



Foundations *focus*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FOUNDATIONS BIBLE CHURCH | MAY 2024

Winnebago Food Shelf

	<u>Items Needed</u>
pudding	Paper towels
Brownie mixes	Dish soap
Pasta	Landry detergent,
Potatoes	Kleenex,
Pancake mix	Vegetables other than peas
Syrup	Tuna
Cereal	Hamburger helper
Peanut butter	Jello

There will be a container around church to put your donated items in. Please bring them any Sunday in May.



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to You, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray You give each mom strength. We ask You to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in You. In Jesus' name, Amen

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*

There will be **NO CLASSES WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th**.

INSTEAD

JOIN US
Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
for a Genesis Praise and Worship Night with ~

The GCA
Worship Band

hosted by  FOUNDATIONS BIBLE CHURCH 205 Cleveland Ave W, Winnebago, MN 56098

Foundations Women's Group
Will be hosting a Community Lady's Brunch
For local churches
Saturday, May 18th at 10:30 am
At the Fellowship Hall
Guest Speaker will be Tracy Muhlenbeck
From The Better Way inc. ~ The Five sisters Project
The topic will be domestic violence

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Wholeness in Jesus through
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*Readying the remnant
For the rapture.*

Sing For Joy

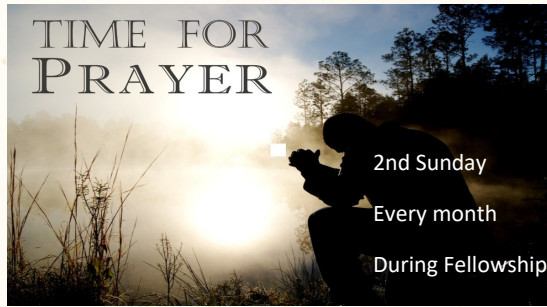
FBC would love to have you join our choir!

If you would like to give it a try, please come and join us for practice.

We practice every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 7 pm

If you would like to participate, but can't do it every week, please talk to Makayla or Cari.

TIME FOR PRAYER



2nd Sunday
Every month
During Fellowship

May Anniversaries

- 02 -- Glenn & Gladys Pettit
- 05 -- Andrew & Chelse Krause
- 30 -- Derek & Brandy Michaelis



...of spiritual warfare and devils' devices

The Screwtape Letters

WORD



BAND OF BROTHERS

breakfast

3rd Saturday of every month @ Linda's Place, Amboy - 8:30am

May Birthdays

- 01 -- Avleigh Sypnieski
- 04 -- Ronda Cooper
- 19 -- Brandalyn Michaelis
- 20 -- Raeleen Hill
- 25 -- David Krause
- 25 -- Carol Kvittum
- 30 -- Craig Gartner

Foundations Women

meets the 3rd Sunday of every month during fellowship




MEALS ON WHEELS

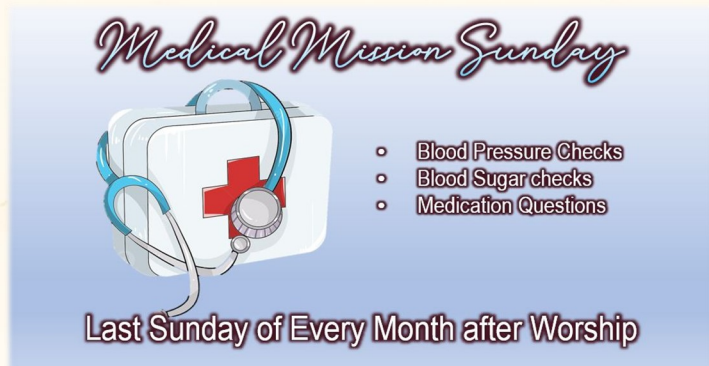
deliver a difference

3rd Week of the Month
FBC will be delivering Meals on Wheels.

If you're willing to help for a day, please see Sally Y.

