

# The Messenger

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Jesus is the same  
*yesterday*  
and  
*today*  
and  
*forever*

Hebrews 13:8

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## *In September...*

**NEW BIBLE STUDY** ~ The Book of James  
Wednesday Evenings | Room N2 | 7 PM

Bob "Griz" Hoffman has recently begun a new Bible study covering the Book of James. This class meets every Wednesday evening at 7 PM in Room N2, and it's not too late to join! You'll find some great Christian fellowship, free pizza every first Wednesday of the month, and a challenging study with this new class. Feel free to invite a friend or two! See Griz for more information.

**CHOIR / ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS RESUME**  
Wednesday Evenings ~ Beginning September 5 |  
Activity Room | 6 PM

Weekly choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, September 5th, at 6 PM in the Activity Room. Ensemble rehearsal resumes the following Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30 PM in the Activity Room. Ensemble rehearsals are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

**SOLOIST PRACTICE RESUMES**  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays | Sanctuary | 7 PM

Singing practice for soloists will resume on Wednesday, September 12th, at 7 PM. This is a great opportunity for those who sing during worship service to receive some one-on-one instruction and guidance from DJ Stropes. These practices are offered every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

If you'd like to take advantage of this extra help, be sure to sign up on the sheet located on the table in the east hall. See DJ for more information.

**YOM TERUAH (ROSH HASHANAH)**  
September 9 | CBF Party Trees | 6 PM

We'll gather in our own CBF Party Trees to celebrate Yom Teruah on Sunday, September 9th, at 6 PM. We'll have a hotdog roast and potluck. Please bring hotdogs, buns, a dish to share, whatever you'd like to drink, lawn chairs and roasting sticks (if you have them). This is an outside event; please dress appropriately. If you'd like more information about Yom Teruah, please pick up an "Adonaic Holidays" booklet from the information table in the east hall.

**JR. / SR. HIGH YOUTH EVENT**  
September 16 | Location TBD | Time TBD

In lieu of their regularly scheduled youth groups, there will be a combined junior and senior high youth event on Sunday, September 16th. Watch for coming details for the time and place of this special event. Contact Roy Langley or Mark Barnhouse for more information.

**YOM KIPPUR**  
September 18 | Sanctuary | 7 PM

We will observe Yom Kippur on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7 PM. This is a solemn service focused on repentance. For more information on Yom Kippur, please see the "Adonaic Holidays" booklet located on the information table in the east hall.

### 3RD WEDNESDAY EVENINGS RESUME

September 19

It's that time of the year! Our special "3rd Wednesday" evenings are resuming on Wednesday, September 19th. We'll offer a supper at 6 PM. This meal will be provided by the church; a donation basket will be available to offset costs with funds going to the Hospitality Team. Bob Hoffman's "The Book of James Bible Study" will still meet on these evenings at 7 PM. Due to Pastor Pauley's impending retirement, Bible Improv will not be offered this year.

These special evenings will be held 6 times this academic year, each on the 3rd Wednesday of the following months – September, October, January, February, March and April.

These evenings always provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and growth in our Christian walks. We hope to see you there!

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN ~ MISSION TRIP

September 22

Shaila Hudson and Navi Pauley are tentatively planning a mission trip to Feed My Starving Children (near Chicago) on Saturday, September 22nd. Work time is planned for 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Departure and return times will be determined at a later date. Watch for more details about this mission opportunity to come! See Shaila or Navi for more information.

### CBF FOOD PANTRY DUTY

September 25 & 28 | Mercer County Food Pantry

It's CBF's turn to serve at the Mercer County Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to work on Tuesday evening, September 25th, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM and Friday morning, September 28th, from 8 AM – 12 noon. If you'd like to help, please contact Mandi Andresen for more information.

### PRAISE & WORSHIP SUNDAY ~ POTLUCK LUNCHEON

September 30

Be sure to mark September 30th on your calendar. We'll have our special praise and worship service that Sunday morning with a potluck luncheon and great fellowship following!

### *In October...*

#### COMPASSION MONTH

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON** | October 14

**PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY** | October 14





## ***Napoleon's Captain***

by Cajun Pauley

It is said of Napoleon that one day he was riding in review before his troops, when the horse upon which he sat became unmanageable, seized the bit in his teeth, dashed down the road and the life of the famous warrior was in danger. A private, at the risk of his life, leaped out and seized the runaway horse, while Napoleon, out of gratitude, raised in the stirrups, saluted, and said, "Thank you, captain."

