



The Messenger

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"It's Simple Math"

By Pastor Don Lain

A few years ago I made a startling discovery about evangelism. I'm not sure why I had never noticed it before, but there it was in black and white, recorded in Matthew 9:35-38:

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

These are certainly familiar words for many. They are powerful words in terms of their emotions and call. Jesus' emotional response was "He had compassion on them." Jesus understanding of the condition of lost people is descriptive: they are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus' desire is clear: that the lost would be found. But the words issued to Jesus' disciples are startling. Je-

sus declares: ***"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."***

What's is startling about these words is what Jesus did not pray, "Ask the Lord of the harvest to save the lost." OR "Ask the Lord of the harvest to help the church put together a really good evangelistic crusade." OR "Ask the Lord of the harvest to give you more pastors to save the lost." NO! Jesus' prayer was that the Lord would provide more workers. As I thought about those words, it occurred to me that as far as I can remember, there is not one verse in the Bible that tells us to pray for the lost. Instead we are told to pray for evangelists who will reach the lost. The truth about evangelism is this: Lost people will only be found if found people are willing to go and offer Jesus to them. Evangelism is all about God's people being obedient to the Great Commission. It's a matter of each saved person offering Jesus to at least one lost person each year. Then the next year, the new number of saved once again offering Je-

March 2020



March Birthdays

Elaina Rivera	14
Elizabeth Ruple	21
Jeff Sullivan	21
Joanna Kolpien	25
Ben Smith	26
Pastor Don Lain	27
Lucy Adams	28
Jenny Bishop	31

If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, or know of someone's not listed, please email or call the church to let us know!

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sus to one lost person each.

The math of such a plan is startling. Let's suppose, just for the sake of a round number, that there is an average attendance at Parkside of 40. If every person would invite just one person to discover Jesus and become a believer, by this time next year we would be running 80 in attendance. If those 80 would invite just one person each to discover Jesus and become a believer, at the end of the second year we would be running 160 in attendance. If you continued to multiply that out, the following years would result in an attendance of 320, 640. . . . you get the picture.

My prayer for Parkside is that "the Lord of the harvest would send out workers into the harvest field." Those workers are you and me. I offer to us this challenge: for the year 2020-2021, with God's help, let every one of us try to win at least one person to Jesus Christ. Simple math would tell us that in no time we would be facing a space problem in our sanctuary. I love those kinds of problems! Let this be the year where each one wins one for Jesus.

Tragedy Into Triumph:



Tragedy Into Triumph will be available free this year to you at your homes! It will be simulcast on March 17, 18 & 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night.

The church will be simulcasting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17. The



featured Speaker is Pattie Mallette.

Hers is a story of overcoming abuse, and addiction to find the Love of God. Come at 6:00 p.m. to participate in the Youth Ignite Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser. You can invite a friend over and watch from home on Wednesday and Thursday. Go to: tn2tsimulcast.org to register. Be sure to mention our church: "Westlake Parkside", the District: "NCO" and your email address. See the Church Office with questions.

SENIOR BRUNCH:



The Senior Brunch is returning and will take place on **Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m. and at the Lain's house.** Please sign up in advance. If you have any questions please see Nancy Lain or Phyllis Long.

TEEN MINISTRY:

Teen Quiz Practice is on Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m. at State Road Church on March 1 and 22 over all material. The next Teen Quizzes are at State Road Church on March 7 at 9:00 a.m. and March 28 at Sandusky Community Church at 9:00 a.m. Please see Harold Kimmey with any Teen Quiz related questions.



NYI Blast is scheduled for March 20-21 at Wooster Church of the Nazarene! Several of our teens will be participating.

The next Ignite Teen Hang Out is scheduled for Friday, April 3. Please see Bill St. John for more details.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

The Easter Egg Hunt is Satur-



day, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. Donation of items and Volunteers are needed for the success of the event.

Pastor Marcella leads a class for Toddlers - 5th graders on Sunday mornings. Children are excused after the Offertory. The first Sunday of each month is Family Sunday. Please see the Opportunity Table for Activity Bags. Infants- 2 years old, please see Elaina Rivera. Please see Pastor Marcella with any questions regarding Children's Ministries.

Chili Cook-Off



Join us on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. for a Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser hosted by our Teens! Bring \$ to vote for the best chili with your dollars!

Bring a guest, and stay for the first night of Tragedy Into Triumph beginning at 7:00 p.m. Contact Bill St. John with any questions.

SDMI Dinner:

The NCO SDMI Appreciation Dinner is on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Ashland, Ohio.



The guest speaker is comedian, David Dean.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event begins at 7:00 p.m. It is being held at the John Myers Convocation Center located at Ashland University: 401 College Ave, Ashland Ohio 44805.

Encuentro-Missions

Parkside Church's NYI Mission Team has been hard at work raising funds for their upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica in June of 2020, but they could use your help! They will be based out of San Jose. They will be partnering with local churches to provide VBS programs and sports clinic to the communities. Light construction projects are planned and church planting will take place in the area. They leave June 27 and return July 5. The cost of the trip is \$1500 a person and some of our participants still have money to raise.



We are very excited about this trip, and how God wants to use us in Costa Rica. Thank you to all who have supported us thus far

through our fundraisers.

Checks can be made out to Parkside Church of the Nazarene and write NYI Mission Trip Riveras in the memo. Send to Parkside Church of the Nazarene
attn: Joanne Murphy
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Thank you for your support and prayers!



Child Care Center Events:



The Child Care Center will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Day on Monday, March 2.



If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Szczepanski or Pastor Marcella in the Child Care Center Office.

Wednesday Nights:

6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

6th-12th graders will continue to meet with Bill St. John and Joanne Murphy in the Teen Room.



ADULT MINISTRY:

The Adult Bible Study will begin meeting again at 6:30 p.m. on March 4. The study will be of Philippians and Colossians. Please see Pastor Don with any questions.

PRAISE TEAM:

Meets in the sanctuary. See Brianna St. John for more information regarding the praise team.



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Life Bible Study</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children/Youth Adult Bible Study Praise Team 	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 p.m. SDMI Dinner</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Teen Quiz State Road</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Senior Brunch</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Life Bible Study</p> <p>Finance Com Mtg</p> 	9	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCC Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children/Youth Adult Bible Study Praise Team 	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Life Bible Study</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Sunday</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Tragedy Into Tri- umph Simulcast</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children/Youth Adult Bible Study Praise Team <p>7:00 p.m. Tragedy N2 Triumph Home Simulcast</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Tragedy N2 Triumph Home Simulcast</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Life Bible Study</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 p.m. CCC Retirement Plan Info Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children/Youth Adult Bible Study Praise Team 	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor's Birthday</p>  <p>MVNU Women's Aux. Spring Conference</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Teen Quiz Sandusky</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Life Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Winter Jam</p>	30	31	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children/Youth Adult Bible Study Praise Team 	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ignite Friday Night Hang Out</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Senior Brunch</p>