

Proclaimer

VBS IS HERE!



JUNE 19-22

All kids, infants - 6th grade grads are invited to join us for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School. Each night there will be music, projects, snacks, games, and a chance to learn more about the amazing God of our universe! There is still time to register at www.planetreg.com/2017vbs, or kids can be registered in person when they arrive to VBS. We look forward to seeing you all there! Everyone is invited to come Thursday, June 22 at 8pm to participate in our closing program. There will be a reception to follow.

We are still in need of many items for VBS. Please visit our sponsorship wall by the main entrance to see how you can help!



Our final VBS volunteer meeting will be Sunday, June 11, immediately following the morning worship service in rooms 207/208. If you are a volunteer, please make every effort to attend. Thanks in advance for all you are doing!

VBS Afterparty, Sunday, June 25

Are your kids going to VBS? Do you and your family want to have a chance to get to know the staff at Pennway? Come to the **VBS Afterparty** on Sunday, June 25, directly after church. Kids will be sharing music during the service and also participate in "day 5" of VBS.

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS - Sundays from 9-10am beginning June 4

The GIG - Join Pastor Doug on Sunday mornings for the GIG (Growing in Grace). This group covers a multitude of topics relevant to the Christian faith and is open for anyone to join.

Digging Deep - Digging Deep is a series of classes that focus on helping you get more out of vital practices of your faith. It will be made up of three different series that will happen during the summer months. Digging Deep Into Prayer will focus on developing an active and vibrant prayer life. Digging Deep Into Scripture will teach skills to help you study scripture with greater clarity and meaning. Digging Deep Into Intentional Living will focus on the practice of intentionally living out Christ's commands. Join Pastor James for any of these and discover ways to dig deeper into your walk with Jesus. The Digging Deep series will also be available online.

Dates: **Digging Deep Into Prayer** (June 4-18)
Digging Deep Into Scripture (July 16 and 23)
Digging Deep Into Intentional Living (August 20)

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Pastors Paragraph

My friend and I have had an ongoing discussion about the order and relationship between repentance and forgiveness. He argues that forgiveness of another person is pointless unless that person repents and desires to be forgiven. My point is that it is his obligation to first, not only offer forgiveness, but to, in fact, forgive.

I've found that many Christians struggle with forgiveness. I believe many of us, at our core, find it difficult to comprehend the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice "while we were yet sinners" (Romans 5:8), and are still endeavoring to earn that forgiveness. Yet, struggle as we might, that is a reality of our faith. He forgives us. That forgiveness is then cemented when we, in faith, receive that forgiveness and repent.

While we struggle with our forgiveness from God, we struggle even more with our forgiveness of others. Jesus, over and over, states that there is a direct relationship between God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others. He makes this very clear in His parable of the unmerciful servant found in Matthew 18:21-35. Peter was asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who sins against him. Jesus said not just 7 times, but 70 x 7 times. Then Jesus went on to tell of the servant who owed the king over \$10,000,000. Of course the man was not able to pay that, just like we are unable to pay for our own sins. The servant begs the king to be patient with him (like he was going to be able to pay that back in his lifetime!). But the king instead forgives the debt. It is canceled, erased from history – what Jesus does to our sins. Then this servant goes out to a man who owes him about \$200 and demands that he pays. The man begs for grace but the servant has him thrown into jail, no forgiveness. The king is very upset. After he had been forgiven so much, why could he not forgive this little debt of this other man? Jesus points out that we need to forgive others from our heart.

Often, we want to attack those around us who "owe" us a paltry amount, but forget that we have been forgiven a king's ransom. To fail to forgive others does not encourage or enable their repentance; only our forgiveness can do that. In fact, to withhold forgiveness only pollutes our own lives. Further, that root of bitterness can poison the well of all our relationships, even our relationship with God.

I find solace in the fact that the very thing I have difficulty in forgiving in others is the very thing that God has already forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus. However badly someone may have hurt us, their Heavenly Father has already forgiven that child of God.

In His Service,
Pastor John

(Groups Con't.)

How To Eat An Elephant - There are so many elephants in the room that we often don't know how to think or talk about. Join Pastor John in discussing some of the harder social issues of our time in this new group.

Open Bible Class - Join this group for a spirited discussion. Gerry Tibbits leads this group through various passages in the Bible, working together as a group to understand what the Bible actually means.

MID-WEEK GROUPS

Women in Relationships - Women of all ages, who are in a serious relationship or married, encouraging each other & seeking God's plan for marriage. *We will meet Wed. May 31 at Espresso Royale, Lake Lansing Rd.* Summer meeting dates will be determined at our 5/31 meeting. Call Deb Quisenberry for more info. 517.331.2392

PRIME - Prime is Pennway's monthly ministry to anyone 50 and over. They meet once a month for a meal and fellowship. Come check out Prime and make some new friends. For more information, please contact Pastor Doug (pastordoug@pennway.org). PRIME will meet on June 13th at noon and July 11th at noon.



