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Theme for 2021

Renewing our Strength
ISAIAH 40:31

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Pastor Ron Tobin

Reaping the Harvest

September begins the Fall equipment season. We all have fond memories. Some of mine were riding my 20" bike through a burning pile of the neighbors (or my) leaves, or eating caramel apples. I particularly like going to all my Jewish neighbors Fall succoth booths in October in celebration of the Feast of Booths. Free food was available to all. This was a great time of harvest.

From the WORD OF GOD

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

The above scriptures are, however, not referring to the enthusiasm of the harvest but the sadness of an unfulfilled harvest. In Jeremiah it was a picture of backslidden Judah going into Babylonian captivity. It was already determined by Jehovah to happen. It was too late to be delivered (saved) from the destruction. The summer was past and harvest had ended. A sad commentary on God's people rejecting to repent and do things God's way.

In Luke 10:2 we have before our Lord a field white unto harvest, but not enough laborers to bring in the harvest. He was illustrating the great need for workers to aid in the bringing in of souls being prepared for their harvest. There are special

times when an abundant amount of laborers are needed. In the Lord's days leaders would go to the centers where day laborers were waiting to be picked to help.

Today, we are in such a time. The volunteer laborer has decreased in this age while the harvest is the neediest, God has brought a mission field to harvest again through Fort McCoy. I'm speaking of course of the Afghans who have been imported here for a short season. It is going to take great prayers, wisdom, money and effort to reach a few. The rewards, however, are lasting and eternal.

This short term effort does not mean our other prayer times or witnessing or visitation stops, No, they go on. They are daily, weekly passions. The souls of the world and our neighbors. Reaching the Afghans will take a combined effort of McCoy staff and the surrounding Independent Baptist Churches. This is a big task for a short term. Many laborers are needed.



So, what can you do? First, pray as you may not have done before. Second, give to where we will need it. Finally, serve in whatever capacity possible; while not abandoning our home front. Along the way let us not let our summer pass and the harvest lay unreaped.



1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalms 86:5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Matthew 9:6a But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, ...

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

REFLECTIONS ON A SUMMER PAST

Colossians 3:17 *"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."*

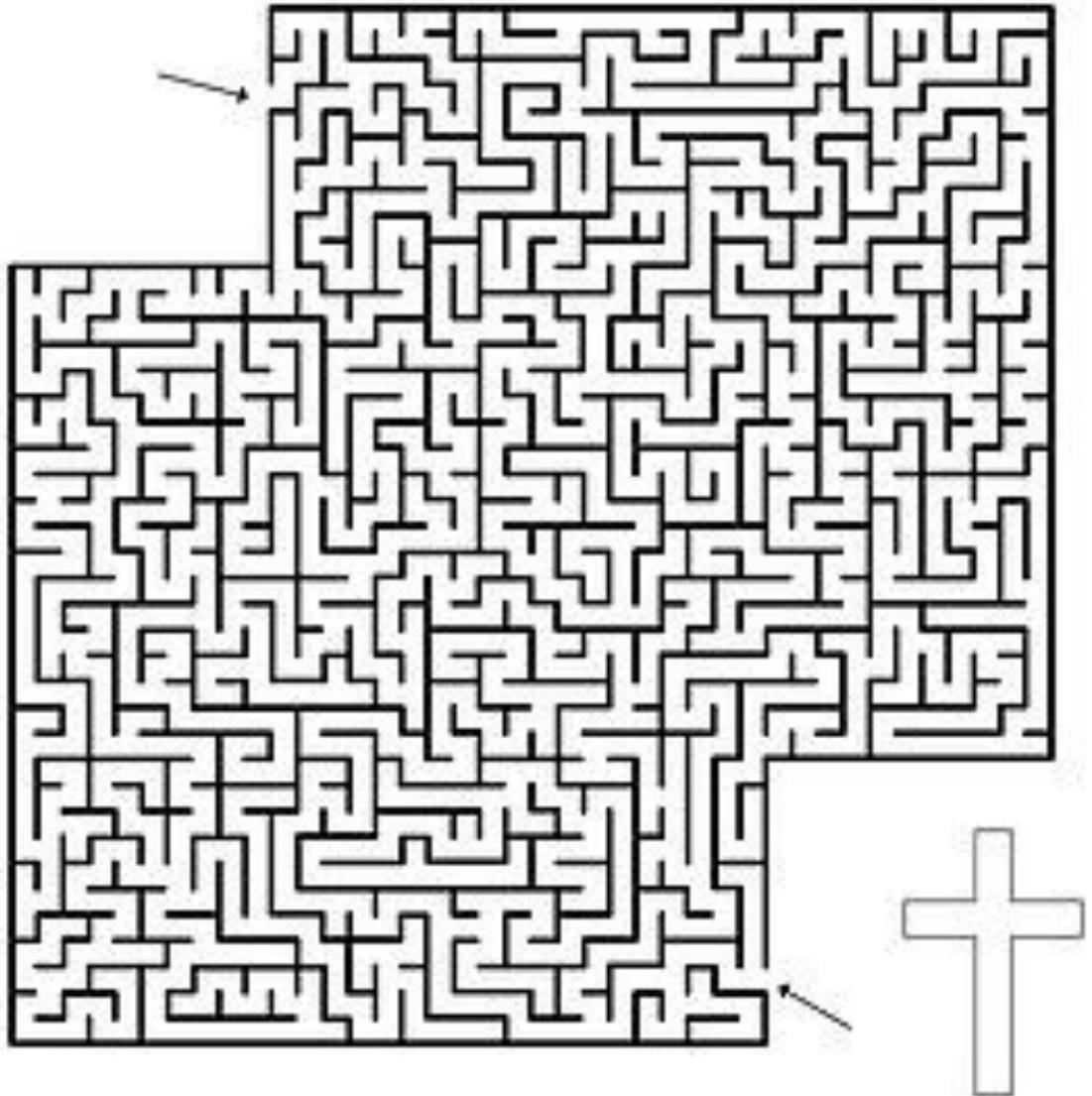
I purposely worded my title to prevent people from skipping over the article because of its content. We spent quite a lot of time over the summer reporting on and announcing (from the pulpit) our church's softball games. You may wonder, "Why would a church waste time on a Sunday morning doing that? Of what eternal value is a softball team?" (I have not actually heard of anyone asking, I'm just supposing the question could be on some minds.) I remember a previous pastor who used to resent the team a bit. Then, one day, he attended a game. What he witnessed at the game completely changed his tune. He saw people forming friendships they would not have in the course of just attending church services. He saw people, new to the church, become familiar with more church people in one night than they could have in a whole year otherwise. He saw small children playing together off to the side. He saw wives and parents of the players fellowshiping together as they enjoyed the game. He saw a handicapped man being treated as a valuable member of the team, even though he wasn't as talented as other players. At the end of the evening, he approached me and exclaimed that the church softball team was a wonderful thing and a valuable tool to be used in the church. He became an enthusiastic supporter.

