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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.

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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 marriage 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



Women's Bible Study

Just Open The Door

By JEN SCHMIDT



Led by Dee Dickson

Hospitality is one of the best ways to live out the two greatest commandments: loving God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. But often we get caught up in perfecting our homes and conversations before we open our doors. Over 7 sessions, look to Jesus as your model for hospitality. Discover how He lived a life full of interruptions, yet always welcomed people and invited 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.



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

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Lucas Schwader | 16 Abby Palmquist |
| 2 Maggie Kaufman | 17 Sandi Rabenhorst |
| 3 Barb Huber | 19 Darla Erikson |
| 3 Jerry & Sheryl Larsen | 20 Alan & Debra Waldner |
| 5 Phyllis Palmquist | 21 Georgie Kolbeck |
| 6 Colton Buus | 22 Colton & Maria Buus |
| 6 Trinity Palmquist | 22 Jeremy McGregor |
| 7 Rick Hidalgo | 22 Alison Schellankamp |
| 8 Don & Collette Carlson | 22 Megan Weber |
| 8 Stella Davis | 24 Dustin & Megan Weber |
| 8 Micah Waldner | 26 Jonathan Adler |
| 9 Aaron & Elizabeth Stroud | 27 Robyn Koch |
| 9 Jamie VanDenberg | 27 Josh Olsem |
| 12 Zach & Maggie Anderson | 30 Brayden Wobig |
| 13 Collette Carlson | |
| 13 Hannah Olsem | |
| 14 Marshall & Holly Hansen | |
| 14 Andrew Sabers | |



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 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 25th Anniversary Meal and Celebration to follow worship	17 	18	19 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7:00 MS, HS and Adult Bible Studies	20	21	22 Converge Cultivate Conference
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