The man said, "Captain of what, sir?"

"Captain of my Life Guards, sir," said Napoleon.

The man stepped over to where the Life Guards were in consultation, and they ordered him back into the ranks. He refused to go and issued orders to the officer, "I am Captain of the Guards." Thinking him insane, they ordered his arrest and were dragging him away, when Napoleon rode up. The man said, "I am Captain of the Guard because the Emperor said so."

Napoleon arose and said, "Yes, Captain of my Life Guards. Loose him, sir; loose him."

The famous evangelist Billy Sunday once wrote, "I am Christian because God says so, and I did what He told me to do, and I stand on God's Word, and if the Book goes down, I'll go down with it. If God goes down, I'll go with Him, and if there were any other kind of God, except that God, I would have been shipwrecked long ago. Twenty-seven years ago in Chicago, I piled all I had – my reputation, my character, my wife, children, home – I staked my soul, everything I had, on the God of the Bible, and the Christ of that Bible, and I won."

## Pool Party!

Our CBF pool party made a big splash! About 40 people came out to have a little fun in the sun and splash around a bit. We had a cannonball competition off the diving board. Even the little ones joined in on this competition; it was amazing to see their bravery coming out! Everything went very well, with one exception – there was a small incident with Steve and the diving board; be sure to ask him about it. The event was so fun, we've already been asked to plan another one – maybe next year, God willing!

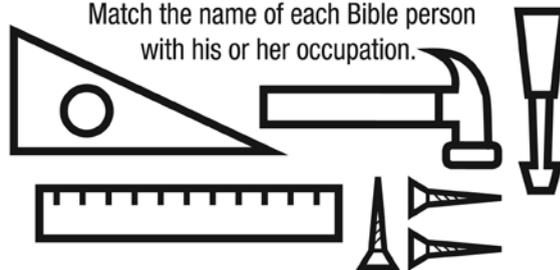
Thank you to all who came. Thank you also to those who provided cookies, brownies and cupcakes. Of course, it wouldn't be a CBF event without Mark's homemade ice cream. Thank you, Mark!

Thank you, Lord, for our CBF family!



## Puzzle!

Match the name of each Bible person with his or her occupation.



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| 1. Nehemiah  | A. soldier       |
| 2. Luke      | B. carpenter     |
| 3. Demetrius | C. cupbearer     |
| 4. Matthew   | D. clothseller   |
| 5. Lydia     | E. fisherman     |
| 6. Joseph    | F. shepherd      |
| 7. Paul      | G. tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. tailor        |
| 9. Tabitha   | I. silversmith   |
| 10. Amos     | J. priest        |
| 11. Eli      | K. tentmaker     |
| 12. Peter    | L. physician     |

Answers: 1. C, 2. L, 3. I, 4. G, 5. D, 6. B, 7. K, 8. A, 9. H, 10. E, 11. J, 12. E

# Five Social Media Guidelines for Christian Teens

Practical Advice for Anyone Who Wants to Honor God Online and Offline

by Lachlan Anderson | [www.fevr.net](http://www.fevr.net) | 30 July 2018



Social media has become a massive part of most of our lives and has transformed the way we interact with one another. Although social media has many positive aspects, it also has just as many negative aspects which we should be aware of and do our best to avoid.

1 Corinthians reminds us that we are called to live for God in ALL areas of our lives: So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. —1 Corinthians 10:31-33

To my mind, there are 5 key areas I think all Christians, myself included, should strive toward in applying this

principle to their social media use.

## 1. Don't use it as your main way of socializing

One of the many advantages of the internet is the ability to communicate over huge distances and maintain friendships that would otherwise have suffered.

But what about interacting with those who live close by? We are created as relational beings, and there is no substitute for face-to-face interaction. We should be showing our love for our brothers and sisters with our time and by being with them.

## 2. Be yourself

Sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram present us with the opportunity to show ourselves as we are: our interests, the things we did on the weekend, and etc.

However, it's so easy to create a version of yourself that suits the wider public appeal, to fit in. This can be especially true of teens.

