

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 25, 2019

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Robert Hurlburt, Kevin Hilinski
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Lauri Volkert, Siobhan Sinnamon
Toddler Time: Wendy Harmon, Jonathan Keller
Coffee Clean-up: Pat Mayo
Backyard Fellowship: Doug and Sharon Fox's home
10 Stein Road, Ellington

September 1, 2019

Worship Leader: Pastor Will Snyder
Greeters: Sundet Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Jeff Hofmann, Christopher Caples
Audio:
Nursery: 9:30: Monique Barr
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time: Zach Sinnamon, Chloe Sinnamon
Coffee Clean-up: Edwards
Backyard Fellowship: Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social
at PCC

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday	7:00 PM	Youth Group Campfire meeting
Sunday	6:30 PM	Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at the home of Doug & Sharon Fox, 10 Stein Road, Ellington. The Foxes invite children and adults who are interested in taking an afternoon swim in the pool to their home at 4:30 PM. There is some limited parking in the Foxes driveway and at the extreme right of their neighbors who share their driveway, especially for those needing to walk shorter distances, others can park on the West Side of Stein Road. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. The rain location is the church. Please plan to make these gatherings a part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.

COMING EVENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive is this Thursday, August 29th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can make an appointment to donate online at the Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org/give-blood. One donation can save up to 3 lives!

HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Next Sunday Evening, Sept 1st, we will end our Summer Backyard Fellowships by meeting at the church for a hymn sing and ice cream social. We will start at 6:30 PM, so please eat dinner beforehand. After a time of singing to the Lord, we will enjoy fellowship together with ICE CREAM! The church will supply the ice cream but if you desire you may bring toppings such as whipped cream, sundae syrup, nuts, crushed Oreos or Heath bars, chocolate chips, M&M's, gummies, sprinkles or any other toppings your heart desires!

CROCK POT COOK-OFF!

Sunday, September 8th will be our 5th annual Crock Pot Cook-Off!



We will be welcoming back our college students with encouragement & love after the worship service. There will be medals for the three favorite pots as well as one for the first empty pot. (For those who miss the old chili cook-off, you are more than welcome to make chili as your cook-off entry). If you'd like to participate please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the back table of the

Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for some delicious food and fellowship!

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our new Women's Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 12th. The morning study will be from 10-11:30 AM and the evening study will be from 6:30-8 PM at PCC. We will be using a study guide by Jon Nielson and Philip Graham Ryken, *GALATIANS: The Gospel of Free Grace*. Ryken describes this Pauline letter as the "epistle of the soul set free," and encourages us that "the gospel is not about what

we do for God; it is about what God has done for us." Please let Cecelia Clark (clarkmom3@gmail.com) or the PCC office know if you would like to participate. The cost of the study guide is \$8.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 10:1-12.

CHOIR REHEARSALS/ORCHESTRA

Our church choir rehearsals and church orchestra will be starting up again on September 8th. If you have thought about participating and would like to know more about it, please talk to or email Bill Glenister; wrglenister@gmail.com

TAKE THEM A MEAL

We would like to help the Caples family out and provide them with some meals while they are settling in with their new daughter, Pearl. You can go to takethemameal.com and sign up using the family's last name and password, 2540, or notify Alice Crilly at crilly6@gmail.com. *Remember* that meals do not have to be elaborate! Just prepare a little extra of what you are making for your family, team up with a friend, or pick up a rotisserie chicken, pizza, etc. and add a salad to go with.

FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder for those who donate items to the food pantry to please check the expiration dates before placing them in the food pantry so as to make sure items are not expired. Thank you!

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased. If you have any questions please contact Dee Volkert.



Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Misunderstanding the Messiah

Matthew 11:1-19

Main Preaching Point: *Though there are doubts and misunderstandings surrounding the person and work of Christ, submit your life-expectations to the Lordship of Christ, for his Kingdom-course is right on track*

- John's questions and doubts about the Messiah: Immediate expectations which Jesus delays (v.1-6)
- Jesus' response and words to the crowd: Low expectations which Jesus raises (v.7-15)
- Life in the Kingdom—Submitting our expectations to Christ's Lordship (v.16-19)

“So often Christians want to establish their “greatness” with reference to their work, their giving, their intelligence, their preaching, their gifts, their courage, their discernment. But Jesus unhesitatingly affirmed that even the least believer is greater than Moses or John the Baptist, simply because of his or her ability, living on this side of the coming of Jesus the Messiah, to point him out with greater clarity and understanding than all his forerunners ever could. If we really believe this truth, it will dissipate all cheap vying for position and force us to recognize that our true significance lies in our witness to the Lord Jesus Christ”—D.A. Carson, *God With Us: Themes from Matthew*

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 11:1-19

Title: Misunderstanding the Messiah

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

**John's question(s) and doubts about the Messiah:
Immediate expectations which Jesus delays (v.1-6)**

2. Read v.1-6. What is the question which John asks Jesus (via his disciples)? Why is John asking this? Do you think he has doubts?¹ According to the sermon, what were some of the possible reasons behind John's question? What was the message that John preached in preparation for Jesus' coming? (see Matt.3:11-12). How does this relate? Explain.

- John was in prison. The corrupt leaders of the temple were still intact. Evil Herod was still ruling. Why hadn't Jesus yet pronounced judgment? According to the sermon, how did John have a wrong or misunderstood expectation of the Messiah? How might this apply to us today? Do people have misunderstood expectations of what the Lord should be doing? Explain.

**Jesus' response and words to the crowd: Low expectations
which Jesus raises (v.7-15)**

3. Read v.7-15. What does Jesus mean by “a reed shaken in the wind” and “a man dressed in soft clothing”? What is Jesus' overall message to the crowd? How do they have too low an expectation of the Messiah? Explain.

4. According to v.10 and the sermon, from where is Jesus quoting? How is John the Elijah-like figure spoken of from Malachi? Explain.

5. What is being communicated in v.11-14 about the nature of the kingdom of heaven, as well as those who live in the aftermath of Christ's coming? In what way(s) are they privileged? How should this shape the believer's attitude and life? Explain.

**Life in the Kingdom—Submitting our expectations to
Christ's Lordship (v.16-19)**

6. Read. V.16-19. What is Jesus communicating about the current generation? How are their actions and deeds like “children”? How does this relate to today?

7. According to the sermon what is meant by “wisdom is justified by her deeds”?

8. What are some specific applications that might be drawn from this text?

¹ Commentators divide over whether or not John was having doubt. Origen, Chrysostom, Luther, Calvin—all suggest that John is asking the question on behalf of his disciples. However, Tertullian and several modern commentators suggest that John had doubts and questions about why Judgment had not yet come