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ANNIVERSARIES:

- Feb 2 Scott & Cheryl Newman
- Feb 15 Bud & Katy Stone
- Feb 23 Ron & Ann McClue
- Feb 27 Carl & Roxie Strieby
- Feb 29 Charlie & Kathy Heilman



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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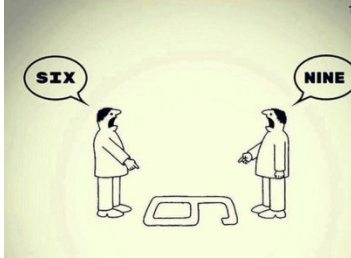
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Mike's Musings

Perspective, the dictionary says it is a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something, a point of view. When I think about my attitude toward problems in my life, I need to consider my perspective. At the beginning of January, I had the pleasure to speak for the first service of the year. I began by talking about who the world says I am and who God says I am. This got me thinking that we all need a lesson in perspective once in a while. I saw this meme and it caught my attention.



We can all see things from different perspectives. We see in John 10:10 two perspectives, what Satan comes to do and what God's wants to do for us, ask yourself which you want to believe. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

You see, we have choices we make every day. Are we making choices according to God or for whatever reason we make it. Sometimes we don't always think we have a choice. We keep doing things that are not always the best thing for us. Growth in the Lord is not always easy. It can be painful. Jesus uses the grape vine to illustrate that sometimes we need pruning to grow more fruit. This requires us to change our perspective. to look at things from another angle.

I was mad at God when I first hurt my back. All I could say was why did you let this happen to me? I didn't look at what I had been doing with my life. I surely wasn't living my life for Him. My life was a mess and it needed to change. I fought against that change, but in the end, I knew that God didn't let this happen my sin was keeping me from seeing that God always wants the best for me. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Or Romans 8:28 that says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

I will leave you with a little story I read the other day. A visiting pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen!" Stay

strong, my friends, because our Lord is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when He is done with it. Amen!

Pinecrest Fellowship is the first Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. There will be a short devotional, prayer, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.



Operation Christmas Child
February ideas are accessories – sunglasses, hair ties, hats, bracelets, necklaces, sm purses/tote bags, bandanas, watches, rings.



The Food Pantry is open for the 2022-23 season. The Pantry will run every other Wednesday 10-11:00 am. for the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the church M-Th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Cash donations can be made to the Church of the Straits, c/o food pantry. Helping Hands on Wednesdays are always welcome!! If you have questions, call Rose LaPointe at 436-5307. February Dates: 8th and 22nd.



Video Bible Series Continues thru Lent



Meeting at 6pm. Pastor is leading a video series entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah" by Ray Vander Laan

Willing Workers Collecting Grocery Receipts

Please save your receipts from Family Fare grocery stores. Includes St Ignace, Cheboygan, Gaylord, and D&W Market in Petosky. Look for a box in the fellowship hall.

Soup Sunday

Be Our Guest! Feb 5th at noon here at the church. Free to the public. Please join us for lunch and get to know your community and neighbors. A free will offering will be collected to purchase books that are distributed during the Memorial Day parade.



Book by June Baily Available For Purchase

“Santa’s Secret Training Center”

Paperback: \$14.95 Hardcover:

\$21.95 All proceeds will go to

children’s ministries. Books will

be available in the fellowship hall

or you can contact June Baily 989-385-5050

Can also be purchased on Amazon.com



Coffee Hour Help Needed!

We’re always looking for helpers!

There is a sign-up sheet in

Fellowship Hall for the coming months. Please

don’t feel you have to do an “elaborate spread”.

Cookies and coffee, some juice is all that is needed.

SARM happenings

God is Good!

Sunday School Transportation

Do you know a child that would be interested in attending Sunday school that needs transportation? Sunday school is the second through the fourth Sunday of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon We can help please contact Shannon Cooley at the church of the straits. Wednesday through Friday 11 AM to 2 PM (231)436-8682.



S.A.R.M. Bowling and Pizza Lunch

Sunday Feb 12th from 1pm-3pm.

Spare Time Lanes in Cheboygan, MI

All Youth free of charge. Bring a friend and have some fun!



S.A.R.M Change to make a Change

January through March SRAM is collecting winter hats and gloves for Mackinaw City elementary students.

There's is a donation box located outside of the SARM room all donations are very much appreciate.

WINTER



S.A.R.M. Schedule

All SARM youth activities are free of charge and open to all youth

Jan-March change to make a change....

Winter hats and gloves for Mackinaw school and Classroom needs

Cheboygan COP class 18-26 with Disabilities

Feb-12 YMS* Bowling and pizza Sparetime Lanes 1-3pm

March-5 YMS* movie/ popcorn COS*

*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS The Church of the Straits

*YMS Youth Ministry Sunday *MC Mackinaw City.

All changes to SARM schedule will be posted on SARM Youth Facebook page or you can always contact youth director Shannon Cooley at COS (231) 436-8682 for updates

Straits Talk Newsletter

February 2023



The Mission of The Church of the Straits
 To worship God faithfully
 To grow together spiritually
 To serve Jesus Christ and
 our neighbor joyfully
 ...in the power of God's Spirit.

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Youth Director	Shannon Cooley
Head Ushers	Todd Kohs and Carl Strieby
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Donna Falor
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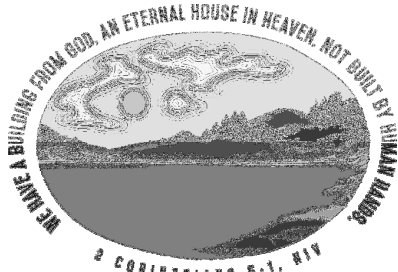
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Sunday School 10:30 a.m.



I read a joke recently that made a very valid point! Here it is:

A father thought it was about time to lecture his son, who was somewhat scatter-brained and frivolous.

“Jim,” he said, “you’re getting to be a man now and you ought to take life more seriously. Just think, if I died all of a sudden, where would you be?”

“I’d be right here, dad,” said Jim. “The better question is, where would YOU be?”

Boy did the tables get turned on that one. That last question is an important one. Sometimes we need to be reminded of our own mortality so we can prioritize what we want to do with our future. I was reminded of this recently when my own brother, Eric, had a heart attack. The artery that was blocked was the one they call “the widow maker”. He is fine, Praise God, and recouping well as I write this. We have no heart history in our family, so it came as a surprise because he is only 64.

No matter what would have happened, the comforting thing to me is that my brother knows the Lord and although we would have been heartbroken (no pun intended) he would have been with Jesus. Read the following passage as an encouragement to us all (2 Cor. 5:1-10):

1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. NIV

Be encouraged because death does not have the last word when it comes to Christians!

Love ya,

Pastor Dave

