



The Window

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May Report

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| Checkbook Bal. | \$87,424.79 |
| Receipts | \$31,601.09 |
| Expenditures | \$27,809.26 |
| Ending Balance | \$91,216.62 |

Search Committee

Jim Bryant, Chairman
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Lord's Supper July 8

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to VBS. God blessed as children heard His Word, were shown His love and had fun! To God be all Praise!

Denise Harrier

Winstanley Family,

Have I told you lately how much I appreciate all of you?

Is your prayer life growing? I have heard so many positive comments about our "Prayer Can Change Your Life" series, and I appreciate them. However, the purpose of the series is not just to increase your knowledge about prayer – it is to increase the power of your prayers. Are you applying what you are learning?

The second part of the series will begin on July 15 as we start to look at the other side of our conversation with God. If we do all the talking in our prayer life, we are not in a conversation. As important as it is that we talk to God, it is even more important to listen to what He has to say to us! That is why we will spend 4 weeks looking at how God talks to us, preparing to hear from Him, understanding how to get guidance from God and learning how to distinguish God's voice from all of the competing "noise" around us.

Also, on July 15, we will begin a new study on Sunday evenings. The Bible is clear that believers are to influence our world. It is our responsibility to allow God to use us as "change agents" as we share God's love and forgiveness with a lost world. We are to be leaders in building God's Kingdom.

The problem is, we tend to think of others as leaders – the pastor, ministerial staff, deacons, church council. We all need to be trained to be Christian leaders.

I believe that the first seven chapters of the Old Testament book of Nehemiah is the best textbook on leadership ever written. If we want to be leaders in building God's Kingdom, who better to learn from than the man who led the discouraged, formerly exiled citizens of Jerusalem to rebuild the wall around the city in only 54 DAYS?!

We will spend 11 weeks going chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse through Nehemiah and learn how we can all be better leaders. As we build God's church on Winstanley Hill, we look for better methods. As God builds His church on Winstanley Hill, He looks for better people – better leaders.

You have heard me say that the purpose of Bible Study is not just to increase our knowledge, it is to equip us to influence and minister to hurting people. This will be a very practical study as we learn from a world class leader. Nehemiah will teach us how to deal with all of the problems Satan throws at us to keep us from doing God's work.

This should also be a great outreach tool to use to encourage our unchurched friends and neighbors to visit. Leadership Seminars often cost hundreds of dollars. We will be offering a detailed, multi-week leadership training at no cost!

By the time you read this, VBS will be over. I want to say, "thank you" to all those who provided the leadership, designed and built the amazing decorations, served as "Crew Leaders" and "Captains", prepared snacks, taught Bible studies, led in recreation and crafts, worked in registration, promoted VBS through social media, internet and other media, and all the other tasks that go unnoticed. You made a difference in the lives of children.

Thanks also goes to the men who spent days replacing the spotlights in the worship center, the lighting in the gymnasium and all of the lights in the main hallway. These new LED lights will not only provide better lighting, but do so at a much reduced cost.

Thank you Winstanley for being an amazing, loving, serving, praying group of people. God has given us all the resources needed to accomplish His purpose in our community and region. The better I get to know you, the more impressed I am with your dedication and faithfulness.

Blessings,

Pastor Derald

Winstanley, thank you for your prayers during the week of youth camp! Our students spent much of their time at SBU learning about the gospel of Jesus. At first, you might think that sounds too basic or elementary for high school students who've spent a great deal of time in church. But the truth is, many Christians have a hard time clearly articulating the gospel. How would you give a "gospel presentation?" What are the elements that must be included? What is the whole gospel? Consider what Jesus proclaimed at the beginning of his earthly ministry in Mark 1:15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." We spent a day talking about the importance of the kingdom of God and another day discussing Jesus as the king. We were all reminded that king Jesus calls us to repentance, or turning from our sin. Sometimes our gospel presentation falls short when we only mention the necessity of faith in Christ without talking about the problem of sin. Yes, faith is central, but we also need to discuss the necessity of turning from our sin as we trust in Jesus and follow him. After all, "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ...he was buried, ...[and] he was raised on the third day... (1 Cor. 15:3-4). May we believe and proclaim the whole gospel.

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Dates to Remember

July 4 Office Closed
 July 8 Lord's Supper
 July 18 Women on Mission
 July 28 Ice Cream Social

Every Tuesday Romeo's at 8 am,
 Juliet Breakfast at 8:30 am
 Every Thursday Open VB 7 pm

Reading has been scientifically demonstrated to reduce stress levels. The more books that you read, the more information you will know. Reading a fascinating book is also a good "workout" for your brain. Another reason to frequent your church library.

"Prayer Can Change Your Life" Series

July 1 How God Answers Prayer
July 15 Preparing to Hear God's Voice
July 22 How God Talks to You
July 29 How to Get Guidance from God
August 5 How to Recognize God's Voice



"Save The Date"

Saturday, July 28 from 6-9 pm
 The Winstanley family is invited to a
 Ice Cream Social at the
 Stumpf Farm
 (Keith, Pat, and Jordan)
 11651 Pfeiffer Rd.
 New Baden, IL 62265

Ice cream will be provided, if you wish you can bring toppings.

RSVP to Pat Stumpf at 618-789-7071



"Seasons Under Heaven" by Beverly LeHaye and Terri Blackstock. Behind brightly lit windows and on front porches, marriages are tested and mended, hearts broken, hopes resurrected, dreams released and reformed, values and futures shaped, and Christian faith rekindled-or found for the first time. This is a must read in your church library.

Wounds heal, bonds grow stronger, and celebrations continue-welcome back to beloved life in Mitford! The book is titled "To Be Where You Are" the newest book by Jan Karon.

"The Magnolia Story"-by Chip and Joanna Gaines. In "The Magnolia Story" fans will finally be able to join the Gaines to discover what their life together really looks like. And though home improvement might be their day job, you will learn how their love of home and family inspires everything that they do.

"Wishing Season" by Denise Hunter. A beautiful story-poignant and heartwarming, filled with delightful characters and intense emotion. Chapel Springs is a place anyone would love to call home.