



# Maranatha News

August 2019

From Pastor Lloyd....

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or tremble at them,  
for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you; He will never fail you nor forsake you.  
(Deuteronomy 31:6)*

Dear folks at Maranatha,

Have any of you at some point in life found yourself in a spot you never planned to be in and felt ill prepared for? As we all get older, at times we encounter increasingly difficult circumstances. Life has its challenges related to our own health and that of those we love. There are also sometimes relationship challenges we don't know how to fix, and significant financial expenses we didn't anticipate. It takes courage to face these challenges head on rather than trying to run from them.

My recent travels to the eastern United States, including stops at some locations significant to the American Civil War, have me thinking about the serious challenges that people in the United States faced in that era. I think of our US President during that war, Abraham Lincoln, who encountered deaths of his own sons, and major depression of his wife, as well as the tremendous challenge of leading our nation through that dark time of our history. Those circumstances at times drove Lincoln to his knees in prayer in the middle of the night.

I think of General Robert E Lee, a highly respected Christian man, who was asked to serve as a general in the Union Army, but could not get himself to fight against family in the South. During the war he and his family left their home in Arlington, VA never to return to it. He became the leading general in the Confederate Army, and had many heavy decisions to make affecting thousands of troops. He courageously made those decisions and entrusted the results to God.

The movie "Gettysburg" depicts key characters in the Battle of Gettysburg, and impressed on me the scene in which Union soldiers are running out of ammunition as they try to hold off the advancing Confederate army. They are stationed on top of a hill known now as "the Little Round Top." Waves of Rebel soldiers are advancing up the hill and General Joshua Chamberlain makes the hard decision to not retreat, but instead lead a bayonet charge down the hill. It took great courage to lead in a time like that. He found himself in a position he could not possibly have planned for, assessed the situation, made the best decision he could and plowed ahead with his men.

At times in all of our lives I believe we will find ourselves facing tough decisions we would rather run from. In these times, as Christians, we may be forced to take stock of the situation as best we can, pray for wisdom and then make a decision. May we be encouraged by the above words of Moses to Joshua and the people of Israel, as they faced going into the Promised Land without Moses. May we move forward with courage because we know that God goes through our lives with us, and He will not fail or forsake us!





## **Maranatha Council Meeting @ Glyndon**

**July 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

Present: Chanyce Dahl, Todd Dravland, Jeff Ehrichs, Amanda Larson, Pat Lewis, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck and Glenn Urlacher.

Meeting was called to order by President Todd Dravland with devotion and prayer. Secretary's report of May 15, 2019 was read by Pat. Minutes approved as written by Glenn, seconded by Jeff and motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Amanda. June income was \$34,707.58 and expenses were \$27,207.56. Amanda clarified the FLY income/expenses from last month as other churches paying for their share of the bus expense, etc. A motion was made by Chanyce to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Glenn; motion carried.

### **Board Reports**

Christian Education – Chanyce

Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 2<sup>nd</sup> in the morning; planning for 99 kids with a lot of adult involvement.

Next year will suggest to hold VBS in the evening rather than morning.

Rally Sunday is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Have a majority of the Sunday School teachers lined up. Planning to schedule a teachers' workshop, tentative date August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Nikki Ehrichs and Joy Dale will lead Kids Club this fall.

Deacons – Glenn

Have held joint meetings with the Ulen Deacons to show support, prayers along with good discussions.

Pastor Ryan's set up of Maranatha has taken longer than planned but good progress is being made.

Preparing for possible Adult Sunday School classes; getting class ideas.

Finance – No report

Trustees – Jeff

Roof is leaking again. Roof was inspected and found to have poor flashing under the shingles.

Continue to work on the verbiage for the "Cry Room", not sure what is a good fit.

Don Pake talked to Lori Olek in regards to absorbing noise in the Fellowship Hall.

Last year's sidewalk repairs and west side poured cement was paid earlier this month.

Worship & Music – No report

Pastor's Report - Pastor Lloyd

Attended graduation open houses for seniors.

Two funerals: Don Hurner and Steve Mjolsness, Carol Johnson's brother.

Gone the first part of June with attending the Conference and one week of vacation.

