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Your Worldview Matters!

In two weeks, we will begin a new series called, "Poisonous Isms". We will be taking a look at some of the most dangerous worldviews that attack the Christian faith and work to eliminate Jesus & His Word as truth. The following is an article from Focus On The Family, that speaks to the importance of your worldview. I would also challenge you to begin asking yourself, "what do I believe and why...how do those beliefs impact my life?"

"A recent nationwide survey completed by the Barna Research Group determined that only 4 percent of Americans had a "biblical" worldview. When George Barna, who has researched cultural trends and the Christian Church since 1984, looked at the "bornagain" believers in America, the results were a dismal 9 percent.

Barna's survey also connected an individual's worldview with his or her moral beliefs and actions. Barna says, "Although most people own a Bible and know some of its content, our research found that most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life."

1. What's a worldview?

A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world. "[It's] any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world and man's relations to God and the world."

For example, a 2-year-old believes he's the center of his world, a secular humanist believes that the material world is all that exists, and a Buddhist believes he can be liberated from suffering by self-purification.

Whether conscious or subconscious, every person has some type of worldview. A personal worldview is a combination of all you believe to be true, and what you believe becomes the driving force behind every emotion, decision and action. Therefore, it affects your response to every area of life: from philosophy to science, theology and economics, law, politics, art — everything.

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2. What's a biblical worldview?

A biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God. When you believe the Bible is true, then you allow it to be the foundation of everything you say and do.

Do you have a biblical worldview? Answer the following questions, based on claims found in the Bible and which George Barna used in his survey:

- Do absolute moral truths exist?
- Is absolute truth defined by the Bible?
- Did Jesus Christ live a sinless life?
- Is God the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe, and does He still rule it today?
- Is salvation a gift from God that cannot be earned?
- Is Satan real?
- Does a Christian have a responsibility to share his or her faith in Christ with other people?
- Is the Bible accurate in all of its teachings?

Did you answer yes to these? Only 9 percent of "born- again" believers did. But what's more important than your yes to these questions is whether your life shows it. Granted, we are all sinners and fall short, but most of our gut reactions will reflect what we deep-down, honest-to-goodness believe to be real and true.

3. Why does a biblical worldview matter?

If we don't really believe the truth of God and live it, then our witness will be confusing and misleading. Most of us go through life not recognizing that our personal worldviews have been deeply affected by the world. We then are taken "captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

However, by learning, applying and trusting God's truths in every area of our lives — whether it's watching a movie, communicating with our spouses, raising our children or working at the office — we can begin to develop a deep faith that will stand against the unrelenting tide of our culture's nonbiblical ideas. If we capture and embrace more of God's worldview and trust it with unwavering faith, then we begin to make the right decisions and form the appropriate responses to the most difficult questions we can face. Because, in the end, it is our decisions and actions that reveal what we really believe.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2)."

- Pastor Chris

MTP KIDS KLUB EVENTS

Family Fun Day Sunday, February 16 3:00-5:00 at Mt. Pleasant Church in the FLC

Come join us for a fun family day with obstacle courses and jousting. Dinner will be served.





FEB 22ND 4:30-8:00P \$5 PER KID, \$20 MAX

Mark your calendars VBS 2020





WHAT'S HAPPENING

Here are a few things coming up in our ministry . . . YOUTH GROUP | FEB 16TH, FEB 23RD | 5-7:30P FAMILY NIGHTS | FEB 12TH, FEB 19TH, FEB 26TH | 5:30-7:30P YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY | FEB 2ND | 5:50-10P





WEEK ONE

Luke 15:11-32 You don't have to be fixed to be found.

WEEK THREE

Luke 11:5-8

When it comes to prayer, don't quit because it's quiet.

WEEK TWO

Luke 14:16-21 At Jesus' party, there's always room for more.

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WEEK FOUR Matthew 18:23-35 Forgive like you've been forgiven.



REMEMBER THIS: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call

on him in truth. **PSALM 145:18 NIV**



THINK ABOUT THIS:

Sometimes in our walk with Jesus, we can feel like we need to have everything together before we can approach Him. In this series, we'll be taking a look at some parables Jesus told us as a way to know Him better.

