



Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2023

“Day and Night”

by Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration

How good are you at remembering things? As we get older this seems to become more difficult, but not impossible. I recently read in the news about Bible Memory Man Tom Meyer. Tom has spent 20 years memorizing 20 entire books of the Bible. He recently teamed up with six other people to recite all 27 books of the New Testament from memory. Wow! This reminded me of my younger days when people in my church would gather together to work on Bible memorization. If we memorized enough verses each year, we would get to attend Bible Memory Church camp in Oklahoma for free. Even today, when my memory is not quite what it used to be, I can pick up many of those verses I learned some 40 years ago.

All of this reminds me of the encouragement of Psalm 1 that says, “Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.” We don’t have to memorize the Bible in order to meditate on it or think about it, but it sure can help us be able to carry it with us day and night. These days we usually have access to God’s Word on our smartphones at any

time of the day, but when we memorize verses they sink into our minds deeper than when we just read them. When they are tucked away in our hearts it is easy for us to reference them when working during the day or lying awake in the middle of the night.

The Psalmist follows verse 2 in Psalm 1 with verse 3 by saying, “That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers.” To start memorizing verses of the Bible you may need to start out with just one or two verses. I’m pretty sure Bible Memory Man Tom did not start with a whole book of the Bible. Choose your favorite verses in scripture and commit to memorizing them. Once you get started you never know where the Lord might lead you. Perhaps you will be able to join Tom’s group the next time they recite the entire New Testament by memory. Or, most likely it will be a wonderful blessing in your life to have those verses of truth, promise, and salvation committed to memory. Let’s join together as trees planted by streams of water and yield fruit for Jesus.

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The AMC Retreat at Menno Haven was a wonderful weekend of rest, rejuvenation, and worship!



The annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off Banquet is happening March 25th at 6:00pm at Yoder's Kitchen. A sign up sheet to attend is on the foyer bulletin board. To sponsor a half or full table, speak with Cliff & Kathy Yoder or Glen & Rhonda Rhodes.

Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off Banquet
 Sat. Mar. 25, 2023 - 6:00 PM
 at Yoder's Kitchen
 Rt. 1132 E. Arthur, IL

featuring **Andrew Goddard**

Andrew Goddard will be with Katherine, Rosemary, and MGC in Chicago on Friday, March 24th. Andrew Goddard is a member of the MGC in Chicago and will be speaking at the banquet. He is also a member of the MGC in Chicago and will be speaking at the banquet. He is also a member of the MGC in Chicago and will be speaking at the banquet.

Let's Celebrate - Zook

An offering will be taken to deliver the banquet experience for the 2023 Arthur Relief Sale.

Reservations required by Mon. Mar. 19
 Contact Cliff Rhodes - 217.271.5026 or Cliff Rhodes - 217.265.4590

FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

1.22.23 - \$4,256 | 1.29.23 - \$5,270
 2.05.23 - \$5,064 | 2.12.23 - \$17,993
 2.19.2023 - \$4,560

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, please place them in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or mail your envelope/check to the church at: 710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911. Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Harper Hill	1st	Willis Kuhns	19th
Marlene Helmuth	1st	Kevin Miller	21st
Ashley Litwiller	4th	Tony Pearsall	21st
Conner Crabtree	4th	Owen Herschberger	22nd
Ed & Joanna Yoder	4th	Junior Beachey	23rd
Junior & Judy Beachey	6th	Kevin & Lyndora Miller	25th
Peter Kauffman	6th	Katie Miller	26th
Gary Kauffman	7th	Delmar Schrock	27th
Olivia Yoder	8th	Christopher Colbe	28th
Kenny & Erica Schrock	10th	Juanita Marner	28th
Andy Marner	17th	Kendall Burdick	30th
Isaiah Yoder	18th	Sarah Storm	31st



- 1. What is your job and what does it consist of?** I work at Cabinet Factories Outlet where I design kitchens and bathrooms, and sell cabinets.
- 2. What is your favorite verse and/or book of the Bible?** My favorite verse is John 15:19 which says, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. My favorite books are Genesis and Matthew.
- 3. Is there a time where you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time?** I feel like now and every day forward I'm closer to God.
- 4. What are some hobbies you enjoy?** Gardening, cooking, and playing the drums.
- 5. What would you say is your favorite meal?** It would be a Mexican dish or Italian dish.
- 6. What is your favorite song or hymn that we sing at church?** My favorite song, which we've only played a couple times, is *Down To the River To Pray*.
- 7. If you could host a dinner party with any three people in the world, living or dead, whom would you invite?** Jesus, Owen Benjamin, and Thomas Jefferson.
- 8. What would you consider to be your greatest achievement?** Changing my life around, finding God, and finally finding the love of my life, Jenniifer.

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