



July 2017

Glory to God Alone
“... to the glory and praise of God.”
Philippians 1:11

Over the past four months we have Focused upon the Five *Solas* of the Reformation. Flowing from the fact that 2017 is the Quincentenary (500th) celebration of this theological watershed, we have looked together at four of these five theological principles: *sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), *sola gracia* (Grace alone), and *solus Christus* (Christ alone). Now we come to the fifth and final *Sola*, *solis deo Gloria* (glory to God alone.)

The 16th century was a complex period featuring a number of significant developments on a number of different fronts. Philosophically: modernism with its emphasis upon science and reason began to take root. Politically: the distinction between monarch and serf began to erode. Economically: the invention of the printing press transformed the manner in which information was passed. And ecclesiastically: there arose a movement disillusioned by the man-centered, works based, faith of the Catholic Church.

Led by the likes of Martin Luther, John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli, the Reformation sought to free the Church from the vestiges of scholasticism, with its emphasis upon human achievement, and return its focus to God. Rather than viewing people as the

central players in the work of salvation, the Reformers pointed to Scripture which proclaimed God’s place as primary. Humanity brought nothing to the table but sin, God brought salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, for His glory alone. For the Reformers, the end of salvation was not the improvement of the human condition. God did not send His Son that human beings might enjoy their best lives now. The purpose of all life is to glorify God! As the Scriptures declare in 1st Corinthians 10:31, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

I believe that we are living at a time that in many ways mirrors the 16th century. The growing civil and social unrest we face flows from disillusionment with contemporary philosophy, politics and economics. The church’s popular promises of health, wealth and prosperity are beginning to be seen for what they are, empty man centered messages which cannot satisfy. Men and women in the 21st century want to live for something greater than themselves. They need a purpose more significant than temporary happiness. The Gospel is the answer.

In the Gospel, God does not save us because we are special but because He is a saving God (Psalm 68:20). He does not love us because we are lovable but because He is love (1 John 4:8). He isn’t merciful because we merit it but because He is a God of mercy (1 Peter 1: 3–4). He is supreme; we are not. All God does, He does for the glory of that which is ultimate, who is God, not us!

Immanuel, may we, like the Reformers before us, recognize that we exist *solī deo Gloria*, and give our all to that end!

Rejoice!
Pastor Andrew

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We exalt God above all by evangelizing, equipping and embracing all nations.



Coffee Fellowship

We have coffee in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School **every** Sunday morning. Come join us for fellowship.

You are invited to join us for breakfast the first Sunday of every month at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Our next social will be on August 6, hosted by the Berean class. Come – enjoy the breakfast and fellowship with other Sunday School members.



GREETERS SCHEDULE

JULY

Betsy Jarrett	Faye Brittingham (west)
Tommy Jarrett	Faye Parker (east)
	JoAn Vollkommer (south)

NOTE: Feel free to change doors assigned. This way you may meet new or old friends!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Dinner will not be served in July and August, but will resume on September 6.



The deadline for submitting items of interest for the **August newsletter** is July 20.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Bible studies will be held in the homes of the Langs and the Laws from July 5 through the 26th. A study on marriage will meet at the church as well as the youth. All will start at 6:30. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the back of the sanctuary.

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood will not meet in July and August.

*** WMU NEWS ***

WMU will take a summer break til further notice.



GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF

The Bread Banks were collected on June 18. The total given is \$361.06.

Remember that every cent goes directly to hunger relief. There are empty banks in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to participate.

LIAISONS

We are in need of liaisons for both our partnership with East Salisbury and a new connection that we are trying to establish with the Christian Shelter. These liaisons would keep us aware of how our church can help with the needs of these ministries and their events. If interested, call the office.

OCEAN CITY DINNER

The Ocean City International Dinner was served on June 12 to approximately 200 students.. So many of you made this mission possible by baking cookies, preparing food, providing transportation, serving and cleanup. We thank all of you and especially Linda Webster for her capable leadership.

Don't pray for rain if you intend to complain about the mud.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 16
10:00 – 11:30

All ladies are invited to enjoy a few hours of fellowship, food and a great speaker. Invite a friend. Hosted by the WMU.

