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What's Your Focus?

I still clearly recall some of the books I read when I was a kid. One such was a set by L. M. Montgomery. *Pat of Silverbush* and *Mistress Pat* tell the story of a girl who, like her fictional cohort Anne, lives on Prince Edward Island. Pat is passionately in love with her home. The setting of the story becomes almost another character as Montgomery describes the connection this character has with her home, the garden, and the tree-lined lanes and roadways of the island.

The book had the effect of making me look at my own surroundings. No, my Saskatchewan home was nothing like the idyl of the story. But I began to notice unique and wonderful things about the place I lived. I paid attention to the expansive prairie sky with its variety of cloud formations. I took note of the whisper of the poplar leaves in the Log Cabin Bush where I would sometimes sneak away to read. I can still remember the comfort of waking up to the contented clucking of chickens on a summer morning.

In the middle of his discontented railings about how pointless every aspect of earthly life is, Solomon -- the writer of Ecclesiastes -- comes up with the thought that shows how ancient is the wisdom of my childhood discovery. Solomon expresses how it is a good thing to focus on the blessings of everyday life when he says: "Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor."

Solomon brings up this idea elsewhere in Ecclesiastes too (in fact, it is considered by some to be Ecclesiastes' secondary theme):

- He speaks about how "He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time" (Ecclesiastes 3:10-11).
- He calls the ability to find joy in one's own efforts and accomplishments a "heritage" (3:22).
- He describes the sleep of the hard worker as "sweet" (5:12).
- His proverb "Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire," reminds us of the importance of being content with what we have (6:9).
- He praises the value of common blessings, marital fidelity and hard work (9:7-10).

Solomon's reminder to enjoy the blessings of each day is a timely one for me. Like him I all too easily get distracted by trying to puzzle out my role and purpose in life. Meanwhile I miss the small but innumerable gifts sent my way each day.

In fact, one of the benefits that comes from such an observant and thankful outlook may just be help with the big-picture puzzling. For the promised result of the right focus, according to wise Solomon, is the gift of "wisdom, knowledge, and joy to a man (and woman) who is good in His sight."

Violet Nesdoly
Langley, B.C.



PRAYER REQUESTS

For our nation as we are going through troubled times.

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the “people in the box”-- the lost in our families and community.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri.

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

For Derek Miller, and Steven McGraw in Afghanistan.

Homer Miller was transferred to Best Care in Wheelersburg this week where he will be staying for awhile..

Cheryl Lemon continues to improve a little each day. She is still in a regular room at OSU Hospital. As soon as they are able to remove her feeding tube she will be transferred to Heartland in Portsmouth. That move could happen sometime this week.

Steve Miller is scheduled for more testing on Monday. He has had some improvement this week in strength, stability and level of pain.

Maggie Perry (friend of Irmalee Gampp) is in hospice care battling cancer.

Dennis Meade (former Minford Schools Superintendent) is battling cancer.

Connie Gibson (Eric Copas's coworker) has stage 4 cancer and is suffering with multiple symptoms.

Aileen Kirkland (mother of 2, Cheryl Villinger's friend) has been diagnosed with melanoma.

Ed McLaughlin will be having his ankle surgery redone in August.

David Lemon was hospitalized last week at SOMC with a heart attack.

Spirit Club News

There will be no more Spirit Club meetings this summer. We will resume our meetings after school starts backup around the first of September. We will have kick-off party to start Spirit Club back up in the fall, with all new Spirit Club activities and weekly meetings. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Sunshine Girls

This evening at 6 pm.

Honduras Trip News

Wednesday evening at the conclusion of our Bible Study we gave our 17 member Honduras Mission Team the Sunshine send off. They spent the night in Columbus in a motel near the airport and Thursday morning they were off to Honduras. We have received a few sketchy updates on Facebook from various members. Everything seems to be going as planned. Keep praying for our team and the success of this mission.

Mission Team Family Dinner

Wednesday evening, August 4, at 6:30 pm there will be a dinner served in the Annex for the family members of our Honduras Mission Team. All family members are invited to attend. See Mandi Coriell for details.

Helping Local Students

As the first day of school approaches there are a few opportunities for us to be a light in our community:

On August 18, we will be delivering school supply boxes to Minford Elementary for needy students. If you wish to participate, please pack a plastic supply box with No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, Fiskars scissors, crayons (24 ct). The boxes can be left on the coat rack in the foyer. See Kristi Cordle for questions.