Visited with individuals of the Ulen congregation.

Pastor Lloyd will be filling pulpit one Sunday in

September in Ulen and Nursing Home visit in July.

Ulen has one Confirmation student that may be attending Confirmation in Glyndon.

Maranatha's Wilderness Camp church service is scheduled for August 11 followed by a picnic. A regular church service will also be held at church.

AFLC Camp is scheduled for July 16-21 at Wilderness Camp. Glyndon will be leading the service and serving on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

July Family Night will be hosted by Cliff and Mary Langerud.

Wedding manual and fee updates in the final stages.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the Outdoor Festival. Would like to see it as a community event that blends into Rally Sunday; regular church, Sunday School followed by "Grilling on the Green" and maybe a kickball game. Committee members: Glenn Urlacher, Caleb Dahl and Andrew Quanbeck

New Business:

Who pays for the repairs of the pastor's microphones and belt pack mikes? Tabled to the next meeting.

Pastor Lloyd closed in prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded; meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 14 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Lewis

## **Maranatha Council Meeting @ Ulen**

The Ulen Maranatha Church Council met July 10, 2019.

Present were Mary Ann Schneidemann, Harvey Dahl, Bob Herzog, Duane Fuglie, Jeannine Hess, Greg Zillmer, Matt Klemetson, Dwight Fevig.

The Meeting was called to order by President Matt Klemetson at 7PM and devotions were given by Greg Zillmer.

**Secretary's Report:** Read and amended to correct date of Glyndon's service at Wilderness Bible Camp. Motion by Greg, second by Bob to accept as amended., carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The General Fund Income for June was \$4,513.00 and General Expenses were \$1,400.20. There was an over payment for the palms for Easter; Jeannine is aware of this and is getting it corrected. Motion by Dwight, second by Bob to accept, carried.

**Deacon's Report:** Parish Nurse report given. Deacons have done 3 home visits and 4 home communions since last meeting. Deacon's have filled the speaking schedule for August. **Thanks!**

**Trustee's Report:** Furnace rooms have been cleaned of all flammable material. Water softeners have been worked on and appear to be working now.

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Music and Worship:** No report.

**Old Business:** A good turn out for the first general cleaning





day was reported and much was accomplished. **Thanks to all who helped!** Another day is scheduled to complete all cleaning.

**New Business:** Teen Challenge Sunday, July 28, was discussed. Rolls, coffee, and juice will be provided for the group when they arrive and a pot blessing dinner will follow the service for everyone. A separate offering will be taken for Teen Challenge. Motion by Harvey, second by Duane to give donation to Youth For Christ with half coming from general fund and half from Men's Fellowship Fund on July 21 when Mike King from the organization will be bringing the message, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jeannine, second by Bob, carried. Bob will give devotions in August. Matt closed with prayer. Next meeting will be August 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Schneidemann

### Maranatha's Wilderness Camp Day

**Join us Sunday, August 11th as**

Maranatha Glyndon and Maranatha Ulen will be combining for a Worship Service at Wilderness Bible Camp at 11:00am followed by a pot-blessing Picnic.



### WMF NOTES

**(Women's Missionary Federation)**

#### GLYNDON MORNING WMF

Maranatha morning WMF met on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> with seven ladies present.

Jeanne Rasmussen led the Bible Study "Joseph - God Working Out His Perfect Plan - Part 1"

Treasure's report was given.

A decision was made to send \$100 to Home Missions, the project for the month of July.

We signed a card for Emy DeBoer and sent her a gift of money for her upcoming birthday.

Clarice Softing served a delicious lunch.

Dianne Wolla for Lila Ebner, Secretary

#### ULEN WMF

Our Ulen Maranatha WMF met Monday, July 15th at 7 p.m. with 8 ladies present. Ellen opened with prayer and led our Bible Study "Joseph...God Working Out His Perfect Plan (Part 1)." Secretary's Report was read and accepted with a motion by Mary Ann and second by Kathy. Treasurer's report was read and accepted with a motion by Dianne and second by

MaryAnn.

There will be more church cleaning this Wednesday July 17th starting at 1 p.m.

