



Pastor's Message

Sometimes when I read a book I wish other people would read that book and get as much out of it as I did. Do you ever feel that way? I have found it so very challenging to realize that so very few people are interested in reading really good books which can aid in the advancement of the gospel.

Being a reader as I have been all my life, I get it that my special interest in reading those types of books is left primarily to pastors and pastor-type people. At least that has been what I've experienced. But I do hope that this book will be different for many of you.

A book I just recently have been reading is one such book as described above. It's titled "***The Secret Battle of Ideas About God***" with a subtitle of "*overcoming the outbreak of five fatal worldviews*". The author of this book is Jeff Myers.

This book makes a comparison of bad ideas as comparable to a virus. Bad ideas effect our thinking and eventually effect our soul much in the same way as a virus effects our body and eventually our physical health.

Jeff Myers presents 5 fatal worldviews which he titles: Secularism, Postmodernism, New Spirituality, Islam, and Marxism. These five worldviews present viruses into our mind and all of us are effected by these virus ideas and aren't even aware that we've been infected. There is a sixth worldview and it is Christianity. Christianity presents the only worldview that is TRUE and draws us toward the healthiest way possible for our body and soul.

Over the last twenty years, Jeff Myers (PhD. University of Denver) has become one of America's most respected authorities on Christian worldview,

apologetics, and leadership development. He's the author of several books, and the president of Summit Ministries in Manitou Springs, Colorado.

For over fifty years, SUMMIT MINISTRIES has trained tens of thousands of students and adults to confidently embrace a biblical worldview. Chuck Colson calls Summit "the gold standard" of worldview training. This book captures much of Summit's research and experience with students over the last half century.

Do you see what I mean? This book is outstanding and can assist us all in some very real ways. Words are powerful and ideas are powerful. I am passing my copy of this book to my son in law. He has a desire to assist others in seeing the value of Jesus Christ in their life. In his work in Ithaca, he runs across many people who are full-blown Marxists, Secularists, Islamists, Postmodernists, and New Spiritualists.

Whether you've realized it or not, you and I and all of us have some level of idea viruses implanted and infecting our mind. When you read this book, you'll discover that you have some faulty idea viruses yourself. And this book will point you to the antidote, which is Jesus and, of course, His Word. It will help you to know where your own immune system is weak and a specific strategy in how to strengthen it. And it will assist you in assisting others in realizing that Christ is "the way, the truth, and the life".

I do hope some of you will take this and order this book. Perhaps, if enough of you got this book and got excited about the possibilities it presents, we could do a book study together.

Thanks and God bless you all. Happy Reading!

Your friend, *Pastor Vern*



Administrative Board

Board Report from Financial Secretary: We earned \$1453.50 from the Pork Dinner to be used for major repairs. The general fund has \$6963.15 and expenses of \$4655.2. A donation will be sent to the Dresserville Youth group who sang during Jim Farr's visit and a special collection for Jim Farr will be sent to him. The boiler will be inspected on Nov. 20. The Hallway lights and outdoor lights at the back of the church are not working. Vern and Tom will begin the work of removing the organ. On Nov 12 we will honor Ola Mae Haskins for her years of service to our church. Two of DeRuyter's Eagle Scouts will participate as Honor Guards on Veteran's Day. A local company will plow our driveways this winter. The Madison County Sheriff's Department will be leading a training program in response to the active shooter incidents in the country. The public is welcome to attend on November 29th at 6:30.

Submitted by,

Bonnie Ziegler, Clerk

Mission Report

Mission Update- November 24, 2017 Our community was blessed to have had Pastor Jim Farr and his wife from Florida visit on November 3rd and 4th, and 5th for a Revival weekend at our church. We had suggested a "Preparing for the Holidays" theme to him, but our initial request had been for a theme based on revival and God led him to challenge us all on the fact that revival begins not outside our doors, but personally within every one of us. Unless revival begins in our own heart, we lack the strength to encourage it in others! Thank you, Jim for an exciting weekend that challenged us all!

Chiasa update: Rick made three trips to Ethiopia in 2017 visiting remote villages, gathering information, drafting agreements and developing plans to create budgets for the development of projects to translate the Bible in the following 16 languages: Ale, Arbore, Borana, Dime, Ethiopia Sign Language, Eastern Oromo, Gumabe, Hamer, Kistane, Koorete, Maro, Me'em, Meqa, Moysiye, Qena, Ts'amakko plus projects Meadowlands, & Begi-Dabus. He is excited to report that they have been approved, thanking all for their prayers, and now the challenging work is ahead to complete these translations. They are also rejoicing that the Baka in South Sudan will receive their first New Testament after years of difficult work. Rick & Betsey had a good visit to NY over Labor Day and then returned early to their Florida home just before Hurricane Irma. Their roof sustained a large amount of damage, but all were safe inside. They ask that we please pray that their insurance company will honor their claim as it will cost \$10,000 to repair and their insurance wants them to pay the first \$6,000! On a lighter note, Amanda and Scott were married November 18th with family traveling for the big event.

Benitez update- Carlos is trying to finish his dissertation, but also now teaching a translation course at Payap University and working on various linguistic issues for a couple of translation teams. Caryn is doing linguistic research, problem-solving, writing e-mails and supervising linguistic students preparing for world- wide translation projects.

