



MONTHLY MEMORY
VERSE

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24

There is Just One Prize Worth Striving For ~ Jesus' Prize

As I start out this article, I just want to admit that the idea of this article did not come from me. If you did not know, I was able to help out at two different camps this year. The first camp I helped out at was Camp Wilderness in Iberia, Missouri. I was the speaker there and the theme that week was "One nation under God". The theme was chosen because camp started on July 4th. The other camp I helped at was our churches camp at Camp Expeditions in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Pastor Jed, the director for Jr. Camp, asked me if I could teach daily classes. The theme for that week was "Run in such a way as to win the prize". This was based on the Olympic competition that is happening this summer. And as I write this article, the Olympics are in day 7 – GO U.S.A . Anyway, while the theme was based on the Olympics, more importantly the theme verse comes from 1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

follow Jesus still have to complete OUR race. And our race is our journey through life. Specifically, how we go from today until the day we are standing before Jesus.

I am certain that most of our journeys with Jesus started differently. Some may have started at summer camp. Some probably started at church. Some started in their homes because their parents were believers. I am sure that some did not start until they had their own home as an adult. But, while our journeys may have started differently, all of us should be



looking to finish the SAME WAY, as if we are going to win the prize.

If you take a look at Acts 7, you will see Stephen giving a message about who

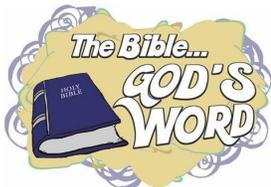
Jesus was, and why people trust Him. And by the time he gets to the end of the message, he sees a vision. The vision is of Jesus **STANDING UP** at the right hand of God. What is unique about this vision is that it seems it is the **ONLY** time in the scriptures where Jesus is standing next to God. Usually, He is sitting on the right hand of God. I think this is an important vision, as Stephen sees Jesus standing up as he sees God's glory. And before he died, which came right after this vision, Stephen saw Jesus standing up, as if giving His approval of Stephen's message and his actions.

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BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the bible this year. You will need to read through Isaiah 36.



- Sun 8/1 ~ through Isaiah 39
- Sun 8/8 ~ through Isaiah 60
- Sun 8/15~ through Jeremiah 15
- Sun 8/22~ through Jeremiah 36
- Sun 8/29 ~ through Lamentations 5



- 1 Lola Griffin
- 10 Carol Keepers
- 13 Dale Horstman
- 16 Joey Klitzke
- 18 Taylor Wegner
- 19 Juanita Rockhill
- 21 Josiah Stevens
- 23 Jesse Stevens
- 24 Westin Weirsmas
- 25 Paul McCalley Jr
- 26 Katelyn Wegner
- 26 Rita Zimmerman
- 27 Dan Keepers

Upcoming

EVENTS



BOARD MEETING

There is no board meeting in August



HAPPY Anniversary

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- 7 Tim and Carolyn Green
- 14 Brad & Sarah Solchenberger
- 17 Lisa & Steve Meyer
- 25 Dave & Bonnie Shervan
- 28 Brandon & Kim Wegner
- 28 David & Deb Harding



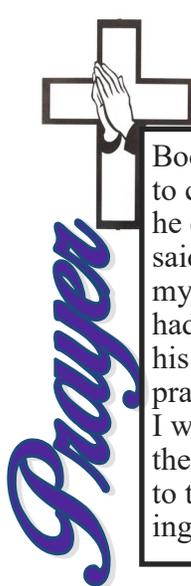
Come out and cheer on the team! All games are held at Pierce Park.

- August 2.....8:15 Field 1
- August 9.....7:00 Field 1
- August 16...TBA
- August 23...TBA
- August 30...TBA

The Big Five "0"
Please join us to help celebrate Pastor Jesse's 50th!

Saturday August 21, 2021
5:30-8:00pm
New Life Community AC Church

Join us for a BBQ, beverages and cake!
No Gifts Please!



Prayer Corner

Book written by the prophet Habakkuk he did not hesitate to complain to God. In fact, he argued with God because he did not see God doing anything about wrong, but God said to Habakkuk, "I will take care of the punishment on my time" then the prophet responded again. Then God had more to say. Finally, Habakkuk said "but the lord is in his temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Then he prayed."

I would encourage all of us to read Habakkuk. It is about the last book in the Old Testament. We should not hesitate to talk to God because he does expect us to, and rewarding to us.
Jerry Kinnamon

Financial Report

June 2021

Actual Income	\$17,062
Actual Expense	\$13,140
Difference	\$3,922

Budgeted Giving	\$12,693
Budgeted Expense	\$16,403
Difference	-\$3,710

Actual YTD

Actual Income	\$83,466
Actual Expense	\$92,677
Difference	-\$9,211

Budgeted Giving	\$82,503
Budgeted Expense	\$103,599
Difference	-\$21,096

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See, in our life I hope we have the same desire that Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 9. That we too might seek to continue to honor Jesus as we journey through life. Not because we might receive greater honor, but because Jesus might receive greater honor. We may not be the athletes or highly trained people that go to Tokyo, or Paris in 2024, or even Los Angeles in 2028, but as followers of Jesus we will be the ones who stand before Him. And when we do, may we seek to get the same response that Stephen did, the response with Jesus standing up giving approval to how we hon-

ored God with our lives.

We may not get the Gold medal in the Olympics, but hopefully we are seeking to live in the place that has golden streets. And seeking to honor Jesus from now until that time finally comes. So when we do stand before Jesus, He says to us "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). May we as followers of Jesus seek to win the prize that Jesus gives, not because of ourselves, but because Jesus is worth living for.

~Pastor Jesse Stevens

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