In October, the Secret Sisters will again be taking back packs filled with personal items (socks, underwear, light weight jackets, etc.) to students identified by Minford teachers. Look for more info in the bulletin as the time approaches. See Autumn or Mandi with questions.

Sweet Monday in August

August Sweet Monday-Aug. 2 at 7PM. The theme is FAIR, we will have a short presentation on money saving tips AND a book signing/short talk by Serena Miller! Please plan to attend! PS—Serena's book is now available at Praises in Portsmouth.

Sympathy Extended

Brianna Pizziano, a close friend of Andy and Amy Graff passed away Thursday following an emergency C-section. The baby is in ICU due to being premature but doing okay. Prayers are requested for the family and her husband Jason.

Just A Reminder

If you have last-minute announcements that need to be made orally before Bible Study or services, please do your best to give them in writing to the announcement maker before the announcements begin. It is very hard to gather details for new announcements from the crowd as announcements are being made and sometimes we get the details wrong. Of course, there will be exceptions from time to time, but generally, we need your help in this matter. Thanks, Steve.

Teen News

Saturday, August 21, the teens are headed to King's Island. See Tim for more details.

New Arrival

Wednesday, July 21, **Elizabeth Lynn Shepherd** was born to Joel and Billie Shepherd, weighing 7 lbs, 6.5 oz and measuring 20 inches long. Congratulations to Joel and Billie on the new addition to their family and also congratulations to grandparents, Greg and Sherrie Shepherd.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/1 Mt 2:1-18
8/8 Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40
8/15 Lk 2:41-52
8/22 Preaching Service
8/29 Mt 3:1-12, Lk 3:1-20

Wednesday

8/4 Ezra 7-10
8/11 Nehemiah 1-2
8/18 Nehemiah 3-4
8/25 Nehemiah 5-6

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.—Matthew 3:10



Coming Events

7/29-8/5	Honduras Mission Trip
8/2	Sweet Monday
8/4	Mission Team Family Dinner
8/21	Teens King's Island Trip

In the Area:

- **8/3-6 Kanawha Valley Lectureship**, St Albans, WV, "Things That Pertain to Life and Godliness." Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/8-12 Ohio Valley Lectures**, St. Marys, WV—Mack Lyon speaking on the "Bride and the Bridegroom: Christ and His Church." Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies' Inspiration Day**, Circleville church of Christ, Dietlinde Spears speaking on "Perseverance." Flyer posted in foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies Day**, Kenova Church of Christ. Milbrey Coffman speaking on "Good Relationships are Difficult." Flyer posted in foyer.
- **9/01 Ladies Day**, Elm Grove Church of Christ. Maggie Goble speaking on "He's Still Working on Me." Flyer posted in foyer.

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BUT FATHER ... ECCLESIASTES 12:12 CLEARLY STATES "OF MAKING BOOKS THERE IS NO END, AND MUCH STUDY IS A WEARINESS OF THE FLESH"



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L O R D S
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

August 1

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Jeff Vannatta
Jamie Veach
Shane Mougey
Derrick Mooneyham
Jason Henthorn
Don Ramey
Dennis Ruch
Jerry Gampp
Jason Foster
Josh Coriell
Steve Miller
Greg Shepherd

August 8

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Caleb Miller
Bill Gammon
Dale Kuhn
David Gampp
John Gampp
Rich Book
Gary Glispie
Michael Dixon
Roger Cooper
Eric Miller
Steve Miller
Greg Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Gabe Coriell
Spike Ferrell
Jason Coriell
Matthew Hoskins
Luke Purpero
Matthew 2:1-18

Shawn Gragg
Aaron Kallner
Jacob Miller
Ira Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
Eric Copas
Ezra 7-10

Jamie Riley
John Berry
Nehemiah 1-2

Children's Bible Time

Aug. Theme: *The Word of God*

3-5: Kerri Davis, Annie Davis, Kristin Riley
6-8: Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero, Adam Hall

Sept. Theme: *Back to School with God*

3-5: Kristine Coriell, Rebecca Dixon, Vanessa Dixon
6-8: Debbie Sullivan, Stephanie Copas, Nick Copas

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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A verse from Matthew 3 has been scrambled vertically.

Drop the letters in the columns into the grid below in the correct order to unscramble the verse.

Solution to the puzzle is at the bottom of page 3.

Hint: Sometimes it helps to solve the two and three letter words first.

TUMBLEVERSE

