

Greater Things

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"Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How?"

by Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Worship

In life people ask a variety of questions for different reasons. Sometimes they want to gather more information, sometimes they want to get to know someone, and other times they want to learn more about something. During the past couple of months I have been preaching messages at AMC focused around the questions you submitted about life, faith, the Bible, and many other things. The title of this series has been "What About...?" The subjects covered so far have been about the Church, the Bible, the Beginning, the End Times, the Rapture, Baptism, Salvation, Eternal Security, Heaven, Hell, Cremation, Evangelism, Judgement, Dedicated Faith, Profanity, Alcohol, Patriotism, Marriage, Divorce, and Singleness. Yes, we have covered a lot so far, yet this still has not touched on all of the questions that you submitted. In the next couple of weeks this series will come to a close but I have appreciated the feedback you have provided and the challenges that these messages have presented. We won't be able to answer all of the questions in the end, and in some cases there are no clear answers to some of our questions. While the Bible gives us clear direction, guidance, and information about many things, some questions are left unanswered, probably on purpose. Someday we will be able to ask the Lord the who, what, when, where, why and how of the life we had on this

earth. Until then, it's good to talk about them with each other and help each other discern how we are to live and follow Jesus on this journey of life we are on together.

Those in the Bible had questions as well. Cain asked if he was his brother's keeper. On Mt. Carmel Elijah asked the people, "How long will you waver between two opinions?" Job asked, "If a man dies, will he live again?" David asked "How Long, O Lord?" Pilate asked, "What is truth?" Paul asked, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Even Jesus is recorded as asking 307 questions in the Gospels. Many of those were to drive home a point, expose deceitfulness, or to get people thinking.

It has been great to approach these questions together as God's people. The Bible is a wonderful source of wisdom and understanding for us. While we may not have all the answers and some questions are up for debate, we do know that the Lord and the Holy Spirit will lead, guide, and direct us if we continue to pray, discuss, and seek Godly direction. One of our 12 favorite scriptures at AMC is from Proverbs 3:5-6 which says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." To that we say, Amen!



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BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS



AMC FALL FESTIVAL

~ September 8 ~

It was beautiful day to spend connecting as a church family!



FIRST FRUITS ~ STEWARDSHIP

September 1 - \$6,090 | September 8 - \$4,121

September 15 - \$3,621 | September 22 - \$2,411

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 envelopeso your number can be recorded.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

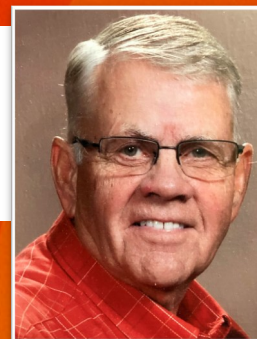
1 - Ivan Yoder
2 - Floyd Borntreger
7 - Jamison Miller
Olivia Gingerich
8 - Jeff & Jenni Marner
11 - Ervin Kuhns
13 - Jory & Natalie Borntreger
15 - John Yoder
17 - Gloria Yoder
Larry Herschberger
24 - Bertha Yoder
Ed & Edna Gingerich

26 - Leanne Tully
Vance Everhart
28 - Eden Gutierrez
30 - Lanora Gingerich
Lyndora Miller
Michelle Snyder
Phyllis Kauffman
31 - Clara Wood
Debby Kauffman
Maranna Chupp

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3

Join us on Sunday, November 3rd to hear from Lyle Miller & Greg Liestman, representatives from Everence, for Stewardship Sunday.

AMC Personal Profile LEVI YODER



1. What is your job and what does it consist of? **I have just completed 60 years in Ag Production, also known as "farmer". At planting time, I operate tillage equipment part time. In fall during harvest I still enjoy driving a grain truck and grain cart. I have transitioned most management to my son and grandson.**
2. What is your favorite verse of the Bible? **John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy but I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."**
3. Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? **I went on a mission trip to China with three other businessmen. I felt God's presence and protection as we delivered 50 Bibles to a registered church and 3000 pieces of Christian literature to the underground church in three cities, including Shanghai & Beijing.**
4. What was your first job? **When I attended Hesston College, I worked as a meat cutter at the Hesston Meat Market. The skills I learned there helped me to work in the winter at Walter Gingerich's meat market in Arthur.**
5. What do you consider your greatest achievement? **I have always loved farming and began farming on land farmed by my father and grandfather. I enjoyed being in partnership with my father for many years. I am now in partnership with my son and grandson. To see five generations working the same farm has been very rewarding.**
6. What is your best piece of advice? **Stay busy doing things that are productive.**
7. What is an interesting fact about you? **I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the inauguration of Ronald Reagan.**