As I write this, we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School, the youth are away at Student Life Camp at Windermere. July 4th is about a month away and the Car Show is just beginning to peek over the horizon. Many of our students are in Summer School for most of the month of June. We are in a period when it seems like Summer is what it should be – a time for life to slow down, go on vacation, and play or watch baseball.

As we go through Mark, I realize more and more that Jesus was a man who knew that he had a mission to accomplish. He was moved with compassion whenever he looked out at the multitudes. He knew there would always be one more need that he could meet, one more sickness that he could heal. Somehow, with His perfect wisdom, he knew when it was time to focus on the crowds and when it was time to withdraw.

I hope you are able to build into your summer times for reflection and renewal, rest and relaxation. Allow times of solitude, reflection and inactivity to replenish your spirit so that you be able to serve the Lord.

Have a great summer!

Dr. Mark

Kathy’s Korner

VBS!!! What an exciting time! Not just for children but also for adults who get the privilege to serve God in this way! Matthew 24:40 says this: The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ To think of hearing that said one day as I stand before my Father, gives me goose bumps! For not only do I get the joy from serving while I’m alive and here on earth, but the eternal rewards for possibly planting some nugget of truth into the heart of a little one, that can grow and perhaps reap a harvest of souls for our Lord, is joy unspeakable!

I want to thank each of you for your faithfulness for what you’ve done to make this week successful in the eyes of the Lord! Whether you brought your children, loaned us your baskets, rugs, canopies, sheets, or anything else needed, or you were a Tribe Leader or Helper, or a Kitchen Helper, you have been a vital part of our VBS. I have to give a huge THANK YOU and my deepest appreciation for some special people who helped make this possible.

Amy Wilson was the Tribe & Registration Coordinator as well as our “timekeeper”! She spent a lot of time beforehand gathering all the daily items needed for each tribe and then filled their baskets with the resources for each day! She did a great job assigning students to the various tribes and she also kept us on schedule so that we could get as much quality time as possible packed into those 2 hours each evening! Shauna Diedrich and Shannon & Travis Baker were the Marketplace & Recreation Coordinators!

They did all the background work involved for the various shops in the Marketplace, including the kitchen, as well as the hands on help each day for the various activities! They also selected the daily activities for the Palace Playground, under the leadership of Terry Brookshire! And of course, Babylon wouldn’t have been complete without the daily drama between Daniel (aka Bro Mark!) and Ashpenaz (aka Tom Johnson!). They brought the daily Bible stories to life!!!

As with any major production, it takes the coordinated effort of many willing hearts to bring an event together. So when you see someone who gave themselves to making this VBS, Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity, a success, please show them your appreciation for their efforts!!!

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I love the saying, “Draw-ing a line in the sand”. In 168 BC a Roman Consul named Gaius Popilius Laenas drew a circular line in the sand around King Antiochus IV of the Seleucid Empire, then said, “Before you cross this circle I want you to give me a reply for the Roman Senate” – implying that Rome would declare war if the King stepped out of the circle without committing to leave Egypt immediately. Weighing his options, Antiochus wisely decided to withdraw. Only then did Popilius agree to shake hands with him. There was no doubt in Antiochus’s mind where the Roman Consul stood. The Phrase commits you to a belief or a set of standards, basically people know where you stand, and that you mean it.

I wonder sometimes if we are not sure where our line is, or is it dependent upon the group we are around. As Christians we have some lines that are not blurred, they are laid out in God’s word very clearly. In Matthew 5, Jesus discusses the Law and clarifies how it affects the present day believer; there are no blurred lines there. In Romans 1:25-32 the wrath of God is revealed, but this is not an impulsive outburst of anger aimed impulsively at people. God does not like. It is the settled, determined response of a righteous God against sin. What is this Sin? It is in verse 25, “Exchanging the truth about God for a lie, and worshipping a creature rather than a creator”. The truth of God is being distorted in our present day churches, media, government etc. Whether it involves abortion, gay rights, cultic practices, we as Christians have to draw our line in the sand and say, “this is where God’s word is clear, so therefore I must be. Or we run the risk of being grouped with those in Romans’ 1:21, for although we knew the truth, we choose not to honor God with it.

Look if you don’t stand for something you will fall for anything!

STAND!

Jason

Tuesday, June 12th 7:00 p.m. BSU Planning Meeting – conducted by Phelps Association at Salem Avenue Baptist Church. This meeting is to discuss the future plans and changes to our local BSU on the MS&T campus. Please invite all who have a heart for students and interest in the future of our collegiate ministry. Please give us a call if you have questions 364-8313. Thank you and please be in prayer for our college students and the impact our decisions will make on their future and the ministries affected. Phelps County Baptist Association Office

Senior Group Potluck Dinner June 21st at 6:00
Bring your favorite dish to share and fellowship together. Bread and Drinks will be provided. A sign-up is available on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

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