DO THIS

MORNING TIME:

When your day starts off on the right foot, it makes all the difference! Go the extra mile this week and make your teens favorite breakfast, buy your teen a breakfast from their favorite fast-food restaurant, or text your them a \$5 gift card to Dunkin' Donuts.

MEAL TIME:

Invite a family over for dinner! Talk with your teen to discuss who you should invite, and be sure to invite the whole family. Encourage your teen to invite a newer friend or a family you don't know very well.

THEIR TIME:

The next time your teen asks a question about your past, consider sharing part of your story with them. The more we understand each other's stories, the more understanding we have for each other. Use discretion while sharing, but sometimes sharing your low points or failures can remind your teens that they're not alone.

BED TIME:

Before your teen heads to bed, ask how you can pray for them. Maybe they have a big game coming up, a subject in school they're struggling through, or even a relationship with a friend that could be better. If they don't have anything to share, tell your teen specific ways you are praying for them. If you're comfortable, ask your teen if you can pray for them now. If they say no, don't force the issue, just be sure to pray for them after they leave.

Dear Mt. Pleasant Church -

Thank you so much for hosting the Ledford Varsity Football team for our pre-game meal on September 6, 2019. This was our first meal off campus and it was SUCH a special experience for the players! From the time we entered the foyer, we felt welcomed by your signage and your hosts kept that warm feeling going. It was a great meal, but the fellowship and the message delivered were just as impactful!

Ledford finished with a 6-5 record this season, but what the boys will remember most is the brotherhood among them and the experiences they shared. Thank you for being such a big part of the Ledford tradition.

We hope you will consider hosting us again this year!

Warm Regards,

Tonia Maxcy Ledford High School Team Meal Coordinator

Mt. Pleasant Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. At our January meeting we voted to keep the current slate of officers to move forward into the new year. We only had 22 in attendance so one of our goals for 2020 is to get more people involved in MTP Men. Our next meeting will be Sunday February 2nd at 7am, this will be our Valentine's meeting so wives and sweethearts are invited. And fast approaching is our Wildlife Banquet on Saturday March 7th, please see Bill Baughn for tickets. Please consider yourself invited to any or all of our events this year and thank you in advance for your support.

Mt. Pleasant Women ...

What a perfect time to set aside time to get closer to our Savior through Prayer and Bible Study. Life is always busy; but, with the cold winter days the pace seems a little slower.

Our January meeting will be Monday, January 27. We will open the New Year with a Soup & Sandwich meal. The cost of the meal will help get us started on money for this year's Mission Projects. If you have thought about joining us for a meeting this meeting would be a good time. We will discuss plans for 2020 and we look forward to seeing everyone.

Anyone who hasn't picked up their cookbooks needs to see Cindy Buckner, Tammy Dyles or Bonnie Darr. If you didn't pre-order a cookbook and would like one there are some for sale.

Mt. Pleasant Outreach Information ...

We wanted to share information about the Mt. Pleasant Outreach Fund. The money donated to the Outreach Fund is used to assist individuals or families who have a financial emergency or face bills due to an unexpected event in their lives that causes financial challenges - such as a medical event, death in the family, loss of home, loss of income and more. If we know of someone who needs our help we may designate that person or family as the recipient of the money collected over the course of a particular month. In addition to the person designated to receive the monthly gifts, we receive calls from individuals who need help with a power bill, water bill, rent, groceries and more. Often these people only need a small amount of money and we can help them get past the current emergency. When we don't have a person designated for any particular month all the money collected goes in the Outreach Account; which allows us to take care of the smaller needs that arise. Whether the need is large or small, the help received can make a real difference to the person or family receiving the help. It can mean having something to eat, heat in their home or money for whatever the need is; or being hungry or cold. We appreciate all donation made to Outreach and the money will be used to make a difference in lives, as the recipients are sometimes so surprised that someone they didn't even know cared about them so much. This is one way we can be the hands and feet of Christ. The recipients can, but don't have to attend Mt. Pleasant. To make a request for help for someone, you will need to contact: a member of the Outreach Committee, one of our ministers, or the church office. The 2020 Outreach Committee:

Chair, Teresa Harden, Angie Hayworth, Nicki Hilton, Stephanie Payne, Jennifer Ridge, Jill Hege, and Janie Penry.