There was discussion on the breakfast and dinner to be served when Teen Challenge will share with us at our morning service, July 28th. Service will be at 10:00 a.m. with dinner following.

Marilyn Green resigned as WMF Treasurer. A motion was made by Bernadine and second by Kathy to elect Debi Langerud as our new WMF Treasure. Motion was carried.

There was some discussion on the Bread Baskets.

We will be hosting the reunion of the Class of 1957 on Saturday, August 17th along with the Ulen Turkey Days at 10:00 a.m. We will have egg bakes, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. Kathy, Ellen, Dianne and Mary Ann will bring egg bakes.

MaryAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Dianne.

We closed with a time of prayer, Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer.

Lunch was served by Dianne.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Dahl

#### GLYNDON EVENING WMF

Evening WMF 7-23-19 met at Carol Johnson's home. A pot lunch supper was enjoyed by everyone. The next meeting will be 8-20-19/at the home of Pat Lewis.

Respectfully submitted by Luci



*You are invited to the Bridal Shower for Payton Brown which will be on Thursday, August 15th at 6:30pm at Maranatha-Glyndon. Payton will marry Michael Dittman on September 6th. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.*

### "High Mileage Game Day"



Tuesday, August 6 at 1:00 - 3:30pm

Sometimes its just fun to come together and enjoy each others company.

All adults are invited to come for a time of games, fun and fellowship.





**Thankful for all who serve our country! Thank You** to all Men & Women, family and friends, who are serving our country both here at home and in other countries. Remember them in prayer!

*Kally Anderson*, granddaughter of Vonnice Anderson  
*Trevor Dufault*, son of Todd & Sara Dravland  
*Allan Fuglie*, grandson of Duane & Kathy Fuglie  
*Andy Heisinger*, husband of Tracy  
*Kyle Johnson*, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud  
*Layne Johnson*, grandson of Ardis Johnson  
*Wyatt Ladwig*, Son of Scott & Heidi Ladwig  
*Jessica Myers*, granddaughter of Gerrie Payne  
*Luke Stensgard*, grandson of Jane Williams  
*Jonathan Taylor*, grandson of Fran Jensen  
*Josh Trulson*, son-in-law of John & Terrie Enlow  
*Marcus Young*, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband

## GLYNDON LIBRARY



### Adult Non-Fiction DVD:

"Alien Intrusion" (unmasking a deception) by Creation Ministries. Gary Bates and several other scientists explore the truth behind UFOs and aliens. John Schneider

narrates. This movie is rated PG-13 as some parts are not suitable for children.

**Kids:** "F is for Fireflies" by Kathy-jo Wargin is a delightful, colorful book about God's Summertime Alphabet!

## LIBRARY AT ULEN

Questions about the library - contact Kathy Fuglie or Marilyn Green.



### GLYNDON

**Wednesday evenings: Bible Study** meet at 6:00pm at either the church or a home. Schedule for August is:

August 7 - 6:00pm SaltTeens at church  
 August 14 - 6:00pm at Chad Johnson home  
 August - 21 - 6:00pm  
 August 28 - Fall Kick-Off

We continue to look for commitments to donate to **Narcice, Our Compassion Child** from Togo, Africa.

## Parish Nursing News @ Glyndon

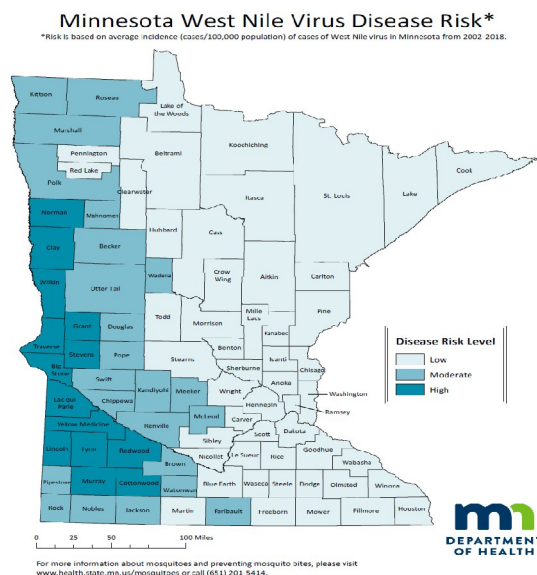


### USE YOUR BUG SPRAY

**West Nile Virus.** We are currently at the highest risk period of when mosquitoes may spread disease to humans in Minnesota. This period goes through September.

