

Montrose E-Free News July & August



Pastor's Pen

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Over the next couple of months, we will be studying the Book of Titus in a sermon series entitled, "Of Grace and Godliness." Sometime after his imprisonment in Rome, which ended in 62 or 63 AD, Paul and Titus journeyed to the island of Crete to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles and establish a church. When it came time for Paul to move on, he left Titus behind to provide ongoing leadership to the young believers they had just seen come to faith in Christ.

The letter we will be studying throughout the summer, then, was Paul's correspondence back to his protégé Titus, directing him to build the church up in a way that honors the Lord Jesus. So what were his instructions? Among other things, Paul implored Titus to teach sound doctrine,

for that is what moves people to sound living.

If you are wondering why we focus so intently on the truth revealed in God's Word here at Montrose EFree, well, its because we share Paul's belief. There are a lot of other things we could be teaching, but of all the alternatives, only Scripture has the ability to pierce the human heart and bring true life transformation. In Titus 1:1, he writes:

1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

The words "according to" have also been translated "resulting in," "trending toward," or "LEADING TO." Thus Paul would have

Titus teach the truth because it leads to godly living.

Certainly, we know that the Christian faith is not simply about the acquisition of knowledge. But we ought never deemphasize our need for the truth either, because right thinking leads to right living. So, in light of Paul's emphasis throughout this letter, one question remains: Are you living in a way that is consistent with the truth of Jesus Christ? Or are you taking His grace for granted and living for yourself?

Let's strive to see the grace of God mature us, strengthen us and GROW US during our time of study this summer, that He may be glorified in our lives.

July 2015

Mark Your Calendar

- 1st - 6:30pm Church Info Meeting
- 2nd - 6:30pm Softball home game
- 4th - Fourth of July Parade
- 6th - MOPS Lathrop Street Play-date
- 9th - 6:30pm Softball game at South New Milford
- 16th - Softball Playoffs
- 20th - MOPS Lathrop Street Play-date
- 27 - 31 - Upward Soccer

August 2015

Mark Your Calendar

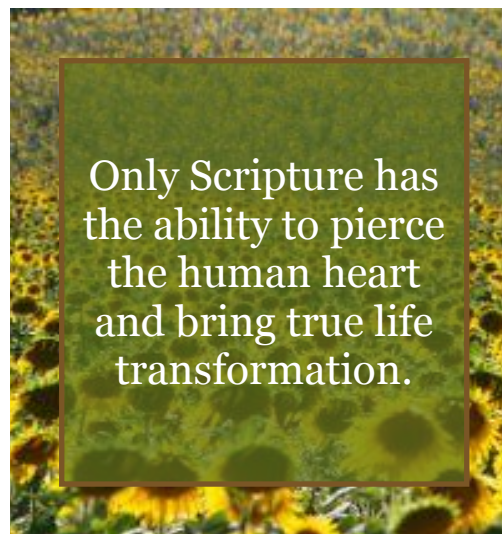
- 2nd - Getting to Know E-Free Class
- 3-7 - Student Life Camp
- 3rd - MOPS Clarks Summit Park Play-date
- 17th - MOPS Lathrop Street Play-Date

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Youth Ministry Schedule

August 3-7 Student Life Camp @ Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center, Mt. Bethel, PA



Dan Krug - Connect Into Community

One another passages such as “be devoted to one another” (Romans 12:10), “bear one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2), and “encourage one another” (1 Thessalonians 5:11), are clear reminders that our faith is not lived and expressed through independence but interdependence. We desperately need the Lord and we need each other as we pursue Jesus and Kingdom living in this fallen world. We were not meant to be spiritual lone rangers. God designed us to be a family that loves, cares, and supports one another. Our faith thrives in community.

The most obvious form of our community is when we come together each Sunday for corporate worship and sound teaching from God’s Word. It’s certainly important to join other believers in an offering of praise and to receive exhortation from Scripture, but too many believers limit their fellowship experience to this gathering. Sunday gathering may foster some sense of belonging and afford us the opportunity to say “hello” and have brief conversation, but to really connect with a group of people, to get to know them and to practice the “one another” passages, we need something more than Sunday morning. This is where LifeGroups come in. LifeGroups are the heartbeat of community.