February Birthdays

- 3 Glenda Saintsing
- 4 Ansley Ferree, Connie Williams
- 5 Garrett Rinaldi
- 6 Glenn Finch, Brewer Fowler
- 8 Chris Clontz, Jeff Everhart
- 9 Dana Fitzgerald, Caroline Graeub, Tyler Johnson, Emily Payne
- 10 Dylan Hilton
- II Tim Sexton, Robert Rinaldi
- 12 Reagan Bray, Tyler Everhart, Timmy Hege
- 13 Graham Binkley
- 14 Rhoda Davis
- 15 Logan Palmer
- 16 Mary Kathryn Brown
- 18 Stephanie Payne
- 19 Paisley Borgman, Tommy Gardner, Ellen Hilton, Debra Mayhew
- 21 Lisa Clark
- 23 Barbara Jones
- 24 Lee Penry
- 25 Robert Harden
- 26 Allie Creel, Clay Owens
- 27 Craven Fowler
- 28 Bill Darr, Stephen Grubbs, Ken Woempner, Ryan Woempner

If you would like to add your birthday to our birthday list, please email the church office at <u>office@mtpleasant.church</u>

Serving the Church in February

Ushers:

February 2: *Tyler Everhart, Timmy Hege, Greg Johnson, Jeremy Ray February 9: *Chris Hagee, Gary Mendenhall, Donald Kennedy February 16: *Johnny Nifong, Donald Palmer, Jeff Payne, Bill Darr February 23: *Jeff Everhart, Adam Hilton, Roger Meredith, Brandon Buckner

Greeters:	8:30 Worship 9:45 Worship		II Worship		
February 2:	Kim & Kristin Black	Danny & Denise Roberts	Keith & Paula Knolmayer		
February 9:	Doug & Gail Aderhold	Pam D. Hall	Dianne Baucum		
February 16:	Wendy Harper	Bo Sink	The Jarosz Family		
February 23:	Julie Swain	Nicki Hilton	Courtney & Cathy Mendenhall		
Worship Lea	ders: 8:30 Worship	9:45 Worship	II Worship		
February 2:	Donny Baldridge	Ben Cline	Timmy Hege		
February 9:	Donny Baldridge	Nick & Laura Sweitzer	Daniel & April Rich		
February 16:	Donny Baldridge	Matt, Kerri & Jake Smith	Jay Payne		
February 23:	Donny Baldridge	Jared Hall	Greg Moore		
Nursery:	8:30 Worship	9:45 Worship	II Worship		
February 2:	Phil & Sue Fitzgerald	Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor	Brenda Moore & Jill Hege		
February 9:	Jescena Sink & Sarah Brown	Kim Walser, Jennifer & Brandon Craven	Pam & Lindsay Hall		
February 16:	Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne	Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams	Kelly Peacock		
February 23:	Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden	Allison Martin & Tammy Markert	Mike & Nicole Kleinhenz		

MTP KIDS KLUB 9:45 Sunday School Classes:

	2-Year-Old Class:	3-Year-Old Class:	4-Year-Old Class:		
February 2: Cameron & Katie Koontz		Sherri & Justin Sink	Mae Holler		
February 9:	Amy Johnson & Tia Starner	Hally Allred & Rachel Brewer	Josh & Chelsea Kearns		
February 16:	Pam C. Hall & Anna Ruth Crouse	Adrienne Leach & Rachel Baldridge	Catherine Stroud & Heather Hamric		
February 23:	Steven & Addison Garlick	Maddie & Cael	Sherri & Justin Sink		
	5-Year-Old/Kindergarten Class:	I st Grade Class:	2 nd Grade Class:		
February 2:	Tony & Karen Hyde	Bob & Jeannette Beck	Eileen Sloan		
February 9:	Jill Murphy	Brenda Flack	Dianne Reid		
February 16:	Tobbie Lanning & Laura Cameron	anning & Laura Cameron Kelly Kiger			
February 23:	Keith & Paula Knolmayer	Mary Bowdish & Kim Black	Steph Payne		
	3 rd Grade Class:	4 th Grade Class:			
February 2:	Julie Weimer	Jenny Hagee			
February 9:	Robin Nifong	Amy McDevitt			
February 16:	Misty Petree	Jenny Hagee			
February 23:	Kristi Wall	Amy McDevitt			