YOU'RE INVITED

Stop by the Fireside Room on June 4 between 12:00-2:00pm to help the family of Roy Switzer celebrate his 80th birthday!

"oh, to tell you my story
is to tell of Him."

Everyone has a story to tell. Each month we will feature a member of our congregation sharing how God is working in their lives. If you have a story to tell, email laura@pennway.org.

Several months ago, cards were passed out to everyone in our morning service. We were asked to write the names of 5 people on the card that we would commit to pray for. One of the names on my card was one of my grandsons.

I prayed that he would have a desire to know God. I prayed that God would give him wisdom, guidance & protection.

He & I talked about my faith, about prayer, about how God had been there for me when times were good & not so good. I prayed for the right people to come into his life to mentor him & also share their faith with him.

Over time, my grandson started to ask me questions. He wanted to start going to church, but you know, getting up early is so hard when you're young. One day he said "Gram, teach me your faith". I continued to share with him how my faith sustains & comforts me. Not too long later, he asked me where he needed to go to get saved. I replied that he didn't need to go anywhere. He could do it right where we were. So we prayed together & asked God to forgive his sins, to come into his heart & help him to be the person God wants him to be.

It's not over though. I must continue to pray for him, & the others on my list, as they go through life, asking for God's wisdom, guidance & protection to help them become the people He wants them to be.

Bobbie Snow

PRIME

Extra, Extra, Read All About It! Come join the fun on Tuesday, June 13 for our PRIME luncheon at noon. Prepare to be surprised by the strange things you can find in the newspaper. Hope to see you there!

OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING

Come on out on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30pm to sing some of our favorite hymns. Following the service, we will have hot fudge brownie sundaes!



GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

- ✦ **Jon Hull** on Sunday, June 4 from 2:30-6:00pm at 512 Riverwalk Dr., Mason.
- ✦ **Aubrey Denniston** on Sunday, June 11 from 2:00-4:00pm at Pennway in the Fireside Room. Please RSVP by June 6 to Vivian Denniston.

JUNE CALENDAR

- 04 • Missions Sunday
- 04 • POTLUCK.....11:45am
- 04 • Roy Switzer Open House.....12-2pm
- 04 • Spanish Worship.....10:30am
- 04 • Jon's Open House.....2:30-6pm
(512 Riverwalk Dr., Mason)
- 06 • Senior Adult Breakfast.....8:30am
- 07 • 7:12 (Youth Ministry).....6-8pm
- 10 • PROCLAIMER DEADLINE
- 11 • VBS Volunteer Meeting.....11:45am
- 11 • Aubrey's Open House.....2-4pm
- 13 • Prime Luncheon.....12:00pm
- 14 • 7:12 (Youth Ministry).....6-8pm
- 15 • Old Fashioned Hymn Sing...6:30pm
- 18 • Father's Day
- 18 • Spanish Worship.....10:30am
- 19 • VBS.....6:30-8:30pm
- 20 • Senior Adult Breakfast.....8:30am
- 20 • VBS.....6:30-8:30pm
- 21 • NO 7:12 (Youth Ministry)
- 21 • VBS.....6:30-8:30pm
- 22 • VBS.....6:30-8:30pm
- 24 • 7:12 Youth Pool Party.....1-5pm
- 25 • Spanish Worship.....10:30am
- 25 • VBS Sunday Afterparty.....11:45am
- 28 • 7:12 (Youth Ministry).....6-8pm

Zumba Classes:

Ronda - Thursdays from 6-7pm,
NO Saturday classes through the
summer.

POTLUCK - Sunday, June 4

Join us for good food and fellowship immediately following the worship service. Bring a dish or two to pass. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

KITCHEN ITEMS

Please check the shelf across from the kitchen for any dishes that you may have left behind.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

June is Books for babies Month

Collect "Good Night Moon" and other recommended books for moms with new babies. Questions, call Geneva Decker 882-0223.

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Pennway Youth Ministries

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you,



do also to them." Matthew 7:12 ESV.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday Nights from 6-8pm for grades 7-12

(All 6th grade grads are invited to attend!)

June 7 - Summer Kick-off!

June 14 - 7:12

June 21 - No 7:12 (Vacation Bible School)

June 28 - 7:12

July 5 - No 7:12 (Independence Day)



June 24 - Pool Party 1pm-5pm. Students will need to bring their swimwear, towel, sunscreen, and a snack to share. If students need a ride, Shelby will be meeting at the church at 12:30pm and then we will be back to the church around 5:45pm.

Address is 1707 Whispering Pines Dr, Lansing MI 48917

