

October 2019

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# MSBC NEWS

*A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER*

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**Soli Deo Gloria**

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**From The Pastor...**

## **Worship Matters**

Reading through the Old Testament prophets with the 2019 Bible Readers has been eye-opening, especially the book of Jeremiah. In this book, the Prophet Jeremiah is explaining to the Kingdom of Judah why the LORD who brought them into the Promised Land is about to kick them out. In a few short years (586 BC to be precise), the LORD will send Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, to bring absolute destruction upon Jerusalem and the Temple itself. Many Jews will perish and the remaining survivors will be sent far away into exile.

Why would God not just allow but command such devastation on His own people? Jeremiah records the charges against Judah. Below are just a few of the relevant passages:

I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. (Jeremiah 1:16)

Your evil will chastise you, and your apostasy will reprove you. Know and see that it is evil and bitter for you to forsake the Lord your God; the fear of me is not in you, declares the Lord God of hosts. (Jeremiah 2:19)

I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations." (Jeremiah 16:18)

Indeed, the people in Jeremiah's day were guilty of all sorts of atrocities: their society was full of deceit, violence, oppression, immorality and corruption of all kinds. But these were not the real issue. These were more like symptoms and not the actual disease. No, the heart of the matter was not their abuse of one another, but their careless neglect of worship.

As we see above, they did not hate the LORD, they simply forgot Him. They did not fear Him nor seek Him. They simply drifted away from Him. They had no interest in His Word and they did not gather to give Him the praise and thanks for who He is and all He's done. Instead, they went after false gods and made idols for themselves just like every other nation. What's worse, their leaders did not stop them, but led the way:

An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes? (Jeremiah 5:30-31)

Their preachers lied to them and their worship leaders played along with the lies...and the *people loved being lied to.*

This is not just a problem with the Jews...it is the problem with all mankind. Remember the judgment proclaimed against us all in Romans 1:18-23

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth... For although they knew God, *they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him*, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Did you catch that? The wrath of God is directed against us not so much for what we have done, but for what we have NOT done...we did not honor God nor give Him thanks. We did not worship God! This is a stinging rebuke that we must take to heart.

What are we to conclude? For starters, worship matters...a lot! It is of utmost importance that we seek the LORD and worship Him in the manner that He has commanded. Worship is why He created us in the first place and the reason He sent His only Son to save us from our sins and why He sent His Holy Spirit to turn our hearts back to Him. The greatest desires and joys of our hearts are found in the presence of our God and Savior, especially when we gather together to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

This is why we will be taking several Sunday mornings in October to reflect much more deeply on this matter of worship. We will consider who, why, when and especially how we are to worship. I hope you can join us!

- Pastor Michael John

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### Meetings/Gatherings/Groups

October 5 - Women's **Encouragers Brunch** 9:00 - 11:00, please sign up at church or call the office

October 6, 13, 20, 27 - Sunday Evening **Worship Series** at 6 pm Show & Tell of Pastor's trip to Israel

October 15, 22, 29 - Tuesday **Prayer Group** 11:30 - 1:00 church library

October 20 - **Deacons Meeting** in office at noon

October 27 - **Quarterly Business Meeting & Pot-Luck Lunch** at noon

November 17- **Budget Meeting & Pot-luck Lunch** at noon



## MSBC A-FAMILY-A-FAIRE

*Part of Amesbury's Village of Church Fairs*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**ATTIC TREASURES DONATIONS:** Items can be left on the gym stage starting October 13. Start gathering items to donate from your left over yard sale stuff, cellar, garage or attic. Please no electronics, large furniture or clothing.