Children's Church:	8:30 Worship	II Worship
February 2:	Diana Payne	Josh & Chelsea Kearns
February 9:		Cindy Buckner
February 16:	Elizabeth Diaz	
February 23:	Taylor Cline	Jason & Melissa Moser

MTP Youth & MTP Kids February Servers:

Tammy Dyles, Tina Grubbs, Gayle Mabe, Gail Aderhold

February Events

Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast and Devotion	7 AM
Wednesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 – 11 AM
Thursday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:30 PM
Sunday, February 2	Mt. Pleasant Men's Valentines Breakfast w/ Wives	7 AM
Sunday, February 2	MTP Youth Super Bowl Party	5:30 – 10 PM
February 2 – February 7	NIGHT TO SHINE DECORATING	
Friday, February 7	Night to Shine	
Tuesday, February II	Young at Heart Lunch at Golden Corral	10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 12	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Friday, February 14	Men's Bible Study	6:15 – 7:15 AM
Saturday, February 15	Women Offering Worship	9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, February 16	Iday, February 16 MTP Kids Family Fun Day	
Wednesday, February 19	/ednesday, February 19 Family Night Meal & Bible Study	
Saturday, February 22	uturday, February 22 Parent's Night Out	
Sunday, February 23	nday, February 23 Administrative Board Meeting	
Monday, February 24	Mt. Pleasant Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 26	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Friday, February 28	ebruary 28 Men's Bible Study	

Worship, Discipleship & Stewardship Summary

Date	Saturday Night	8:30am Worship	9:45am Worship	11:00am Worship	Total Weekend Worship	Small Group Classes	General Budget Offering	Family Life Center Offering
12/29/2019	-	124	160	54	338	193	\$16,613.00	\$6,210.00
1/5/2020	8	146	221	73	448	296	\$13,813.25	\$1,225.00
1/12/2020	-	153	272	67	492	240	\$8,885.00	\$740.00
1/19/2020	9	145	225	63	444	297	\$8,736.80	\$790.00

Total FLC Funds Raised to Date: \$1,809,958.41

Memorials & Donations

- --To the Family Life Center in Memory of Nancy White by Floyd White
- --To the Family Life Center in Honor of Chris, Donnie, Donny, Jennifer & Felecia by Tim & Jill Hege
- -- To The Mt. Pleasant Choir in Memory of Betty Blue by Charles & Sara Graeub

WILDLIFE BANQUET Saturday, March 7 at 5:30 PM

Tickets include meal and entry into doorprizes \$15 for Adult Ticket (18 & Up) \$10 for Minor Ticket (17 and Under) Family of 3+ - \$45 Total for Tickets Drawing for a Silver Eagle Semi Automatic 20 Gauge Shotgun & Remington 783 Bolt Action 270 Caliber Rifle

Guest Speaker -Kristin Kiger with Hands of a Sportsman Menu: Pork BBQ, Wildlife Samplers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Slaw, Dessert & Drink

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday – 8:30am, 9:45am, 11am Small Groups – 8:45am, 9:45am, 11am

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OUR MISSION

To Boldly Share the Unfailing Love of Jesus

OUR VISION

To Turn Our Community Upside Down for Jesus Christ

OUR VALUES

Authority of Scripture

Authentic Relationships

Obedient Surrender

Expectant Hearts

Little Dresses Mission Project

Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit Christian organization formed to send relief to the children of Africa. Our volunteers from all over the world, join together to create simple little dresses to give to little girls in Africa.

Group Sewing Dates: February 11, February 18 & February 25 at 6:30 PM

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Susan Jarosz or the church office at office@mtpleasant.church. Please comment below if you will be joining Susan for the sewing dates.

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