As you can see on the map, Norman and Clay County is at High Risk and Mahnommen County is at Moderate Risk.

Please take steps to protect yourself from mosquito bites.



**\*\*Blood Pressure Clinic- August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Remember, if there's anything you need please contact the office or speak to Vickie personally. Enjoy the summer!

## LOOKING AHEAD:

Fall Schedule will begin on September 8th

### GLYNDON:

Worship Service @ 9:30am

Sunday School @ 10:45am

with "Grilling in the Green" (watch for more details)

Confirmation and Youth Meeting with parents and students will be Wednesday, September 4th at 5:45 & 6:15pm.

All Wednesday activities will begin on Wednesday, September 11th (Friendship Club will begin at later date)

### ULEN

Worship Service @ 9:00am







## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Annie Rognlie	August 01
Peter Habedank	August 01
Bud Buchfink	August 02
Gabriel Olek	August 02
Carter Schmidt	August 03
Trent Dufault	August 03
Amy Menholt	August 04
Kenton Chromey	August 05
August Crooke	August 05
Mary Beth Fevig	August 05
Christopher Nelson	August 06
Emily Loyd	August 06
Brian Dahl	August 06
Nikki Rheault	August 08
Hayden Heisinger	August 08
Pastor Dan Hurner	August 09
Dean Cin	August 09
Wendy Fevig	August 10
Cianna Gilbert	August 10
Heidi Bushy	August 11
Samantha Zimmerman	August 11
Avery Austinson-Schultz	August 11
Ella Sivertson	August 12
Zach Schneidermann	August 13
Bonita Chromey	August 13
Ronan John	August 14
Dianne Sivertson	August 15
John Austinson	August 15
Bob Jenson	August 16
Noah Klemetson	August 17
Carmen Nelson	August 17
Elijah Gallagher	August 18
Vickie Haverkamp	August 18
Bruce Wolla	August 19
Sara Dravland	August 19
Nicolette Jensen	August 20
LaVerle Severson	August 21
Jennifer Jensen	August 21
Wayne Lunder	August 21
Allan Gwin	August 22
Bobby Olson	August 22
Liz Walker	August 22
Tim Schlauderaff	August 22
Scott Ladwig	August 23
Angie Guscette	August 23
Autumn Schlauderaff	August 23
Renate Schmitke	August 24
Gerrie Payne	August 26
Tyler Bushy	August 26
Malea Bates	August 27
Max Okke	August 28
Renae Jensen	August 29
Courtney Habedank	August 30
Dandrea Gwin	August 30

Todd Scheuring	August 30
Brittany Forness	August 30
Julie Johnson	August 31
Lana Davis	August 31
Elaine Gullick	August 31
Mark Spielman	August 31

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

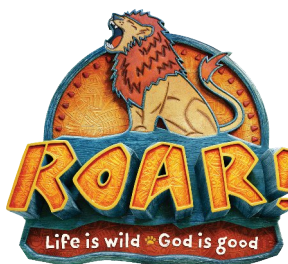
Samuel & Sarah Quanbeck	August 04
Jack & Dana Mitchell	August 05
Matt & Melody Okke	August 07
Dean & June Cin	August 10
Stan & Jeanie Rasmussen	August 12
John & Katie Schantz	August 12
Alex & Erin Monseth	August 12
Pat & Cindy Leach	August 13
Pastor Seth & Brittany Forness	August 13
Josh & Ashley Trulson	August 13
Pastor Lloyd & Jean Quanbeck	August 15
Pastor Jarrod & Elise Hylden	August 15
Mike & Kim Johnson	August 15
Eric & Vanessa Skolness	August 16
Jon & Diane Rosenfeldt	August 17
Pastor Dan & Hannah Hurner	August 20
Andrew & Emily Dalen	August 20
John & Andrea Rootham	August 21
Ryan & Amy Menholt	August 22
Charlie & Jill Toms	August 23
Mark & Jenifer Spielman	August 25
Bill & Joy Dale	August 25
Jake & Sheila Murack	August 26
Will & Tammy Oswald	August 28
Dan & Carol Johnson	August 30

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ GLYNDON

THIS WEEK ~

July 29 - August 2

9:00am - Noon



**Roar!** is the theme of our Bible School this year: When life is unfair... When life is scary... When life changes... When life is sad... When life

is good.... GOD IS GOOD!