**Cookie Carnival Table:** Many different kinds of cookies sell by the bag & individually. - *Deb Pierce*

**Candy & Bake Table:** Homemade pies, breads and fudge & candy. - *Frankie Lallemand*

**Luncheon:** Hotdog rolls, bottled water, soft drinks, chicken salad, crock pots of soups, chowders, stews, chili. - *Linda Burdick*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Collect money, bake, make a crock pot of soup, donate, price items, serve

**FAIR SET-UP: Friday, November 1** Help needed from 9:00 am-noon

**CLEAN-UP:** put away tables/chairs, sweep floors, pack up boxes, take out trash & recycle, carry boxes to curb from 2:30-3:30 pm/deliver boxes to Good Will

Please consider being part of our fair. Volunteer for an hour or more. It's a chance to fellowship and raise money.

**Contact: chair-person. Sandv Tavior or call church**

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Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy Purdy at her special address: [msbccom37@gmail.com](mailto:msbccom37@gmail.com)

The deadline for the November newsletter items is Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

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### Youth Group

Youth Group for grades 5 and up meets weekly on Wednesdays here at the church gym at 6:00 pm unless otherwise indicated. All are welcome to come. For details please contact Caryn Ahlstrom.

## 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](mailto:msbcsec@verizon.net)

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### **Sunday Evening Worship Series - 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join us on October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:00 - 7:00pm. The John's will share pictures and experiences from their sabbatical that they had this summer. There will be discussion and time for devotion. We hope to see you then!



## Women's Encouragers Brunch

All women are welcome to come to the next women's encouragers brunch on **Saturday, October 5 from 9-11am**. Our speaker will be Mallory LeDuc.



Mallory LeDuc, 25, is a missionary kid from Moscow, Russia and Hampton, NH. As a child, she enjoyed being the big sister to her many siblings, and pursuing ambitions of global health-care initiatives, beginning in the closet of her bedroom as a "home hospital." Those ambitions eventually led to several months work in hospitals and orphanages in Ghana in 2014. Shortly after, the Lord brought her through tremendous loss and illness, including an undiagnosed neurological disorder which left her helplessly watching her brain function waste away for years. God's unfathomable grace and mercy lead her through these dark valleys, and she now passionately seeks to spread a biblical view of suffering to believers and unbelievers alike. Her ministry presents itself in the lives of students, her neighborhood, inside faith-based crisis pregnancy centers, and outside abortion clinics. Additionally, she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, supported by her husband of three years, Michael, and with a precious gift on the way, due February 2020!

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## OCTOBER IS...PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Churches in North America have chosen to set aside October as a special time to show honor, thanks and appreciation to their pastors and their families. We often hear from pastors and their spouses who love their churches and love being in ministry, but experience times of burnout, discouragement, stress or depression. We know firsthand that your loving actions or words of encouragement can go a long way in maintaining the spirits of your pastor and his/her family.

*"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17*

Appreciation Month is not about glorifying a person. It is a Biblically consistent opportunity to recognize and encourage those whom God has called to proclaim His message and lead His people (1 Thess. 5:12-13). It is a time when the entire church body can become unified in celebrating what God is doing in its midst.

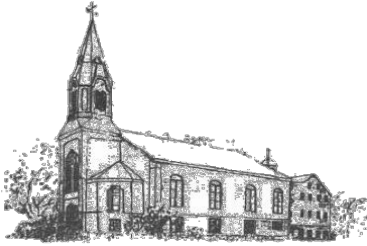
That's why we strongly encourage you to participate in Pastor Appreciation Month!

**How?** Support, Prayer, Love and Encouragement are the most important things a church can provide for a pastor. Prayer empowers pastors to be the people God called them to be. It is difficult to pray for someone and be critical at the same time. Love your pastor as Jesus loves them, and show it through regular, tangible acts of encouragement such as simple cards or notes all year long. As a ministry, come alongside and be their "Aaron" in this generation. To help shoulder their burdens, strengthen their families, ignite their faith and applaud their efforts. (Exodus 17:12)

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*TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY*

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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](http://www.wordradio.net)

[www.msbcnews.org](http://www.msbcnews.org)

### Sermons Archive:

[www.msbcnews.org/sermons](http://www.msbcnews.org/sermons)

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm