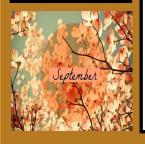
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God's Answer to the Chaos

Do you ever wonder when you're going to get a break from all the running, all the to-do lists that cover your refrigerator door? Is Siri telling you that your calendar is full? Well, if you feel like a hamster running on one of those spinning wheels, God's word has a solution.

There has been a shift in much of contemporary thinking about the Old Testament. Reconstructionist theologians suggest that social ills could be resolved if we adopt OT Jewish law (all of it) as the law of the land. On the other side of the argument many in the church suggest that the OT was written to and about a people of another time and culture and thus should have no part in contemporary church life. Pastors like Andy Stanley would have us let go of the OT and cling to the New Covenant teachings of the gospels and letters.

But there is another approach. We would do well to learn from the narratives, the wisdom teachings and the prophets regarding God's general principles for living.

Case in point, consider the OT teaching on the Sabbath. The fourth command to keep the Sabbath Holy was intended to help God's chosen people, the Israelites, to find rest and to refocus on their God. Although Jesus was accused of dishonoring the Sabbath, he in fact helps believers understand how this day of rest was actually created for our benefit. When we work right through the Sabbath or fill that day intended for rest and refreshment with things that drain us, we miss out on that which God intends for our good: fellowship, praise of the Father, biblical teaching, prayer and REST. Listen to the words of 19th century theologian: Robert Lewis Dabney

"If you try and work seven days straight, and if you try and please yourself for seven days straight or if you try a combination of working like a crazy person and pleasing yourself like a daft (insane) person all the time and lay aside the notion of the priority of the Lord's day; attempting to do so brings upon the body lassitude (fatigue) nervous excitability, disease, premature old age and sudden death ... and not seldom lunacy.

Pastor Mark



Upcoming Events for Couples

Showing at Sun Prairie: Saturday, September 8th at 7:00 pm. When rebellion creeps into their family, Charlie and Alice realize their approach to raising children isn't working, and they start searching for answers. But is it too late? FamilyLife's first feature film explores the joys and heartaches of parenting. Through a journey that unfolds over 50 years, Charlie and Alice discover the power of family and learn that knowing and living by God's word is the most important key to parenting with purpose.

We will be hosting "The Art of Parenting" as an 8-session class during the Sunday School hour, Sunday mornings at 9:30, beginning on September 16th. There is nursery and Sunday School for all ages. What a perfect opportunity!





Great Marriages don't just happen! Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges." We want to encourage all couples to consider attending the next *Weekend To Remember* in Sioux Falls on November 2-4. This is a conference designed to help couples discover what a biblical mar-

riage looks like and then guides them to take the next steps toward developing a more God centered, joy filled marriage.

To register, go to **shop.familylife.com**



September Birthdays & Anniversaries Women's Bible Study 1 Lucas Schwader 16 Abby Palmquist Just Oper 2 Maggie Kaufman 17 Sandi Rabenhorst The Doc 3 Barb Huber 🔞 19 Darla Erikson 3 Jerry & Sheryl Larsen 20 Alan & Debra Waldner **5** Phyllis Palmquist 21 Georgie Kolbeck Led by Dee Dickson 6 Colton Buus 22 Colton & Maria Buus Hospitality is one of the best ways to live out the two greatest commandments: loving God with all your heart **6** Trinity Palmquist 22 Jeremy McGregor and your neighbor as yourself. But often we get caught 7 Rick Hidalgo 22 Alison Schellankamp up in perfecting our homes and conversations before we open our doors. Over 7 sessions, look to Jesus as your 22 Megan Weber



them to follow Him. Learn to replace cultural expectations with biblical hospitality to create a legacy of invitation and reflect Jesus through simple acts of service.

model for hospitality. Discover how He lived a life full of

interruptions, yet always welcomed people and invited

Wednesdays at 9:30 am and 7 pm beginning on Wednesday, September 12th Childcare will be provided in the evening

- 8 Don & Collette Carlson
- 8 Stella Davis
- 8 Micah Waldner
- 9 Aaron & Elizabeth Stroud
- 9 Jamie VanDenberg
- 12 Zach & Maggie Anderson 30 Brayden Wobig
- 13 Collette Carlson
- 13 Hannah Olsem

14 Andrew Sabers

- 14 Marshall & Holly Hansen

24 Dustin & Megan Weber

26 Jonathan Adler

27 Robyn Koch

27 Josh Olsem

September 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 10:30 Worship | 3 | 4 | 5 7 pm Deacon Board Meeting | 6 Prison Lighthouse Visit | 7 | 8 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study |
| | LABOR DAY | | | | | 7 pm Family Life Movie "Like Arrows" showing at Sun Prairie |
| 9 Rally Sunday 9:30 Promotions, Bibles presented, Juice, Coffee & Rolls 10:30 Worship | 10 | 11 | 12 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7 pm MS, HS and Adult Bible Studies | 13 | 14 | 15 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study |
| 16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship | 17 | 18 | 19 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 25th Anniversary Meal and Celebration to follow worship | Coldmate with us! | | 7:00 MS, HS and Adult Bible Studies | | Converge C | ultivate Conference |
| 23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship | 24 | 25 | 26 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7 pm MS, HS and Adult Bible Studies | 27 | 28 | 29 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study |
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