As James K. A. Smith says in an excerpt from his book *Imagining The Kingdom: How Worship Works*, teens are constantly aware of the things the "popular" kids are doing via Facebook. And in the never-ending competition for coolness, we will follow certain behaviors to fit in with that crowd.

As Christians saved by the grace of God, we are called to glorify Him with all that we ARE, not with whatever it is cool to be.

### **3. Think before you post**

If we are to glorify God through our use of social media, we need to be actively thinking of how we are portraying our faith through our actions.

I tell my youth group kids to ask themselves two simple questions: Is it loving? And does it further or hinder the gospel?

These can be applied to all of life quite easily, but in this case we, as Christians, really need to THINK before we post a status update, photo or comment.

Are your Tweets using loving, Godly language?

Are your Facebook posts and photos constantly centered on you (bragging, selfies etc.)?

Are your photos modest in their depiction of your body?

This doesn't mean that every post needs to be a Bible verse or a deep and meaningful reflection. Rather, each post should reflect God's love for us, His image bearers. Remember that we are to be ourselves, and if you're someone whose trust is in Jesus then whatever you post should reflect the hope you have in Him (1 Peter 3:15).

### **4. Think before you like/follow**

Much the same as what we post, the things we like or the people/pages we follow on social networking

sites reveal our attitudes and convictions to those around us.

Again, ask yourself: Is it Loving? And does it further or hinder the gospel?

Liking photos of girls or guys half naked on Instagram does not reflect God's attitude to beauty. He is concerned with inner beauty (1 Peter 3). Unloving jokes or bullying comments also don't reflect what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We must be constantly THINKING of the effects our social media use has on the spread of the gospel.

### **5. Be positive**

Social Media should never be a place to grumble or complain.

The Apostle Paul says that we should "do everything without complaining or arguing" (Philippians 2:14), and Jesus himself exhorts us to show God's love in our sinful world so that people might know we are His disciples (John 13:34-36).

Keep it positive and loving; people will notice your outlook and see the effects of God's grace in your life.

If you need to vent because you've had a hard day, talk to a close friend about it in person. As Proverbs says, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Proverbs 17:17). Even better, talk to God! He's a better listener than any human (Philippians 4:6-7).

# Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.



## What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

## What you do:

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/2	Matt & Jeni Ewing	9/19	Amber Lavino
9/2	Daryl Sr. & Jenny Stropes	9/23	Britt Hagens
9/2	Jeff & Rachel Turner	9/25	Jeni Ewing
9/3	Judy Hagens	9/26	Christianna Sissel
9/5	Brittany Romeiser	9/27	Kim Wallerstedt
9/8	Paul & Cherie Walker	9/28	Larry & Beverly Barnhouse
9/9	Ryan Leihsing	9/28	Debbie Leenerts
9/9	Dan Wallerstedt	9/28	Francis & Marlene Richardson
9/15	Dylan Barnes	9/30	Shane & Kimberly Eskridge
9/17	Mike Barnhouse		

## Mark Your Calendar

- 9/02, Sun | YA Bible Study | 2:00 PM | Sipes' Residence
- 9/05, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2
- 9/08, Sat | Family Movie Night | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary
- 9/09, Sun | Yom Teruah | 6:00 PM | CBF Party Trees
- 9/12, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2
- 9/16, Sun | Jr./Sr. High School Youth Event | Time TBD | Location TBD
- 9/18, Tues | Yom Kippur | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary
- 9/19, Wed | "3rd Wednesday" Supper | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary
- 9/19, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2
- 9/22, Sat | FMSC Mission Trip | Departure Time TBD
- 9/22, Sat | Blood Drive | 7:00 – 10:30 AM | Chapel
- 9/23, Sun | YA Bible Study | 2:00 PM | Sipes' Residence
- 9/25, Tues | CBF Volunteer Day | 5:30 – 7:30 PM | Mercer County Food Pantry
- 9/26, Wed | The Book of James Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2
- 9/28, Fri | CBF Volunteer Day | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Mercer County Food Pantry
- 9/30, Sun | Potluck Luncheon | 11:30 AM | Sanctuary

## CBF Financial Report - July

	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Total Income	\$16,962.93	\$120,024.92
Total Expenses	\$16,088.52	\$112,966.82
Net Operating Income	\$874.41	\$7,058.10



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