

August 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk . . . 

It's one of my favorite commercials of all time !!!

(Background elevator music plays softly of a familiar Rock-n-Roll tune)

A shopping cart wheels through aisles of the store gathering various school supplies off the shelves while an obviously dejected little girl expresses, with puppy sad eyes, her disappointment. She articulates, *"But you said, 'schools out forever.'"* Suddenly, the father, looking like a caring parents worst nightmare, turns to her with his gothic darkened shoulder length black hair, which encircles an ashen face highlighted by black mascaraed eyes, with pasty bloodless hands and fingernails painted black, fashioned as some Mid-evil "darkside" lord, states:

*"No, No, No. The song goes, 'School's Out For **Summer**'! Nice try, though."*

Thus, Alice Cooper "rejoices" at the cashier as he considers – with glee – sending his daughter back to school. It's the antithetical gloating of a parent verses the sorrowfulness of child who is about to lose their "summer – freedom – vacation".

Well, it is that time of the year again. Sometime in the middle of this month the nation will send their kids back to school and we look forward to the last days of hot summer so we can slip back into a familiar daily routine. Now what? I would assert that parents/grandparents need to go back to "school," too.

What? Let me explain.

Problems, struggles, financial questions, issues, politics and concerns come at us daily. They effect us, our families, our friends, our relationships, our jobs, our world and/or

a combination of any or all of the above. It is enough to shake some of the very foundational beliefs which we have kept dear to our heart for years. Some of the problems we like to believe we can control. Others we know are beyond our abilities to control. But it doesn't matter how much we think we are in control, satan continues to use these problems to destroy our faith in our hearts and minds.

But our Gracious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has preserved His Word for 6,000 - 10,000 years – that we might "read, mark and inwardly digest" His Story of Salvation.

His Love is so great for us that He continues to provide us with this "Message of Salvation" in which we can never say, *"I have studied the Bible enough."* God's Word commands us to, "meditate on it night and day."

Thus, in His caring, not only for His Eternal Word but also for His Holy and Precious Bride - the Church, He has equipped people with Wisdom and Knowledge to teach His Word to His people. One of the reasons our church was founded 40 years ago was to provide a place where the Word of God would be taught in "Truth and Purity."

This August and September we will offer many new Bible classes and education opportunities. Besides our new Sunday morning classes which will, without a doubt, be exciting and interesting, there will be new Mid-week "Pick-me-up" Bible Studies for men, women, and others. New studies and always new insights to be learned.

I pray that you would avail yourself to the desire of our Lord's heart: that you would learn more about Him by taking in a "continuing education Bible study." In a way we would be going back to school together and teaching our children a very important life lesson: When it comes to learning God's Word, this is a life long process.

Your "continuing education" brother in Christ,
Pastor De Young