

MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor

TEST EVERYTHING!

After watching “American Gospel,” a 2½ hour documentary on the false teachers and false prophets of our time, many of us felt completely overwhelmed. Here is a brief list of just some of the false teachers exposed in the video:

Ken & Gloria Copeland
Creflo Dollar
Jesse Duplantis
Marilyn Hickey
Benny Hinn
T.D. Jakes

Bill Johnson
Michael Koulianos
Joyce Meyer
Myles Munroe
Mike Murdock
Joel & Victoria Osteen

Rod Parsley
Joseph Prince
Paula White
Todd White
Andrew Womack

What is disturbing is not only how many there are (and again, this is just *some* of them), but how popular these teachers are. The Osteens pastor the largest church in America (over 50,000 in attendance every Sunday) and the Copelands are worth over \$750 million. And even if we could properly expose and remove every one of the aforementioned false teachers today, there are hundreds more ready to take their place tomorrow. So, what do we do?

As always, we learn and apply the Scriptures which clearly warn us:

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)

Test everything! (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

As believers, we *never* need to panic or become paranoid. However, it is imperative that we *always* be awake and alert when we lend our ears to any preacher or teacher. How then do we *test* everything? This seems exhausting, especially considering the many styles and brands of false prophets that have gone out into the world. But this is actually not the case at all.

Remember, the way to pass a test is simple: study the *right* answers! It is foolish to spend hours memorizing all the wrong answers (though it can be helpful to become acquainted with some of the more common errors). In the end, all we need to know is the Truth and every lie will be instantly exposed.

A TWO-FOLD TEST

In the First Letter of John, the apostle gives us a two-fold test by which we can know if any teaching is from God:

Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist--he denies the Father and the Son. (1 John 2:22)

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. (1 John 4:2-3)

Notice that the Test for Truth centers on Jesus Christ. False Teachers will gladly promote family values, good works and spirituality, and they have much to say about “faith, hope and love” and are not afraid to mention “God” and the “Spirit.” But John’s test rests *entirely* on what is said (and not said) about Jesus Christ.

The first test deals with the **Nature of Jesus**: that He is the Christ, the Son of God. These titles have lost quite a bit of their meaning today, but other Scriptures help us recapture what John has in mind: that Jesus is Lord and God...nothing less!

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God...For by him all things were created...He is before all things, and in him all things hold together... so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (Colossians 1:15-18)

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)

The second test deals with the **Work of Christ**: that He has come in the flesh. Jesus is not some cosmic force or spiritual entity. Rather, He is God who became a man and dwelt among us. (John 1:1-14) But more is implied here than just the physical nature of Jesus. The Gospel rests on what Jesus did with that physical body.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation. (Colossians 1:21-22)

This is the Good News of our salvation: We are sinners, alienated from God and under His wrath, but God sent His only Son Jesus to become a man and bear our sins in His own body on the Cross and then to rise again in victory over sin and death. Now in Christ, God has forgiven and accepted and given eternal life to all who will turn from their sins and trust in Christ!

This is the Truth that needs to be proclaimed over and over again in every place and at all times. If Jesus Christ and Him crucified for sinners is not the central and driving theme, then this teaching is *not* Christian. Here are two helpful questions that I have learned to ask:

Did Jesus need to die for this sermon to be true?

Could this sermon have been preached in a town hall, synagogue or mosque without causing offense?

So there you have it, you don’t need to have a Seminary degree to spot false teaching in the Church. You just need to know Jesus Christ and the only Gospel that can save your soul.

God bless,



CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding chapel pews and/or the chapel itself, please direct them to...

Ruth Anne Fuller and/or Christine John.

We want to make sure all your concerns will be considered!



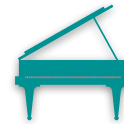
Birthdays in May



OFFICE UPDATE...

Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy at her special address: msbccom37@gmail.com

The deadline for the June/July newsletter items is Tuesday, May 21, 2019.



Job Opening Part-Time Pianist

Purpose: To lead and serve MSBC in worship through music.

Please contact Pastor Michael John for more details – mejoh.msbc@gmail.com or 978-388-0930

PRAYER CORNER

Please contact church office to have your request and/or results printed in the newsletter at 978-388-0930 or email msbcsec@verizon.net.

Missions Trips

CANADA TEAM to visit MSBC - Monday, June 24 - Tuesday, July 2

Please contact the pastor if you are interested in hosting the team (for a lunch or dinner during the week).