PRAY

Continue to pray for the Mali People of south Asia. It is estimated that there are about 2 million people in this group. Pray for our missionaries as they try to reach them with the saving faith and belief in our Savior.



The pastor and family will be away from July 24 through the 31st. Pray for safe travel and that it will be a time of refreshing and enjoyment. If there is an emergency, contact Cotter or your deacon.



All men are invited to a cookout at the church on Friday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy good food, some games and great fellowship. Bring a friend!

It's almost time!! VBS will be held the week of July 10 – 14 from 9:00 to 12:00. Invite your friends and neighbors. We will have a picnic on VBS Celebration Sunday, July 16, immediately after worship. There will be games and activities for the children and adults can bring board games. Everyone is invited!



Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul and Laurel Morgan
By statement of faith

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Paul and Laurel have three children: Noah, Emma and Caleb. Paul was born in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and in his free time enjoys reading and also golfing with his brothers and dad when in the states. Laurel enjoys making photo albums, swimming and music. Pray for the family as they serve the Lord in the Congo.



COTTER'S COMMENTS

Immanuel,
A couple weeks ago, the youth and I were able to attend the reCHARGE youth camp in Middletown, Maryland. We had a great time and it was such a blessing for me to have the opportunity to go up there with Gavin and Jonathan. Our week was filled with activities around the camp facilities and in the surrounding community. We spent about four hours each day with the other 300 youth participating in worship through music and the reading of the Word. The camp pastor, Shane Shaddix of Imago Dei Church, spoke about our need to live out the gospel and to proclaim it to those around us and around the world. Following each of these large group gatherings, the three of us spent time together reflecting on the message that was preached and applying it to our lives. This was one of my favorite

things that we did throughout the week because it gave the three of us time to talk about how the messages were impacting us individually and we were able to challenge each other to be more intentional about living out the gospel and proclaiming it to others.

The rest of our time was split between missions, large group games, and free time, which Gavin and Jonathan were able to use to explore the many activities available at the conference center, from the pool to the water slide and the zipline.

Our missions project gave us the opportunity to help out at Myersville Baptist with various improvements needed at their facilities. It was really neat to be able to hear Shane preach about proclaiming the gospel and then be given an opportunity to show the gospel through our service to that local congregation throughout the week.

Thank you all for your constant support and prayer throughout the week and in the days leading up to the trip! It is nearly impossible for me to summarize how great our trip was into so few words, so please ask Gavin, Jonathan, or myself about our trip so that we can tell you more about it!

We are all very excited for reBOOT Winter Camp in January!



THREE GOOD REASONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible study. Feeding on the Word of God is just as essential to the Christian's spiritual growth as food is to physical growth.

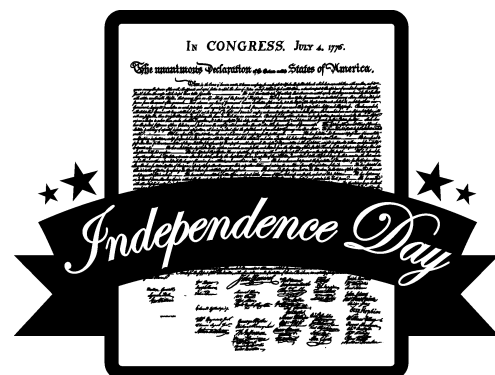
Evangelism. The Sunday School is the arm of the church that leads in reaching people for Christ and the church.

Application. One important objective of the Sunday School is to lead members not only to understand the message of the Bible but to see how it applies to their daily lives.



JULY

- 2 Bettye Agnor
Alena Morgan
- 3 James Morgan
- 8 Nancy Duncan
Mike Law
Andrew Morgan
Melinda Morgan
Brianna Stevenson
- 10 Marge Straub
- 11 Patricia Edwards
- 14 Bob Shores
Grace Wilkins
- 15 Jill Braungart
- 16 Linda Ziegler
- 17 Joel Hills, Sr.
- 18 John Brenner
- 21 Will Wiley
- 27 Edith Nairne
- 28 Cindy Bennett
- 30 Lisa Lang
- 31 Nancy Lambert



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