Our local food pantry held its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away on Thursday, November 16th. Thank you to the whole community-private citizens and businesses alike, who helped us provide 94 turkeys and several fixings to the 94 families that signed up to receive them. We are so grateful to everyone who helps us with donations of turkeys or money to provide this blessing for others.

Our Christmas basket give away day will be Tuesday, December 19th and we will again be



looking for donations of cake or brownie mixes and frosting for these baskets. Mission allocations will be dispersed this month of November for our 12 current missionaries and/or mission organizations. We are blessed as a church family to still be able to do this each year and our Spiritual Board thanks you. Jean Whalen

Youth Sunday School

The Sunday School Harvest Party was on October 31st at the Parish House and we had over 153 kids attend with parents, grandparents and friends. We had a winner on the guessing the number of candy corn in the jar which totaled 137. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night a huge success. We could not do it without your support. The PK-6th grade went to the store on November 12th and put together four shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes. Thank you Kris Sautter for dropping them off for us. Linda, Kris, Janet and I met with Jeannetta Rhoda from Cortland Bible Camp to get suggestions and ideas for Sunday School. She does a great job with the after school program at DeRuyter. We want to keep our children interested and coming back. We appreciate her taking the time out of her busy schedule to meet with us. We are now working on our Christmas Program which will be December 17th at the Church. Please join us to hear the true meaning of Christmas.

There will not be Sunday School, December 24th and 31st. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In His Service Maurine

Special Thank You

The congregation honored Ola Mae Haskins for her years of service on November 12. We took this time to thank her for her service to the church and community. You are encouraged to visit the website located under the pastor's sermons to hear some of the special events in Ola Mae's life.

Calling All Ladies

Ladies: December 2nd is the date for our annual Holiday Ladies Breakfast at 9 AM at the Parish House. It's going to be a fun and relaxing morning and you won't want to miss "The Flakes"! Come and bring a friend. Admission is free but a donation of a food item for the food pantry would be appreciated.



Dashing Thru the Snow

December 16th will find us Dashing Thru the Snow as Calvin Claus will be hitching Rudolph the green nosed John Deere to the hay wagon for Christmas Caroling. We had fun last year and we welcome all of you to join us to spread good cheer to our shut-ins and the village. Be at the church parking lot by 2 PM and dress for the weather and wear a Santa Hat, if you have one. There will be hot chocolate and goodies at the Parish House afterwards.





Men's Group

For many years a number of men in our church have received the Men of Integrity devotional. The last publication will be November/ December. This was started by Charles Mosely about 20 years ago and Dave Ball took over getting them out 15 years ago. It has been a great help to some. Pray it will be possible to find something to replace it.

Calendar of Events

Each Tues. @ 7 am – Prayer in Pastor Vern's office

Each Tues. volunteer to help with the after school program taught by the Rhodas from the Cortland Bible Club Camp until 4 pm

Each Wed. @ 6:30 pm – Book study & Prayer @ Parish House

1st & 3rd Wed. of month (6th and 20th) M&M's- 10 AM@ Ball's home

2nd & 4th Sat. of month (9th and 23rd) Men's Group – 8 AM @ PH

December 2nd- Holiday Ladies Breakfast

December 3rd-Community Christmas Choir at Pompey 7:30 pm

December 4th-Admin Board meeting 7pm

December 7th-Spiritual Board meeting 7pm

December 9th-Men's Group

December 13th-Christmas Baskets bring cookies

December 16th-Christmas Caroling meet at church 2pm

December 17- Sunday School Christmas Program at Church 11am

December 17th- Community Christmas Choir at UCC at 2:00 pm

December 19th- Cake and brownie mixes needed for Christmas baskets

December 23rd-Men's group

December 24th-Christmas Eve Brunch at Parish House at 10:30 am rather than Sunday morning service. Bring a breakfast dish to pass.

December 24th -Christmas Eve Service at 8 pm

Too Blessed to be Stressed



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec 6~~Jeremy Downs

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Dec 7~~Lynn Wightman

Dec 11~~ Kenneth Paddock

Dec 14~~Logan Graham

Dec 16~~Marjorie Wessely

Dec 17~~Janet Furlough

Dec 18~Kenny Wood

Dec 25~~Noelle Gast

Dec 29~~Amy Best

Dec 31~~Lora Burdick

Reading Corner



Now is the time to be reading as the cold wind blows outside! Read your Bible daily-a commitment to read and follow God's Word begins a daily journey of discovering His love and power. Also there are many books in the Church library to borrow for your reading pleasure.



Special Offering

Would you like to take part in the special offering for a new projector and screen? If you would like to donate so the right side of the church can view the announcements and the songs better, please consider a donation. Plans are in motion to add another viewing screen to the right side of the pulpit and you can be a part of the new addition with your donation.

Pastor Vern's Challenge

Pastor Vern gave the church a challenge to find ways to reach out to the community by using the phrase UP-IN-OUT. The theme for the month is:

Pray with JOY in your heart!

J *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us. 1John 3:1*

O *Telling brings fellowship and fellowship brings joy. 1John 1:4*

Y *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness Lamentations 3:22-23*

Jim Farr spoke on praying with JOY. Listen to his talk on the website under Missions titled Revive our Hearts.