Most of those things were a part of this year's team. Personally, I think this year was one of the most enjoyable summers of softball in my memory. Younger players were encouraged and made to feel a valuable part of the team. Older, experienced players coached up the younger ones to help them improve. We tried to encourage the fallen (after a mistake) and lift up the downhearted (discouraged over a rough night at the plate). We tried our best to win every game, but kept a good testimony when we didn't. In the end, we won more games (8) than we lost (6). Also, the one team we lost 3 of those games to ended up winning the championship. At least we lost to a good team.

We are admonished in scripture to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. I believe our team truly tried hard to keep that in mind. It was a good summer.



*And ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32*





September 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3  Serv a thon | 4 |
| 5 | 6 No School | 7 | 8 | 9  Coulee JV 6:00 V 7:15 | 10  Picture Day (SME) | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  Fond du Lac 4:30  5:00 pm | 18  Golf Outing |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  Viroqua VB 4:30 V 5:30 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27  Wyldeewood 4:00  4:00 | 28  Coulee JV 6:00 V 7:15 | 29 | 30 | | |



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| | | | 1 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs Print Ministry 10-2 | 2 Noon Prayer Calling- 6:45pm | 3 RU 7 pm | 4 |
| 5 Building Fund Offering Singspiration | 6 Offices Closed | 7 Print Ministry 3-6 | 8 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs Print Ministry 10-2 | 9 Noon Prayer Calling- 6:45pm | 10 RU 7 pm | 11 Teens @ Temple |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 Falk Bridal Shower 7 pm Print Ministry 3-6 | 22 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs Print Ministry 10-2 | 23 Noon Prayer Calling- 6:45pm | 24 RU 7 pm | 25 |
| 26 Lord's Supper | 27 | 28 Print Ministry 3-6 | 29 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs Print Ministry 10-2 | 30 Noon Prayer Calling- 6:45pm | Sunday School- 9:30 Morning Service-10:30 Evening Service-6:00 | |



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Tomah Baptist Academy K-12 ~ Tomah Baptist Institute
Live streaming Sunday Services ~ Christian Counseling
Mid-Week Children & Youth Ministries
Light-Bearing Print Ministry ~ Discipleship Program
Victorious Overcomers Addiction Ministry



“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15

September Missionaries

Birthdays

- 1st Noah Ewert
- 6th Daniel Meyer
- 7th Ember Hanson
- 9th Jeannie Otto
- 10th Mike Ziems
- 11th Dana Meyer
- 12th Jaeson Christensen
- 12th Sandra Femal
- 12th June Root
- 13th Geraldine Stratton
- 14th Katherine Beebe
- 16th Lisa Root
- 17th Donny Conti
- 18th Joel Coleman
- 19th Windy Conti
- 19th Maria Smith
- 20th Levi Rippentrop
- 26th Laila Spaulding
- 29th Allie James
- 30th Barb Buehner
- 30th Michelle Voshell

Anniversaries

- 3rd Tim & Kendra Weigen
- 11th Todd & Christina Derkez
- 16th John & Marilyn Jahnke
- 28th Paul & Kate Buehner

David & Pam Bennett—missionaries to the Australia. Pray for the Bennetts in Australia as they, with God's help and for His glory, are seeking to establish: Western Plains Baptist Fellowship, and Gilgandra Baptist Fellowship as New Testament Baptist churches.

Prayer Requests:

- Salvation of many they have contact with
- New Comers

Web-Site: www.biblefortoday.org/bennett

Jon & Linda Jameson—missionaries to Inner City Kenosha.

They desire to help people find Jesus Christ as their Savior and grow closer to Him. They also assist families in establishing family and Biblical values.

Prayer Requests:

- Bible Studies
- Kid's & Teen Ministries
- Jail Ministries

Web-Site: www.communitybaptistkenosha.org

Eric Joss—**The Master's Craftmen** is ministry of Wyldeewood Baptist Church and therefore only accept requests for construction services from independent fundamental Baptist churches and ministries. TMC is a worldwide outreach ministry.

Prayer Requests:

- Volunteers
- Souls to Witness to
- Safety