on and on. Have you ever stopped and asked yourself if the influences in your life are leading you towards godly wisdom, or towards the things of this world? This is an important question for all of us, because if the things we choose to let influence us are leading us into worldly things such as selfish ambition, greed, dishonesty, the love of money and so on, these things will lead us further away from godly wisdom in our lives. We cannot pursue godly wisdom AND worldly approval, because they are both constantly in conflict with each other.

Colossians 3:2 says, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

When we set our minds on things above, we will set ourselves up to hear more clearly from God, and be able to discern better between godly wisdom and worldly influence.

Proverbs 4:6-7 “Don’t turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgement.”

As we seek godly wisdom and evaluate the things that influence us, here is a devotion I read that I pray will give us some guidance and encouragement.

Choose Influences Wisely

There’s a difference between hearing and listening. Hearing something is just what your body does. It’s the action of your ears perceiving sound and then your brain forming meaning. But listening is a choice. Listening requires focus and concentration—you actually process what’s been said.

In the same way, there’s a difference between influence and existence. We live in a fallen, broken world because we’ve all sinned. Because of that, there will always be people and influences not worth following, because the world is dangerously influential. But just because something exists doesn’t mean it has to influence. Just look at pop culture. We can learn from it, but we certainly shouldn’t try to be like it.

We can’t cut out every bad influence in our world. There are just too many, and then we’d have no friends. We can’t be so out of touch about the world that we lose our influence in the world. But, it brings us to a really important question: How can we be in this world, but not of it?

We have to acknowledge that all influences exist, but only some are worth following.

So, how do we do that? We need to decide who or what we let influence us. And God gave us His Holy Spirit and discernment to help us with that.

Philippians 4:8 NIV says this: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or worthy or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

We let discernment decide. We choose to think of things that are praiseworthy and right. In order to choose our influences wisely, we need to filter them by what is good and what is not.

Challenge: What influences do you have that align with Philippians 4:8? How can you find more influences that motivate you to think about praiseworthy things?

John 15:17-19 NLT This is my command: Love each other. “If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

John 17:13-19 NLT “Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

1 John 2:15-17 NLT Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Matthew 16:26 NLT And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

Philippians 4:8 NLT And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.



The LORD himself goes before you
and will be with you;
he will never leave you nor forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8





OUTDOOR SERVICE

Sunday, May 29th

10:00 am

*Bring a dish to share
and a lawn chair!*



KEITH, SARAH & EZEKIEL EVANS DISCIPLE MAKERS



“Hey, do you have any questions about religion or Christianity?” In our last update, we asked you to rya for Chat for Chocolate, an evangelism event where students could ask questions about Christianity and receive responses and a chocolate bar from our student leaders. The event did not go as we planned, but Jesus in his sovereignty used it to even better than we imagined! When no one texted questions in, our student leaders were not discouraged. Instead, they went out to go find people and ask them if they had questions! In the library, the café, and the social quad, they went out to greet students and initiate spiritual conversations. They were asked many questions, like:

- “What’s the difference between Catholicism and Protestantism?”
- “Does God have a gender?” “What happened to the dinosaurs?”

Sometimes people turned away from them, but they did not give up and did not lose enthusiasm. Even days and weeks after the event, conversations are still happening.

A non-believing friend texted one of our student leaders a few days later, “Hey, I couldn’t think of a question during the event, but I actually do have some questions, “Could we meet up to talk about them?” Ever since, they’ve been meeting together and that student has even come to church! Thank you for praying! Boldness in evangelism is something we have been praying for and seeking to grow in, and we saw the direct impact of your prayers on our student’s eagerness to talk about Jesus.

GLIMPSE OF GRACE WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

Praise God, this weekend we will have our first in-person Women’s Conference in three years! We are so excited and thankful to be back in person, and Sarah has been preparing to teach two workshops.

- Please pray for Sarah and all the Women’s Conference speakers as they prepare their content. Pray they would share the gospel clearly and that the women in attendance would be impacted by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for continued follow up conversations on campus with students we interacted with during the Chat for Chocolate event.
- Praise God and pray for Grant*, a new believer on campus. *(name changed).

Thank you for being a vital part of our ministry with Disciple Makers.

ARI AND KAREN HAUBEN CHOSEN PEOPLE



I'm excited to announce that I've been asked to oversee and serve as co-leader for our ministry's flagship short-term mission trips! For decades, Chosen People Ministries (CPM) has hosted many mission trips here in the U.S. and also in Israel!

Every summer, believers from around the U.S. gather with CPM in New York City to proclaim the Good News of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to our beloved Jewish people! Also, a couple of years ago I launched an evangelistic mission's outreach (Shalom Philly) in the greater Philadelphia area. Sadly, Covid-19 disrupted many organizations' mission trips. We are resuming Shalom New York this year!

We're focusing on a few new areas for Shalom New York 2022:

- Although working in the heart of NYC, teams will travel to strategic suburban Jewish communities.
- We will engage in extra advanced training, with emphasis on the ever-growing Orthodox Jewish communities.
- Time will be used for intention recruitment and discipleship with new and younger staff.

On April 6, 1997, I received Yeshua (Jesus) as my Lord and Savior! I knew the Lord was calling me to evangelize to my own people. In Fall 2015 I began my amazing journey with CPM.

