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The Question of Priorities

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Matt 6:33—But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. NKJV

Matt 6:33—But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. CEV

This year we are pushing past the gates and going deeper to new places, seeking the Father like never before. The above scripture is our “scripture of the month”. We feel that God is wanting us to seek Him and His righteousness. Confirmation for this came from Grandpa Doyle in Sunday’s service. He share with us how we are to be in this world, but not of it. We are to be different. Not everyone will understand our passion for Jesus, and our willingness to be totally sold out and focused on Him. As believers, our priorities are going to be different than the world’s. We are not to search or strive for comfort, security, money, fashion (okay, maybe some shoes), or position. We are told to **SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD!** We want to submit to God’s sovereignty here and now and to work for the future coming of its kingdom. We must put God’s will and His righteousness first in our lives; He will take care of everything else. We were made for God! The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

“Seek” is present imperative, a command to fulfill a continuing obligation. To be about, desire and endeavor. What do you seek? What things in your life bump God from first place? The business of our salvation should engross us entirely. When we put God first, then all these things will be added. What are these things? When you read the scriptures preceding (Matthew 6:25-32) He’s talking about food, clothing and where you live. We must have knowledge of our Father to understand that He will meet our needs. We must be acquainted with the proper dependence on the “divine providence”. God declares all things are good. (Genesis 1:31) He has given us “richly all things to enjoy”.

1 Tim 6:17-18 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. NIV



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February Calendar of Events

- All Month - Teacher Appreciation Month
- 2—Groundhog’s Day
- 3—Youth Board Meeting after Church
- 7—Adult Basketball, 7:00-9:00 pm
- 10—Board of Directors’ Meeting, 6:30
- 11—Women’s Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 14—Valentine’s Day
- 21—Adult Basketball, 7:00-9:00 pm
- 25—Women’s Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 25—Corporate Fast Begins



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Please understand it is not wrong to possess things, but it is wrong for things to possess us. Materialism will enslave the heart.

Matt 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."NIV

We can become shackled by the material things of life, but we ought to be liberated and controlled by the Spirit. Treasures of earth may be used for God, but if we gather for ourselves we may lose them along with our heart. We are to lay up treasures in Heaven, use all that we have for the glory of God. We need to measure life by the true riches of the kingdom and not by the false riches of this world. It's difficult to make progress when you are going in two directions.

So "hang loose" when it comes to material things. Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. What is righteousness? This is God's character and His will. It is to live as God requires, turning to God, to fill our thoughts with His desires, to take His character for our pattern to serve and obey. It is holiness of heart and purity of life.

When we get our priorities right all these other things will be added. This is not our home, the things of the kingdom of Heaven shall endure but earth's riches will pass away. Your soul should be your top priority. Trust your Father's wisdom, power and goodness for supply.

I Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. NIV

Let's push past the gates together, go deeper to new places and search for the Father's face! Let this be your priority!



A Merry Heart

A couple who'd been married for over 50 years was sitting on the sofa, when the wife said, 'Dear, do you remember how you used to sit close to me?'

He moved over and sat close to her.

'Dear,' she continued, 'do you remember how you used to hold me tight?'

He reached over and held her tight.

'And,' she went on, 'do you remember how you used to hug me and kiss me and nibble on my ear?'

With that, her husband got up and started to walk out of the room.

'Where are you going?' she asked.

'Well,' answered the husband, 'I have to get my teeth.'





We Love Our Teachers!

By Christian Education Director, Michal Makin



February at BCK Ministries is now officially “We love our teachers month” so I wanted to take the time to let our unpaid staff of teachers know how much I appreciate their hard work and dedication in my newsletter article this month. At the same time I would like to encourage them to continue their work and ask for an unprecedented amount of dedication to go forth as we enter this new year.

"A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame." - Tagore

The Bible says in Ephesians 4:10-12 that “He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and **teachers**, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

DO you know what this means? If you are a teacher here then you have been appointed by Jesus for this place at this time. Isn’t that exciting?!?!?! I believe that the job that each teacher has here at BCK holds more importance than society has placed on it. Even more importance than we ourselves may think. Formal education teaches us the three “Rs” – Reading, Riting, and ‘Rithmetic – which are important. But what we teach, what we ignite in others through Christ is much more than that. It is the difference between eternal life with Jesus in Heaven or eternal pain and suffering in hell.