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT WEEK !!

*Please come & join us for lunch after the VBS Program (11:15am) on August 2nd. Hotdogs, hotdog buns, watermelon and chips will be provided. If you can bring a side dish or goodies to share, it would be appreciated. Thanks!*



**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Summary****6/30/2019****June GENERAL FUND INCOME \$34,707.58****GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

Deacons	\$16,686.62
Education	\$0.00
Finance	\$5,519.67
Trustees	\$3,925.65
Worship & Music	\$1,075.62
<b>June GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,207.56</b>

Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc) \$12.76

**General Fund Balance Change \$7,512.78****June GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$79,546.12**

	<b>5/31/2019</b>			<b>6/30/2019</b>
<b>Special Funds</b>	<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Building Fund	\$ 19,093.72			\$ 19,093.72
Compassion Child - Narcise	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
Cookbook Sales for Missions	\$ 390.00	\$10.00		\$ 400.00
Designated Donations	\$ -			\$ -
Gear Head Fund	\$ 1,184.59			\$ 1,184.59
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 3,455.21			\$ 3,455.21
Holiday Baskets	\$ 232.79			\$ 232.79
Lent Offering	\$ -			\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,059.23	\$45.00		\$ 11,104.23
Men's Fellowship	\$ 688.83		\$160.03	\$ 528.80
Men's Fraternity	\$ 317.55			\$ 317.55
Outreach Ministries	\$ 166.42			\$ 166.42
Parking Lot	\$ 1,671.74			\$ 1,671.74
Sunday Fellowship Fund	\$ 82.20	\$500.00	\$114.89	\$ 467.31
Sunday School Missions	\$ 250.50		\$250.50	\$ -
Trails End Ranch	\$ 1,716.00			\$ 1,716.00
VBS Blanket Project	\$ 512.05			\$ 512.05
Wedding Fund	\$ 1,244.99			\$ 1,244.99
Wednesday Suppers	\$ 2,929.94			\$ 2,929.94
World Missions Fund	\$ 8,735.92	\$160.00		\$ 8,895.92
Youth Activities Fund	\$ -			\$ -
Youth FLY Fund	\$ 8,734.10	\$261.50	-\$3,476.82	\$ 12,472.42
<b>Special Funds Balance</b>	<b>\$ 62,515.78</b>	<b>\$ 976.50</b>	<b>\$ (2,951.40)</b>	<b>\$ 66,443.68</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 72,033.34</b>			<b>\$ 79,546.12</b>
<b>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 134,549.12</b>			<b>\$ 145,989.80</b>
<b>PETTY CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>20.00</b>			<b>\$ 20.00</b>

**Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon**

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date	Total Budget	Monthly Contributions	Percent of Budget Received / Expended YTD
				Needed to Meet Budget	
Contributions	\$34,707.58	<b>\$161,411.58</b>		\$ 30,401.27	44.24%
Expenditures	\$27,207.56	<b>\$165,187.99</b>	\$364,815.27		45.28%

Questions may be directed to Amanda Larson, Treasurer (701) 793-5177

Detailed financial reports are available in the Glyndon office.