Pick up meals at 10:15am
Takes ~1/2hr to deliver
17 meals

Medical Mission Sunday



- o Blood Pressure Checks
- o Blood Sugar checks
- o Medication Questions

Last Sunday of Every Month after Worship

Sundays @ 9 am

Adults - Walking in the Desert with God

Sunday School

Youth Group - the Be-Attitudes

Prek-4th grade - Answers in Genesis



PreK - 4th GRADE

THE BOOK OF James

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

preparing people for adulthood in Jesus through the Word of God at 7pm

Upcoming Events

- May 5 - Potluck
- May 7 - CED Meeting
- May 8 - NO Classes
 - Praise & Worship With GCA 7 pm
- May 12 - Time for Prayer during fellowship
- May 14 - Stewardship Meeting
- May 18 - Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am
 - Community Lady's Brunch at 10:30 am
- May 19 - FBC Women's Meeting during fellowship
- May 21 - Spiritual Ministry Meeting
- May 26 - Medical Missions during fellowship
 - Movie Night
- May 28 - Servant Leadership Meeting

Fellowship Hall Servers

- May 5 - Potluck
- May 12 - All Men - Mother's Day
- May 19 - Brian & Carrie Jacobsen
- May 26 - Tyler & Megan Morrison

Pastor's Pen

Romans 13:11-12 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Contrary to the spiritual shift seen across the globe, God calls us to understand the present time and NOT ignore its reality in an apathetic or lethargic manner. I have read several recent articles that express that the focus of the American church has moved to a non-prophetic view, a here and now worldview without a view of how what one does today effects their eternal future.

Let's define some terms from the of the above passage:

understanding = eidō: knowing, to see literally and figuratively, the perfect tense of to know, be aware, behold, consider, look, perceive.

present = ēdē: even now, already, by this time.

time = kairos: occasion, set or proper time, always, opportunity, due season.

the hour has come = hōra: it is high time, day, instant, season, eventide

wake up = egeirō: through the idea of collecting one's faculties, rouse from sleep – sitting – lying – disease – death – obscurity – inactivity – ruins – stand – take up.

slumber = hupnos: (where we get our English word hypnosis from) through the idea of deep – sleep – spiritual lethargy.

put aside = apotithēmi: cast off, lay aside – down

deeds = ergon: toil, effort, occupation, act labor, work

darkness = skotos: shadiness, obscurity, error, adumbration – that is done in the shadows

armor = hoplon: to be busy about, implement, offensive utensil or tool for war, weapon

light = phōs: to shine, manifest, illumination, fire

So, when you put all the meanings together, and look at the context of the passage, God is telling us that we are to know exactly what is going on in this age, and that it is not a time to coast spiritually, and it is the season of our salvation (rescue and deliverance) is very near. One cannot afford to be asleep spiritually, to treat prophecy with contempt or in a light manner. And as many passages indicate, working out our salvation with fear and trembling, being about the Master's business, living as though Christ will come back at any moment, watching, and guarding. Since this is true, no longer should incognito iniquity be part of a believer's life; rather, the believer should shun shadiness and even be on the offense in the war of the world on souls... in fact one should be shining, manifesting and full of Holy Spirit fire, all the more, as the Day of the Lord draws near.

As a very dear friend and sister in Christ used to say "I have questions"... I do, and so here they are:

What are you doing to take of the deeds of darkness, to come out of the shadows, and step into the light, to be the light, and to live the light?

How does the knowledge of Christ's return compel you? I mean – are you so deep in spiritual sleep that you cannot hear the Spirit's leading?

How on fire for the LORD, His Word, His work are you?

Do you understand the times? Or do you hold God's Prophetic Word in contempt?

Well, I hope this wake's you up and gets you ready for THE day, for the night is far spent and the Son is coming!

By Jesus' Grace and Light,



The Holy Spirit

By Makayla Nepp, Spiritual Ministry Team Member

I have been pondering lately, the power of the Holy Spirit. What does that fully mean? Who has it? What does the Holy Spirit do? And not just the basics, that the Holy Spirit is God, born again believers have the Holy Spirit etc., but a deeper big picture understanding. I came to 1 Corinthians chapter 2. There are 16 verses and they are jam packed full of the Holy Spirit. I'm sure I've read it multiple times before and I've probably heard a sermon or two on this chapter. But, I don't know if I've ever fully captured it for what it says, or possibly it just didn't stick (which is known to happen)

I am going to share a few things I learned from some commentaries I read on this chapter.