MSBC TEAM to visit CANADA

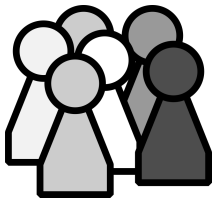
We have a date for July 27-Aug 3. If you are interested in this trip, please the pastor know.

HopeMail NOTES

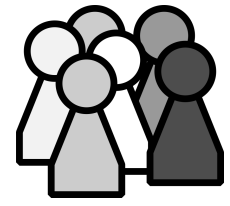
New Brothers Fellowship Prison Ministry

If you have a few minutes once a month to encourage a man or woman who is incarcerated by praying and sending them a verse and/or encouraging words...

Contact Ruth Kerr for names and how-to info



Precept Ministries Small Group Study



“Jesus: Listening For His Voice”

Every Thursday until May 30th

9:30 am to 10:30 am

At Steve & Sandy Home

For more information contact Sandy

MOD Squad Wish List for May 2019

We are so grateful for all your help to those who joined in the fun on the *Spring Work Day* in April! The building is really starting to look good and we are amazed at how far we’ve come in this process. If any of you would like to help in other small ways, we’ll include a few ideas each month for you to consider. Thank you!

Soli Deo Gloria,

-Ruth Anne Fuller &

-Christine John

Funding Small Projects

(If you wish to sponsor a project, just write “MOD” & project name in memo.)

Back Entry Area:

\$30 = New light fixture outside

\$50 = 1 gal exterior paint

\$350 = New super sturdy back entrance rug - (in front of back door)

[rec’d by rug guy—still looks new 3+ yrs high traffic]

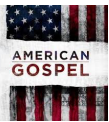
\$300 = 2 at @\$150 each: New high traffic mats for back hallway

(area w/MSBC letters on wall)

Paint/Work Projects:

(Contact Ruth Anne or Christine for details.)

1. Kid’s Floor Bathroom: paint this tiny little space from floor to ceiling
2. 1-4 Pedestals: paint to match those in sanctuary, etc.



“American Gospel” DVDs available for sale at \$15.

Contact Church Office

MEETINGS:

Tuesday Prayer Group

Meeting on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays of the Month

May 21 & 28, In Church Library, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

We welcome anyone (man or woman) who is seeking to pray with others or are in need of a prayer for a specific concern. Come as needed.

May 18, 2019 - Encouragers Brunch, 9-11am

Ladies, save the date: A time of food and true refreshment with your Christian sisters. More info to follow.

May 19, 2019 - Deacons’ Meeting, 12 pm

(in the Office)

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Women's Bible Study 11:00am	2	3 Bible Study for All 9:00am	4
5	6	7 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	8 Women's Bible Study 11:00am	9	10 Bible Study for All 9:00am	11
12	13	14 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	15 Women's Bible Study 11:00am	16	17 Bible Study for All 9:00am	18 Encouragers Brunch, 9-11 for Women
19 Deacons' Meeting 12pm Office	20	21 Prayer Group 11:30-1pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	22 Women's Bible Study 11:00am	23	24 Bible Study for All 9:00am	25
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Bible Reading Club 6:00pm						

Nursing Home Ministries

Every Sunday at 9:00 am; Second Wednesday and Third Thursday at 2:30 pm, Merrimack Valley Health Center, 22 Maple Street, Amesbury, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 2:00 pm, Port Center, 113 Low Street, Newburyport, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm, Maplewood Center, 6 Morrill Place, Amesbury, MA

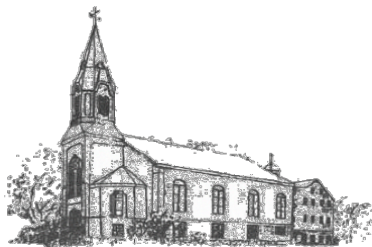
Every Sunday at 1:00 pm, Heritage Towers, 180 Main Street, Amesbury, MA

For more information on calendar events, please contact Dianne Cole, msbcsec@verizon.net

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Amesbury, MA, 01913

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Sunday's at 10:00 - 11:30 am

Cable TV:
ActTV12

Thursdays 4:30 pm & Fridays 9:00 am

Haverhill 22

Sundays at 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

PortMedia 10

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00pm

Radio:

WSEW 88.7 FM - Sundays 9:00
am "Unchanging Grace"

www.wordradio.net

See page 4 & 5 for bible studies/
small groups.

www.msbcnews.org

Sermons Archive:

www.msbcnews.org/sermons

Facebook: [Market Street Baptist Church](#)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am -
12:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm