

# July Family News

## From Pastor Dave: Doctrine of Bible (Bibliology)

This is month two of looking at the doctrines of the Christian faith. Last month we looked at the doctrine of revelation. God in his grace and mercy chose to reveal himself to us. He revealed himself in general ways and specific ways (see last months' newsletter). One of the specific ways that God reveals himself is through the Bible. Studying and understanding the Bible therefore, is really important, because it one of the ways that God reveals himself. So what does the doctrine of the Bible state?

### Bibliology

God uses scripture to reveal Himself. The Bible is authoritative because of divine inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16). The Greek word for inspiration is *theopneustos*. This literally means "inspired" or "breathed out" by God. It is the act of God's instilling into the biblical authors that which He wanted communicated. God worked through the Holy Spirit to enable the authors of the scriptures to record God's words without error and without destroying the unique personalities of the authors (2 Pet. 1:21). The Bible is divinely illuminated (Jn. 16:13, 14), meaning the Holy Spirit is able to work within the heart and the mind of the believer to allow understanding in what has been written in the scriptures. The Bible is "God breathed" (2 Tim. 3:16) and infallible (Ps. 19:7) in its nature.

God preserved His word through the early church. The early church compiled and canonized scripture. The Bible, as we have it today, consists of the 39 books of the Hebrew canon and the 27 books of the New Testament canon. Each of the books in the Bible were tested before they were included in the canon. These tests included: the verification of the author as a prophet, Jesus' recognition of the Hebrew canon, and the apostolic authorship and acceptance by the universal church.

### Summary

When we read the Bible we read God's very words. If you ever want to hear God speak to you, read your Bible. Not only did God inspire the authors of scripture to record his words for us, but through the Holy Spirit our minds are illuminated to understand the things that God had them record. Because God is perfect in nature, His words are perfect in nature. What we have in the Bible is what God desired us to have.

### Happy Birthday!

- 1: Laura Damschen
- 2: Angie Refior
- 5: Laurie Wittich
- 7: Steve Adams
- 14: Anita Miles
- 26: Dan McGuire
- 26: Betty Simrell
- 29: Nathan Wright

### Renovations...

We are looking for donations of money to go towards the paint and supplies needed.

We also are looking for people to help make those renovations a possibility!

Please let the office know if you are interested!

## Doctrine of Bible (Bibliology) *continued*

One of the amazing things about the Bible is that it was written over a 1,500 year time period by 40 different authors. What is even more amazing is that is that given the time period that it was written over and the number of authors God used to write it, it is internally consistent throughout. The message in Genesis is the same message in Revelation. The early church fathers spent a lot of time and effort looking at the different books and letters to evaluate whether they were to be included in the Canon of Scripture. They tested them, they prayed over them and what we have today we can be confident is what God desired to be passed down to his church for the generations to come.

### MESSY HAIR THIRSTY HEART BY ADENA ROSIN

I really appreciate the way many have come to me and said how they enjoyed my article, or made a silly comment about my hair never being messy. It makes me smile inside because I always feel as though the articles are never good enough and I feel embarrassed and hit the send key in my email with my eyes closed. I read the newsletters and groan, wishing the floor would swallow me. Every month I tell myself that it's the last one, but then someone new will encourage me to continue on.

I'm not sure really if these little blogs are for my church family or more for myself or perhaps both; I actually never know what I am going to talk about until I sit down to type and usually end up saying things I didn't realize were on my heart. I continue to persevere through my feelings of inadequacy and embarrassment because all of you have encouraged me in ways beyond just your words.

As a mother, I see the way Yvonne is with Ray. Her love for him is so evident in the tenderness and patience that she shows him. She is a wonderful mother. What an example she is for me. As a wife, I look around the sanctuary or the tables in Sunday school and I see marriages that have lasted decades, through storms and times of peace. I find it very beautiful to see the love of Christ in the center of these marriages. As a servant of Christ, I see those who are serving. I am not sure when the last time was that someone said "Thank You" to those who are continuously doing acts of service around the church, but it is very much appreciated.

This family of believers is so beautiful. I just love seeing Christ shine through. I am so thankful that God has set me where I am with all of you. I have definitely come out of my little shell a lot these past few years, and pray that I continue to grow and share my journey with all of you as you all share your journey with me. Thank you for continuing to encourage me, I pray that we can all encourage each other and build one another up. May we never stop growing in Christ so that when the world looks at us all they see is Him.

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*~ Romans 15:5-6 ~*

*"Whatever your circumstances may be, Jesus is totally sufficient."  
~ Oswald Chambers*



## Danielle's Update

Well... I feel silly trying to update y'all when nothing has really changed. I received a confirmation email that my application has been accepted at the University of Tübingen. I am still waiting to hear back about my housing. At this point I'm still not sure where I will be living.



I am working on meeting up with friends and family to spend some quality time with them before I leave and make sure to say my good-byes now so I don't regret it later! I'm also working on keeping up on my German language skills!

The closer I get to leaving the more I realize how much I will miss Baker, my church family, and my biological family. 😊

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## From Janice Haskell

I was reading from the book of Job to my husband lying in the hospital bed (perhaps not the best book to read to someone feeling afflicted), but it was where I was in reading through the Bible. I came across this passage that spoke to me. It said, your idea of who God is is too small. Here is the passage:

**Job 26:7-14** - New Living Translation (NLT)

- <sup>7</sup> God stretches the northern sky over empty space  
and hangs the earth on nothing.
- <sup>8</sup> He wraps the rain in his thick clouds,  
and the clouds don't burst with the weight.
- <sup>9</sup> He covers the face of the moon,  
shrouding it with his clouds.
- <sup>10</sup> He created the horizon when he separated the waters;  
he set the boundary between day and night.
- <sup>11</sup> The foundations of heaven tremble;  
they shudder at his rebuke.
- <sup>12</sup> By his power the sea grew calm.  
By his skill he crushed the great sea monster.
- <sup>13</sup> His Spirit made the heavens beautiful,  
and his power pierced the gliding serpent.
- <sup>14</sup> These are just the beginning of all that he does,  
MERELY A WHISPER OF HIS POWER.

We can't imagine what the shout of His power would produce where creation was only a whisper of His mighty power.

# July Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 830a Sunday School 10 a Church	26 <b>10a Newsletter Items Due</b> 7p Small Group @ Deputy's	27	28 6p Small Group @ Wittich's 6p Youth Group @ Church	29 530p Community Dinner @ Park 630p Worship Practice, Prayer, Ladies Study 7p SmG @ Emmons	30	1 5p Worship Practice
<b>GOD &amp; COUNTRY RALLY IN THE PARK</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7p Small Group @ Deputy's	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6p Small Group @ Wittich's 6p Youth Group @ Church	530p Community Dinner @ Park 630p Worship Practice, Prayer, Ladies Study 7p SmG @ Emmons	7	8 5p Worship Practice
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16 830a Sunday School 10 a Church <b>3RD QUARTER MEETING</b>	17 7p Small Group @ Deputy's	18	19 6p Small Group @ Wittich's 6p Youth Group @ Church	20 530p Community Dinner @ Park 630p Worship Practice, Prayer, Ladies Study 7p SmG @ Emmons	21	22 5p Worship Practice
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