The start of this chapter talks about Jesus and His crucifixion on the cross. Paul's message was centered on Christ crucified. It was not his (Paul's) wisdom that taught or led the Corinthians, but the Holy Spirit's power that accompanied all of his messages. The message of the cross releases the power of God. We need to make sure we are like Paul, not using our own persuasion or wisdom to reach others for Jesus, but relying fully on the power of the God. No person can achieve what divine sovereignty can accomplish. Paul wanted to make sure people embraced Christ because of the wonder of the cross itself and not his embellished way of his speaking. The power Paul had in his ministry wasn't found in words, but in his Spirit-filled life. The Holy Spirit produces supernatural results in gospel preaching, in witnessing and in the Christian life that prove the validity and authenticity of the message.

Moving on to vs 6, a question was posed in one of my commentaries, "Do we pursue divine wisdom or wisdom of this age, which will come to nothing?" Are we using divine truth as the reference point for our lives? (unlike the rulers of this age)

As we move on to vs 7-8, scripture talks about God's hidden wisdom as a mystery - meaning something that was previously unknown but which God had since revealed. God knew before the world began that He was going to bring salvation to humanity for HIS glory. He knew what would be needed to redeem humanity. But, clearly the rulers of this age didn't get it because they nailed Jesus to a tree. (if they had the wisdom from God, they wouldn't have done that.) The cool thing with that, is God uses unbelievers to achieve his purposes. As Tony Evans said in his commentary "Don't put God in a box! His infinite wisdom is more than we can grasp through our finite human logic."

Now to the part of what the Holy Spirit does. Verses 9-10 are next and I'm going to share vs 10 "these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God." I wasn't going to type this entire section of commentary, but it really helped give a full understanding so here it is, "Spiritual wisdom is made possible by means of the personalized work of God in our lives. Quoting from the prophet Isaiah, Paul explains that for those who love God, He is able to make known things that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived. This is not a reference to heaven but to God's work in the life of the believer. It indicates that God can help believers understand things that he cannot learn through natural means. How does He do this? He reveals these things to us by the Spirit. This is called illumination. Though God has revealed to us His inspired, written Word, believers need illumination to give us understanding. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, within the mind of a Christian that causes him to supernaturally learn, understand, and apply the things of God. It is the voice of God through the Word by means of the Holy Spirit becoming personalized to you. Illumination does not involve new revelation; rather, it involves God giving a believer understanding of the meaning and application of scripture in the midst of his own experiences."

Through the inspired Scripture, the Spirit introduces God's children to something beyond their ability to see, hear or imagine- the glories of God!

Verses 11 and 12 talk about knowing one's thoughts. No other person can know another person's thoughts. Paul used that analogy to show that only you know your thoughts. Now, the Holy Spirit is God. So, the Spirit knows the thoughts of God. Which makes us dependent on the Spirit to enable us to make a spiritual connection with God and when this happens, God illuminates His Word so that it becomes relevant to specific circumstances. The Spirit is able to teach believers the truth of God. An unbeliever can study the scriptures, and learn certain facts about the Almighty, but only through the illumination of the Spirit does true understanding come.

vs 14 talks about the natural person and that the natural person does not have the Spirit of God living within him or her and thus does not benefit from hearing the Word of God. Accept means to welcome, to embrace, to make something one's own. Someone without the Spirit cannot take in the things that are revealed by the Spirit.

The spirit of the world can't help us, because spiritual truth isn't taught by human wisdom. Worldly thinking doesn't have access to the things of God. A person without the Spirit (an unbeliever) cannot receive what comes from God. It appears only to be foolishness to him because it can only be evaluated spiritually.

Praise the Lord, that this divine insight is given to us freely if we believe! (backtracking a little as this was in verse 12). God wants to personalize His revelation to us through his spiritual illumination. But it requires being a spiritual person, in order that we can evaluate everything from a spiritual perspective. One last thing to remember, all believers have received the Holy Spirit but not every believer operates as a "spiritual person" because it requires evaluating things in accordance with Scripture and with openness to the Spirit's illumination work. Such a person cannot be evaluated by anyone - that is, it will be obvious to those who don't know God that a spiritual person doesn't approach life like everyone else does.

The spiritual person is indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit and can thus discern and comprehend spiritual things. And remember brothers and sisters, we can sharpen our brothers and sisters in Christ!!

We'll close out with vs 16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The quotation is from Isaiah 40:13 and it explains how believers can be discerning and yet avoid assuming God's place as judge. They possess that which the world can never acquire on its own, illumination of truth from the Holy Spirit, which gives them the mind of Christ!