2:23 PM  
07/10/19  
Cash Basis

**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church of Ulen**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
June 2019

	<u>Jun 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Contributions Income	
4000.1 · General Fund Contributions	4,513.00
Total 4000 · Contributions Income	<u>4,513.00</u>
Total Income	<u>4,513.00</u>
Total Income	4,513.00
Expense	
GFEXP · General Fund Expenses	
5001.1 · Pulpit Fill	499.00
5100 · Maintenance and Repair Expense	418.93
5103 · Worship and Music Expense	152.90
5104 · Utilities	
5104.1 · Electricity	89.07
5104.2 · Water and Garbage	72.00
5104.3 · Telephone/Internet	94.22
5104.6 · Garbage Pickup	<u>74.08</u>
Total 5104 · Utilities	329.37
6500 · Operations	
Total GFEXP · General Fund Expenses	1,400.20
SPEX · Special Fund Expenses	
5202 · Men's Fellowship Meals, Ent.	26.43
Total SPEX · Special Fund Expenses	<u>26.43</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,426.63</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>3,086.37</u>
Net Income	<u>3,086.37</u>
c	<u>Jul 25, 19</u>
Special Funds	
Building Fund	15,770.82
Good Samaritan Fund	3,133.47
Lenten Service Offering	0.00
Memorial Fund	737.00
Men's Fellowship Fund	4,708.72
Parish Nurse	606.61
Scholarship Fund	1,201.50
Sunday School	1,161.93
Youth FLY Fund	<u>3,902.64</u>
Total Special Funds	<u>31,222.69</u>
TOTAL	<u>31,222.69</u>
Ending Bank Balance 6-2019	49,776.07
General Funds Available	18,553.38





## AUGUST @ GLYNDON 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31  6:00pm Youth Team Meeting 6:00pm SaltTeens at Dahl's 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	1	2	3 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
<b>Vacation Bible School - July 29 - August 2    9:00am - Noon</b>						
4 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE / COMMUNION  BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME	5 7:00pm Under/30 meet	6 1:00pm High Mileage Game Day	7 6:00pm Youth Team Meeting 6:00pm SaltTeens at church	8	9 Last day for Josiah Quanbeck & AFLBS traveling teams	10 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft  3:00pm Youth @ Wilderness Camp
11 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE  11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE AT WILDERNESS BIBLE CAMP FOLLOWED BY POT-BLESSING PICNIC	12 7:00pm Under/30 meet	13 10:30am Morning WMF	14 6:00pm SaltTeens at Chad Johnson home  7:00pm Church Council meet	15	16	17 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
18 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE / GRADLE ROLL GRADUATION	19 7:00pm Under/30 meet	20 1:00pm Quilting at the church 7:00pm Evening WMF at Pat Lewis home	21 6:00pm SaltTeens Outing  6:00-8:00pm Family Fellowship Night	22	23	24 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft
25 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE	26 7:00pm Under/30 meet	27	28 6:00pm SaltTeens - Fall Kick-Off  Sunday School Teacher Work- shop????	29	30	31 7:00am Men's Fellowship Bkft





# AUGUST@ ULEN 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
There will be No Bone Builders during the month of August	<div>Vacation Bible School @ Maranatha-Glyndon July 29 - August 2 9:00am - Noon</div>					3 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
4 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE / COMMUNION	5	6	7 7:00pm Prayer Time	8	9	10 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
11 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE  11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE AT WILDERNESS BIBLE CAMP FOLLOWED BY CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC	12	13	14 7:00pm Church Council	15	16	17 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study  10:00am WMF serves Class of 1957 Reunion Brunch
18 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE	19 7:00pm WMF at the church	20	21 7:00pm Prayer Time	22	23	24 6:30am Men's Bkft & Bible Study
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# CPYU PARENT PAGE

THE CENTER FOR PARENT/YOUTH  
UNDERSTANDING

Helping **parents** understand **teenagers** and their world

## A Back-to-School & Everyday Prayer

WALT MUELLER, CPYU President



### YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

*“First of all, I’d tell them that I’m sorry that their child’s using the product. It’s not intended for them. I hope there was nothing that we did that made it appealing to them. As a parent of a 16-year-old, I’m sorry for them, and I have empathy for them, in terms of what the challenges they’re going through.”*

Kevin Burns, CEO of Juul Labs - the maker of the bestselling e-cigarette in the U.S., when asked what he would say to a parent with a child who was addicted to Juul, in the documentary “Vaporized: America’s E-cigarette Addiction.”



One of the great misconceptions about worship is that it’s something that only takes place when a group of people gather for a few minutes or so to sing together. While corporate worship is an important part of the Christian life, the kind of worship God calls us and our children to is a 24/7 endeavor that never ends.

