

Did you know?

1. Every day 20 banks are robbed. The average take is \$2,500!
2. Until 1796, there was a state in the United States called Franklin. Today it's known as Tennessee!
3. The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad!
4. A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood!
5. The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum!
6. There are more than 10 million bricks in the Empire State Bldg!
7. Clinophobia is the fear of beds!
8. Over 2500 left handed people a year are killed from using products made for right handed people!
9. Taphephobia is the fear of being buried alive!
10. A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child Inside!

Thoughts

**Don't let you worries get the best of you; Remember,
Moses started out as a basket case.**

**Some people are kind and sweet spirited.
Until you try to sit in their pew.**

**If God is your Co-Pilot,
Swap Seats!**

**Opportunity may knock once.
But temptation bangs on the front door forever.**

**When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.**

**Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisors.**

**It is easier to preach 10 sermons
Than it is to live one.**

**God himself doesn't propose to judge a man
until he is dead.
So why should you?**

Washington Evangelical Free Church

July 2010 Newsletter



July Events

4th Lords Supper Observed
10th Isley Wedding Celebration
13th Elder Board Mtg.
15th Family Camp

17th B & G Work day
21st AFM Deadline
22nd Online Deadline
31st Distribution Day

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June Financial Report

Needed Weekly	Budget	YTD
<u>\$2,225.00</u>	<u>\$117,000.00</u>	<u>\$54,213.73</u>
June 6th -\$2,757.50		June 13th -\$1,494.00
June 20th -\$2733.00		June 27th -\$2,685.00

Birthdays

1st Dennis Emerick
2nd Brain Fontaine
7th Pastor Jim
11th Lynn Wellsand
13th Justin Reed

13th Marsha Morse
16th Trevor Stephan
25th Ken Shire
28th Debby Corwin

Anniversaries

28th Wayne & Charlotte Brandy

The Bible says that we should have an answer for why you believe, to those who ask you. This is a good example of an answer to one of the most common reasons sinners give for ignoring God and His goodness.

A man went to a barber shop to have his hair and his beard cut as always. He started to have a good conversation with the barber who attended him. They talked about so many things and various subjects. Suddenly, they touched the subject of God. The barber said: "Look man, I don't believe that God exists as you say."

"Why do you say that?" asked the client.

"Well, it's so easy; you just have to go out in the street to realize that God does not exist. Oh, tell me, if God existed would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be no suffering or pain. I can't think of loving a God who permits all of these things."

The client stopped for a moment, thinking, but he didn't want to respond so as to cause an argument. The barber finished his job and the client went out of the shop. Just after he left the barber shop he saw a man in the street with a long hair and beard (it seems that it had been a long time since he had his cut, and he looked so untidy.)

Then the client again entered the barber shop and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."
"How can you say they don't exist?" asked the barber. "I am a barber and here I am."

"No!" the client exclaimed. "They don't exist because if they did there would be no people with long hair and beard like the man who walks in the street."
"Ah, barbers do exist, what happens is that people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"-affirmed the client. "That's the point. God does exist! What happens is people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Oh how simple is this??

Submitted by: Tim L.

Knowledge of Dubious Value

1) What shape appears in the center square on a SCRABBLE board?

- a) Cross
- b) Diamond
- c) Circle
- d) star

2) Two thirds of the United States' 15 busiest ports lie on what body of water?

- a) Lake Superior
- b) the Gulf of Mexico
- c) the Pacific Ocean
- d) the Atlantic Ocean

3) Fort Sumter is the site of the beginning of which U.S. war?

- a) the American Revolution
- b) the War of 1812
- c) the Civil War
- d) the Mexican War

4) Which animal lives in a den properly known as a *sett*?

- a) skunk
- b) fox
- c) beaver
- d) badger

Answers: 1) d 2) b 3) c 4) d

WASHINGTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Pastor's Report for June 2010

Weekly events:

- Church services: Sunday 8AM (Traditional) & 10:30AM
(Contemporary)
Sunday School: Sunday 9:15AM
Adult Bible Study: Monday 7PM
Men's Bible Study @ McDonalds: Tuesday 6AM
Women's Bible Study: Thursday (NG) 5:30PM
Model Railroad Club ministry: Saturday 1PM
Next Generation Alternative Christian Service: Friday 7PM
Next Generation "Open Microphone" night Tuesday 7PM
Next Generation Monday & Thursday Night Discipleship Bible Studies
Facilities host to Victory Christian Academy (preschool - 3rd grade)

1. 6/4-5 Youth Group held a yard sale as a fundraiser for EFCA nationals in OH. At least 12 helped Pastor Brian and Shari Poisel put it on. They raised \$949.
2. 6/5 Held bi-monthly Red Cross Blood Drive, 9AM - 1 PM to help the sick. 35 units given (includes double reds). Jeanie Lucich served refreshments. The Red Cross's goal was 35 units.
3. 6/5 Held a memorial service for Jerry Gordon, Darlaine Lorz' brother-in-law, 6PM, at church.
4. 6/6 Held Lord's Supper in both services as planned.
5. 6/7 & 24 Pastor Jim preached the Battleground segment on WHLP 89.9FM.
6. 6/7 Monday Night Bible Study started the Gospel of John.
7. 6/10 Held monthly Men's Breakfast at Viking Chili Bowl. Wayne Brandy did the devotional. Had 13 in attendance.
8. 6/11 Wayne & Charlotte Brandy hosted a cook-out reception for former interim pastor Don Nydam (2007). 25 in attendance.
9. 6/12 The Stephans used the gym for Brittany's high school graduation reception, 1 - 4 PM. Good turnout of church families attended.
10. 6/12 Next Generation hosted a Saturday night concert.
11. 6/15 Pastor Jim attended the VCA School Board meeting, 6:30PM.
12. 6/20 Observed Father's Day in both services, recognizing the fathers and preaching a Father's Day sermon. Lee & Becky Childress led the worship in the 1st service for the first time, and Lee assisted Aaron in the second.
13. 6/21-25 Pastor Brian & family attended Joni and Friends five-day summer retreat for families affected by disability in Michigan, as a gift from Liberty Bible Church.
14. 6/26 Angel Food ministry day. Karl Urbanzyk picked up the food at Family Bible Church in Portage. With the delivery being delayed, a number of others including some customers helped distribute it. There were 32 signature boxes, 21 other basic boxes, and 21 specials for a total of 74 units totaling \$1908.
15. 6/28-7/3 Youth Group attended EFCA National Youth Event in Columbus, OH, for the week. Pastor Brian and Shari Poisel led them. Brittany Stephan, Scott Poisel, Julie Rudd, Vince Rudd, and Erin Gabriel attended.
16. 6/28-7/3 Our Next Generation Band, Behold the Branch, ministered at Cornerstone Festival 2010, in Bushnell, IL, in music and word.
17. Average church attendance for Jun- 80.8 (23% increase wrt Jun 09)
18. Average S.S. attendance for Jun- 30.3
19. First-time visitors for Jun- 9. YTD total: 91 monthly aver: 15.2
20. Baptisms during Jun: 0 YTD total: 3
21. New members during Jun: 0 YTD total: 5

Submitted by Pastor Jim