On May 7, 2022, I will graduate with a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) In Messianic Jewish Studies a seminary program in partnership with CPM and the Talbot School of Theology of Biola University. This degree also required study in biblical languages (I took courses in Greek and Hebrew). I traveled once a week to Brooklyn, NY and in the summer spent a few weeks studying in California. I took a variety of courses in Christian doctrine, Rabbinic literature, Jewish history, pastoral leadership, preaching, counseling, evangelism, Messianic prophecies, apologetics and much more.

I am looking forward to officially graduating. I am genuinely grateful for how all this is helping me grow in my awe of God, as well as becoming more effective sharing about the hope that lies within me (1 Peter 3:15). May God provide more evangelistic opportunities as well as more folks to partner with me in ministry.

My wife and I THANK YOU for all your precious support, partnership, generosity, love and encouragement and support of our family!

Ari, Karen, Rachel, Liya and Tali

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

DAVID JEREMIAH - DVD study (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

ROMANS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

PARABLES (Blair) 9:00am Kitchen

MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL CLASS 9:00am Youth Room

NURSERY 10:30am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (ages K-5th grade) 10:30am Lewis Hall

KID'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9:00am

Focused Learners: (ages K-5th grade) Lewis Hall

Active Learners: (nursery/preschool) Lewis Hall

LIFE GROUPS

TUESDAY

GOSPEL OF LUKE (J. Harris) ZOOM 6:30-7:45pm

2nd/4th Tuesday - Ladies Only!

THURSDAY

BOOK OF ACTS (P. Carl) @ FBC 5:30am Men Only!

BOOK OF 1 THESS (P. Carl) @ FBC 9:30am All Welcome!

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

DEEPER STILL (Gallimore) @FBC 1:00pm Every other week

FRIDAY (every other)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Pastor Sean's home) 7:30pm Men Only!



Kid's for Christ Musical!!

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

See Lori Miley if interested

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BOOK REVIEW

ZOOM

MAY 17TH @ 6:30pm

"The Pursuit of
Holiness"

by Jerry Bridges **need**
link? See Pastor Carl

Can You Guess The Hymn?

Laud and honor
to the Father,
Laud and honor
to the Son,
Laud and honor
to the Spirit,
ever Three
and ever One.
One in might
and One in glory,
while unending ages run



15 Questions

Hugs and Kisses



- 1. What two hostile brothers met and kissed each other, weeping all the way?**
- 2. What soldier murdered a man while kissing him?**
- 3. What prophet talked about kissing calves?**
- 4. Who kissed Barzillai, an old man who had provided supplies for the army?**
- 5. Who kissed Absalom after his two years in exile?**
- 6. Who poured oil on Saul's head and kissed him?**
- 7. What aged father kissed one son, mistaking him for the other?**
- 8. Who met Moses in the wilderness and kissed him?**
- 9. When Jacob died, who wept over him and kissed him?**
- 10. What bereaved woman kissed her daughters-in-law good-bye as she left to return to her own country?**
- 11. What rebel was so magnetic in personality that the men of Israel couldn't help kissing him?**
- 12. Who kissed David when he was fleeing from Saul?**
- 13. Who met Moses by the mount of God and kissed him?**
- 14. Who kissed his brothers in a tearful family reunion?**
- 15. Who kissed and blessed Ephraim and Manasseh, Joseph's sons?**

Fruit of the Vine

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1. What did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? **THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPHESIANS 5:18)**
2. Who was called a glutton and a wine guzzler? **JESUS (MATTHEW 11:19)**
3. What prophet spoke of God putting Israel in a winepress? **ISAIAH (63:1-4)**
4. What part of the body did Paul recommend wine for? **THE STOMACH (1 TIMOTHY 5:23)**
5. Where was the one place the priest could not enter after drinking wine? **THE TABERNACLE (LEVITICUS 10:8-9)**
6. What group of Israelites was never suppose to drink wine? **THE NAZARITES (NUMBERS 6:2-3)**
7. According to Paul's advice, what church official must not be a wine drinker? **A BISHOP OR OVERSEER (1 TIMOTHY 3:2-3)**
8. What was mingled with the wine Jesus was offered on the cross? **MYRRH (MARK 15:23)**
9. What judge threshed wheat by his winepress to hide it from the Midianites? **GIDEON (JUDGES 6:11)**
10. According to Jesus, what do people prefer, old wine or new wine? **OLD WINE (LUKE 5:39)**
11. What kind of person, according to Proverbs, should be given wine? **THE SAD OR AFFLICTED PERSON (PROVERBS 31:6-7)**
12. According to what Jesus said at the Last Supper, when would he drink wine again with his disciples? **WHEN THE KINGDOM HAD COME (MATTHEW 26:27-29)**
13. Who murdered the Midianite Zeeb at his winepress? **GIDEON'S ARMY (JUDGES 7:25)**
14. How many jars of water did Jesus turn into wine? **SIX (JOHN 2:1-10)**
15. What, according to Jesus, happens when new wine is put into old wineskins? **THE WINESKINS BURST (LUKE 5:37-38)**

ANSWER TO HYMN: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #557

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.