In Romans 6:13 the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to “use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.” Besides teaching this to our kids through our words and example, we must pray diligently for God’s Spirit to move our kids to give their bodies over to God through worship.

In her book *Praying Through The Bible For Your Kids*, Nancy Guthrie offers a prayer we can not only pray for our kids, but one we should adapt to pray for ourselves. Take some time to write this prayer, laminate it, and keep it handy so that you can silently pray it each day as they head off to school.

*Lord, from head to toe, inside and out, from beginning to end may no part of \_\_\_\_’s body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, may \_\_\_\_’s whole body be an instrument to do what is right for your glory!*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s feet take him to places where darkness will envelop him and seduce him. Instead, let his feet take him to places where he can push back the darkness and radiate your light.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s appetite for sex or food or drink make him a slave to them. Instead, sanctify his appetites for sex and food and drink so that all of them cause him to look to you for the sanctification he craves.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s heart go after passions that will take the place that should be reserved for you alone. Instead, break \_\_\_\_’s heart with the things that break your heart. Capture \_\_\_\_’s heart with a passion for your gospel and your glory.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s mouth be used to speak what is false or filthy or futile. Instead, fill \_\_\_\_’s mouth with words of truth, words of purity, words of meaning and purpose. May \_\_\_\_’s mouth be full of blessing, encouragement, and peace.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s hands grasp the things of this world too tightly. Instead, give him hands that are willing to work and hands that touch others in great compassion.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s eyes seek out what is corrupting or contaminating. Give \_\_\_\_ a love for what is beautiful and pure.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s ears tune in to voices that doubt or mock the things of God. Instead, give him ears that are open to your Word and your ways.*

*Don’t let \_\_\_\_’s intellect be captured by the thought patterns of this world. Instead, fill his mind with the depths of your knowledge and wisdom.*

Amen.\*

TOP 10...

## Apps Downloaded Worldwide

*In the 1st Quarter of 2019  
(Google Play and App Store  
combined)  
Source:  
SensorTower.com*



1. **WhatsApp**
2. **Messenger**
3. **TikTok**
4. **Facebook**
5. **Instagram**
6. **SHAREit**
7. **YouTube**
8. **LIKE Video**
9. **Netflix**
10. **Snapchat**



### QUICK STATS

46.2% of American 16-year-olds obtained their driver's license in 1983. In 2014, that number had dropped to 24.5%.

*(University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute)*

31% of U.S. households do not have a broadband connection.  
*(NPD Group)*

### FROM THE NEWS:

## EXPOSURE TO MEDIA VIOLENCE LINKED TO VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

It seems that every day we encounter numerous news reports of violent outbursts by children and teens. While fallen and sinful humanity has always struggled to deal with violence, we find ourselves living in a culture that depicts and even glorifies violence through the entertainment media. The folks at Common Sense Media remind us that although no one single factor can cause a nonviolent person to act aggressively, heavy exposure to media violence is in fact a risk factor for violent behavior. And children who are exposed to media violence along with seeing aggression and violence in their homes, are even more prone to violent and aggressive behavior themselves. Parents, we must point our kids to Christ-like behavior, including non-violence and love for neighbor. Expose your kids to positive media. Say no to violent media. Wean your kids off of violent video games and replace that time with family fun. Nurture your kids into loving and pursuing the peace of Christ.



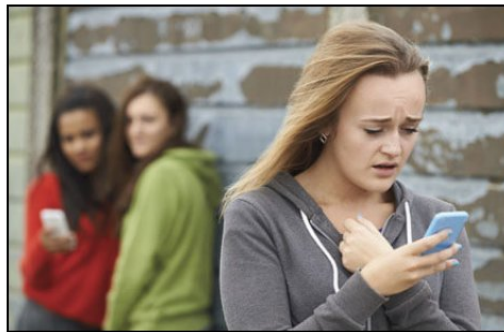
## TRENDS:

## SEEKING CELEBRITY STATUS

Jesus told his followers in all times and all places that the foundational command that should drive every endeavor of life is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Everything we have, do, and are should be directed towards loving and glorifying God. One of the great cultural realities that pushes kids away from this Godward trajectory is fueled

by social media. Our kids are now surrounded by celebrities who are rich and famous and who encourage our kids to pursue the same end. Recently, 21 year-old reality tv star and social media icon Kylie Jenner, was named by *Forbes* magazine as the youngest self-made billionaire ever. With 128 million Instagram followers, Kylie Jenner is truly a leader

so many have gotten in line behind to follow. This reality makes it all the more important for us to be nurturing our kids in the faith from the earliest age, praying that they would choose first to follow Jesus.



