

# Greater *things*

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Jesus said to his followers:  
". . . if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father."  
(John 14:12)

## The Judge's Table

*from Lamar Miller, Minister of Outreach*

Recently I was at a Rabbit show talking to a fellow showman who also is a judge in this hobby. Our conversation focused on the breed of English Spot which we both raise and showed. We talked about how there were more variables to judge on this particular breed compared to a solid color rabbit. The size of spots and the pattern they made along with the stripe down the back and how the rabbit ran were all items many other breeds are not judged on. This showman and judge made a comment that took me back to something I had read in my devotions earlier that week. His comment was "When you show spots don't get to high when you win and don't get to low when you don't." The reason for this is because every judge tends to have personal preferences in what they like.

A portion of the devotion was talking about how comparison can lead to jealousy or pride. When we compare ourselves to others and believe we don't have as much as the other person jealousy can arise. We can see ourselves falling short in many ways such as good looks, money, social status, intelligence, talents and other areas. There is an example of jealousy in Numbers, chapter 12 when Miriam and Aaron ask, "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he also spoken

through us?" Joshua had also been upset the other leaders prophesying. They were obviously jealous of the gifts the others were using.

Pride comes from comparing ourselves to others and thinking we are better in some way. In that same chapter, it tells us that Moses was a humble man, in fact it says that he was more humble than anyone else on the earth. I believe that is why he was used so mightily by God. Moses was humble and faithful and the Lord used him to lead his people to freedom. Pride can become a barrier between us and God. C.S. Lewis has said that "True humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less."

Pride and jealousy happen when we compare ourselves to others or allow others to judge us. God created all of us as unique individuals with different looks, abilities, gifts. Don't get to high on yourself or too low on yourself when you are on the judging table of culture, society, work or even friends. Those tables often turn and are ruled by personal preference and only what is pleasing to the eye.

God's table is just and fair and looks at the heart. At his table nobody loses just because they aren't perfect and the winners receive the greatest prize of all, eternal salvation in his presence.

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## AMC Personal Profile: Morgan Mercer



*What is your job & what does it consist of?*

I work at the State Bank of Arthur. My job title is Teller Operations. It consists of answering phone calls, making deposits, and cashing checks.

*What is your favorite verse and/or book of the Bible?*

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” Luke 6:37  
*Is there a time in your life when you have felt God’s presence stronger than at any other time?* Recently, when I was baptized.

*What are some interesting Facts about you?*

My first name is actually my mother’s maiden name, I’m obsessed with vet shows, and I used to have an extremely bad sleep walking problem.

*What would you say is your favorite meal?*

Anything to do with Italian.

*What is your favorite worship song?*

Reckless Love by Cory Asbury

*If you could host a dinner party with any three living people in the world, whom would you invite?*

Kenny Chesney, Brittany Aldean, and Meghan Markle.

*What was your very first job?* Subway

*Article 11- Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*

## Baptism

“We believe that the baptism of believers with water is a sign of their cleansing from sin. Baptism is also a pledge before the church of their covenant with God to walk in the way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers are baptized into Christ and his body by the Spirit, water, and blood.”



**April 21 - Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Service:** 6:30am at Arthur Southern Baptist Church

**8-9:15am: AMCHSYouth Breakfast Fundraiser** in AMC Fellowship Hall

**9:30am: Christian Education Hour**

**10:30: Easter Service**

Christ is Risen, Indeed!

**April 14 - Lent 6 - Palm Sunday**

God’s Steadfast Love Endures Forever

**April 19 - AMA Good Friday Service** 12-1pm @ Vine Street Christian Church

Join us in celebrating our Risen Lord!

## First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

	Stewardship	Attendance
2/24/19	\$3,729	112
3/3/19	\$4,092	105
3/10/19	\$4,835	141
3/17/19	\$3,029	143
3/24/19	\$3,040	144



## Church Retreat Weekend

Join our church family up at Menno Haven for a weekend of fellowship with each other May 3-5, 2019. Here is the brief schedule:

**Friday the 3rd:** We hope as many willing volunteers as

possible will leave AMC at 7am to go up early to stain the Ark we built up there in 2013. Anyone who can join, please talk to Pastor Glen.

**Saturday the 4th:** Plan to arrive around 10am to get settled. At 11am, there will be a hayrack ride around the grounds, followed by lunch. An afternoon of activities and a campfire to end the night out.

**Sunday the 5th:** After morning breakfast, we will have our morning worship service in the Lodge, followed by lunch. The climbing wall will be open Sunday afternoon, as well as other opportunities for fellowship with church family.

We hope to see each and every one of us there!