If you take a look at the quote above by Tagore ,then that means that, as a teacher, your responsibility is not only to teach but also to keep filling yourself DAILY with God’s word and to spend alone time with HIM. You can’t fill others with the knowledge of Jesus’ love if you are not experiencing it in your own life. Christianity is not a one-time-at-the-alter experience. It is daily walking and talking with Jesus. If you aren’t doing this, you can’t teach or expect others to do it, for that matter. If you are, then God will anoint you and enable you to do your best (or even better) and you will be able to reach kids more effectively with the lesson you are teaching.

The responsibility of being a teacher here at BCK is a great one because we are not just touching a little kid’s life. We are reaching into Johnstown and Jesus is changing it one or two kids at a time. That is AWESOME! So, thank you for all you do. Week after week, month after month, despite your hardships, trials, schooling, illness, children of your own, and everything else you face in life outside these doors. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I can not say it enough.

Why God Made Teachers

By Kevin William Huff

*When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.*

*When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.*

*Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.*





“Click” on God

“What if you had a friend who died without knowing Jesus as their personal savior? What if he or she went to hell?”

This is the opening line to a Godtube.com video that is a must-see for everyone who does or does not take soul-winning seriously. Warning: This is a very sobering video. Be prepared to be affected.

Go to www.godtube.com. Type in a search for “A Letter from hell.” Click on the video and watch it in its entirety. What you’ll see is a dramatization of a letter written by a kid named Josh, from hell. What makes this so sobering is that Josh’s best friend, Zack, is a Christian—someone who could have told him about Jesus, but didn’t.

May your life be changed as you “click” on God.



Arise, Children of God!

Are we not all children of God, no matter what age we are? Does not God’s word say to come to him like a child?

We have recently finished a series called Rise – Up with our teen class. The latter part of the series is very powerful with in-your-face, step-on-your-toes lessons. As parents, teachers, pastors and individuals, we all have our own way of doing and seeing things. The one common goal we should all have and do everyday is to pick up our biblical glasses and see ourselves and each other as God does. This requires us to read and know God’s word. Each of us, especially us parents, have the awesome responsibility to raise our children to know, serve and love God. We will be held accountable for how we have raised our kids and whether or not we have protected them. This does not mean that we should always shelter our children, but we should teach them right from wrong, know where they are, who they are with, what they are doing and know what they are filling their precious minds with. Do you know what they are being taught? What have your children heard from you? What have they seen you do? What have you taught them? How do you talk and act outside of the church walls?

Patrick & I are not exempt. Dylan knows we used to party and act like heathens. He saw, heard, and was in the midst of things that no kid should be in. But now we are far from who we used to be. Hopefully, he sees us as the parents God is working on, because we still mess up and fall short of the glory of God. All of us will fail as parents in one way or another. Our kids need to know that we are human, that we are not holier-than-thought, and that we do or did know wrong people. Oh, and believe me, the enemy will make sure that at some point your children will see or hear you at your worst. The hardest thing to do is to apologize to your teenage son/daughter. But we do when we are out of line with God and our kids see us. Oh, yeah, be ready to bite the bullet and do what is right. Don’t only make amends with God. Go to your son/daughter and make amends there as well.

As parents that are part of the body of Christ, we need to wake up our senses and not be numb to the sexual content, violence, witchcraft, drugs, music, alcohol or any other form of satan’s junk that has and is consuming generation after generation. It’s time to censor these things in our homes. It’s time for the youth in the body of Christ to see their parents rise up and make a stand for God. Will you accept the call to fight the good fight? Will you place the full armor of God on and show your children, peers and strangers what Jesus looks like? God has placed a call for our youth of BCK to rise up—to look in the mirror and to see themselves as God does. Each of them has been asked to make a new commitment to God—to spend more time with God than they ever have before. This is the year we are pushing past the gates and going deeper with God. BUT, that is not all, it is time to push back the gates of hell and take back what the enemy has stolen. Will you take the stand with your youth and say, “Yes, Jesus, I will rise!”

No matter what age you are, you are still a child of God.

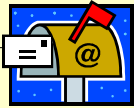
Arise, Children...Arise!



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GOING TO THE THRONE ROOM

KNEELING AT THE FATHER'S FEET

TOGETHER THERE IN UNITY

WE'RE PUSHING PAST THE GATES

GOING DEEPER TO A NEW PLACE

SEARCHING ONLY FOR THE FATHER'S FACE

TO SING HIS PRAISES WITH THE ELDERS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY YOU ARE

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~A new song by Pastor Cathy