## LATEST RESEARCH:

## GIRLS AND BULLYING

Bullying used to happen primarily on the playground or in the local neighborhood after school. And with boys doing most of the bullying, it was rare to see a female pushing someone else around. But in today's social media driven world of childhood and adolescence, the

tables have turned. New research from Rutgers University reports that girls are more often bullied than boys, and that females are more negatively affected by bullying. The researchers are concerned because bullying is associated with depressive symptoms, suicidal ideation, suicide planning, and suicide attempts. While bullying behavior is wrong in all cases, parents should be aware of this

new research on bullying and our girls. Teach your girls to conduct themselves online and offline in a Christlike manner. And, be sure to talk to your girls about the kinds of interactions they are encountering online. We must build each other up rather than tear each other down.

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"11 and  
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Smartphones"

by Walt Mueller



The folks at eMarketer have released their annual report on kids in the United States and their use of digital devices and social media. The report looks at the trends among digital natives who have been born into and are being raised in our smartphone, screen, and technology saturated world.

There is one bit of information coming out of the 2018 report that I want to pass on to you as it can serve as encouragement for those parents whose pre-adolescent children are begging them for phones. Perhaps you've had one of your younger children beg for a smartphone. And when they've begged, they've informed you that they're the only kids among all their friends who doesn't have their own phone. The reality is that among kids ages eleven and younger, just over ten percent have their own smartphone.

It seems that the great majority of parents aren't giving in because they see how the potential dangers outweigh the benefits. Parents, be prudent on this matter in ways that promote your child's flourishing.



## New Podcast

**Youth Culture Matters** is a long-format podcast from CPYU co-hosted by Walt Mueller and Jason Soucinek.

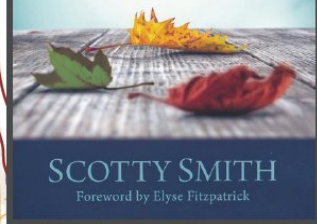


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SCOTTY SMITH  
Foreword by Elyse Fitzpatrick



## FROM THE WORD

Our greatest responsibility as parents is to pass on the legacy of Christian faith. No desire we have for our kids should exceed our desire to see them come to know and serve Jesus Christ with greater and greater maturity over the course of their lives. Christian education starts in the home with parents who are passionate about loving Jesus Christ.

In his first letter to a young Timothy, the Apostle Paul advises Timothy on how to lead the Christians in Ephesus away from believing false teaching by teaching the truth about God and His Word. Paul cites the importance of setting an example from which others might learn. We are called to do the same with our kids, and we would do well to ponder how our own spiritual growth is facilitating a proper and mature example for our kids to follow.

In 1 Timothy 4:12 Paul cites five ways that we are to serve as example. First, we are to talk about God's Word, and we are to do so in ways that bring honor and glory to God. Second, we are to live lives that serve as a visual example of discipleship. Third, we are to love as we have been loved. Fourth, we are to exercise the precious gift of faith we've been given. And finally, we are to live lives marked by purity and holiness.

As we pursue our own growth in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, our kids will be raised by living examples of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

## HELPFUL RESOURCE ←

Are you ever at a loss when it comes to what to say in your prayers?

*Every Season Prayers* offers a treasure trove of prayers that will lead you into a more intimate relationship with God. Topically arranged so you can easily find the sentiments that match your needs, this delightful book includes prayers for:

- everyday concerns, from health and relationship issues to expressing gratitude
- voicing our feelings, stories, and struggles to God
- listening to the heart of God
- congregational confession and worship
- Advent, Lent, Passion Week and more

No matter what your season of life or your daily reality, you will find a prayer you can lift up to God.

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there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17



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