LifeGroups are small groups of people – individuals, couples, different ages and different walks of life – who come together to encourage, support, and learn spiritual truth together. LifeGroups revolve around our God-given need for spiritual nourishment and companionship. Our faith becomes richer and more meaningful when we live in community and draw closer to one another. In addition to this, God’s gifting to each of us is for the benefit of others, so these small groups provide opportunities to use our gifts to bless and serve others. LifeGroups will start up again in mid-September so please plan to commit to joining into fellowship at a deeper level. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or if you are ready to commit to a LifeGroup. I’m here to help you connect into community.

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Summer Events



Thanks for Your Help!

Thank you to all who helped with SonSpark Labs VBS. We had a great week and were able to share the Gospel with children from our community and their families.

Fourth of July Parade

Come out and see the Upward Soccer Float in the July 4th parade. The parade starts at 11:00am on Grow Avenue in Montrose. Former Upward participants, you are invited join us on the float at 10:30am at NAPA Autoparts. Please wear your gray basketball or soccer t-shirt.



Upward Soccer Camp

Make plans to join us for soccer camp July 27th - July 31st. Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade are welcome to attend and enjoy either half-day or full-day options. In addition to the morning soccer program, the full-day camp includes lunch and additional camp activities such as swimming, games, crafts, boating, archery, fishing and much more (certain activities are restricted by age group). For more information, visit:

www.MontroseEFree.org

Mark Your Calendars for Fall 2015!

September 12-13 Fall Retreat @ The Loft
 September 16th - Ladies' Bible Study begins
 September 16th - Faith Family Night Kick-Off
 September 20th - Youth Group Kick-Off
 September 21st - MOPS

Missing Something?
 Lost & Found is held in the office. If you're missing something, please give us a call.

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Church Info Meeting	2 6:30pm Softball Home Game	3	4 11am Fourth of July Parade
5 9:30am Worship Service	6 9:30am MOPS playdate at Lathrop Street	7 8am Ladies' Prayer	8 6am Men's Prayer	9 6:30pm Softball Game at South NM	10	11
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19 9:30am Worship Service	20 9:30am MOPS MOPS playdate at Lathrop Street	21 8am Ladies' Prayer	22 6am Men's Prayer	23	24	25
26 9:30am Worship Service	27	28 8am Ladies' Prayer	29 6am Men's Prayer	30	31	

Birthdays

- 1 - Annabelle Steele
- 2 - Jonah Ely
- 3 - Kayley Kavetski
- 3 - Chuck Scott
- 5 - Randy Decker
- 9 - Kim Scott (m)
- 13 - Lana Fluck
- 14 - Ireland Rudock
- 14 - Kacie Scott (m)
- 16 - John Karabin
- 21 - Ragen Harman
- 23 - Mary Clinton
- 29 - Cade Orlandini
- 30 - Jessie Holbert

Anniversaries

- 5 - Phil & Kathy Martino
- 8 - Chris & Lynnie Clark
- 10 - Bruce & Brenda Korty
- 15 - Tim & Barbara Wymbs
- 17 - Bob & Jessie Carr
- 18 - Paul & Carol Hitchcock
- 19 - Ed & Arlene Krug
- 24 - Dave & Barb Snyder
- 26 - Jim & Lana Fluck
- 27 - Jerry & Jenny Pennay

(m) - Missionary

Upward Soccer Camp



August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30am Worship Service Getting to Know E-Free Meeting After Worship	3 9:30am MOPS Playdate at Clarks Summit Park	4 8am Ladies' Prayer	5 6am Men's Prayer	6	7	8
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Birthdays

- 4 - Leah Tyler
- 6 - Karen Brittingham
- 6 - Greg Myer
- 9 - Chase Orlandini
- 10 - Arlene Krug
- 13 - Jenny Pennay
- 15 - Jason Farley
- 16 - Sylvia Baker
- 16 - Jerry Wood
- 20 - Glacier Clark (m)
- 22 - Kimmie Wood
- 23 - Elizabeth Davidson
- 23 - Rosi Franssen
- 23 - John Galgano
- 23 - Aaron Griggs
- 24 - Hannah Decker
- 28 - Fred Ehmann
- 28 - Jackie Stevens
- 29 - Eileen Myer
- 30 - Sam Martino

Anniversaries

- 1 - Dave & Renée Tyler
- 6 - Jim & Barb Holbert
- 12 - Jason & Amy Auckland
- 13 - Joe & Marge Winkleblech
- 28 - John & Karen Knapp
- 29 - Dustin & Rachel Pratt

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