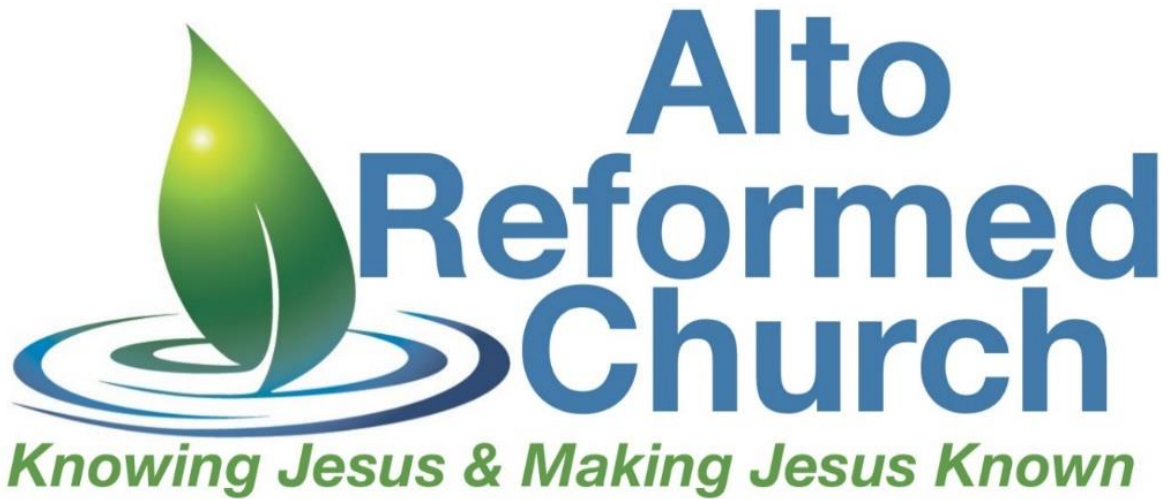


May 2, 2021



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "Beautiful Savior"

Praise Singing

8am:

"I Surrender All" Hymn #404

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymn #382

10am:

"Whom Shall I Fear"

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymn #382

"Give Me Jesus"

3 Minutes for Missions – Manitoqua Mission Trip

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

Message – Living in Babylon: The Furnace is Being Heated

Scripture – Daniel 3

We Respond to God

Prayer

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Hymn #385

Blessing

**songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



Living *in* Babylon

How to Thrive in an Anti-Christian Culture

Wk 4 - The Furnace is Being Heated Daniel 3

MAJOR THEMES FOR LIVING IN BABYLON

1. People are mean.

2. God is good.

3. Believers stand firm.

The three _____ the evil law. (28)

The three do not defend themselves. (16)

The three were ready to die rather _____ God. (17-18)

The three _____ God. (28)

APPLYING THE STORY TODAY...

Who's the bully/oppressed now?

Who's being bullied/oppressed now?

How do we deal with bullying now?

If you witness bullying,

We must defend the bullied. (Isa. 1:17; Acts 19:35-41)

If you've been the bully,

We must _____ and take the plank out of our eye. (Mat. 7:5, Ps. 51)

We must apologize. (Mat. 5:24)

We must make it right. (1 Sam. 12:3)

We must _____ God and set an example. (James 3:13)

We must help the world see that God's instructions are for their _____. (Jer. 32:28-40; 1 Pet. 3:15, 2 Tim. 3:14-17)

If you're being bullied,

- sometimes you need to overlook (Prov. 19:11; 1 Pet. 4:8; Col. 3:13),
- sometimes you _____ (Gal. 6:1-3; Matt. 18:15; 5:23-24; Prov. 28:13),
- sometimes you go to authority figures (Matt. 18:16-20; Acts 16:37; 1 Cor. 6:1-8),
- sometimes you respectfully _____ authorities (Exod. 1; Dan. 3,6),
- sometimes you explain yourself (Daniel 3:16; Luke 12:11-12, 21:14-15, 22:67; Acts 23-26),
- sometimes you let others explain (Acts 19:35-41),
- sometimes you stay _____ (Isa. 53:7; Luke 23:9), and
- sometimes you _____ (Mat. 2:13-15, Luke 4:30; Acts 9:25).
- You always pray (Judges 2:18, 4:3,10:12; Neh. 9:27; Psalm 9:9; 82:3; Acts 16:25) and never bully (Isa. 1:17; 58; Prov. 14:31; Dan. 4:27; Eph. 4:32; 2 Tim. 2:24).

Today, decide to follow Jesus!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When have you been bullied?
2. Have you ever defended someone being bullied?
3. Who does God want you to speak up for?

Upcoming Events

- May 2** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
9:00am – Sunday School, Discovering Membership Class
10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Men’s Chorus
5:30pm – Jr Praise Band
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group, Book Study – “We Will Not Be Silenced”
- May 4** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
6:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle – *Bible Study #6*
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you would like to discuss baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- May 5** 7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- May 9** 8:00am – Pastor Doug
9:00am – Last Day of Sunday School, Discovering Membership Class
10:00am – Pastor Doug, PreK-5th Graders Sing
5:30pm – Jr Praise Band
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we’re prepping for the youth service that will take place May 16th. See you at 6:30!

Jr Praise Band 5:30, **Jr Choir** 6:30

High School – We’ll be doing youth service assignments and videos on Wed.! See you at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Vacation Bible School for all 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders is June 21-25! Registration is open during the month of May. We have volunteer opportunities, donation requests, and music CD’s available at the Children & Families Resource Center (across from the elevator). Any questions, please contact Adrea.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 5/2 Missionary Salary, 5/9 Regular Benevolence, 5/16 Waupun & Brandon Food Pantry.

Congrats to Bob Kastein as he observes his 88th birthday on May 5th.

The National Day of Prayer is this upcoming Thurs, May 6th. We would like you to join us as we gather together with the body of Christ in prayer for our nation. We’ll be joining in with Edgewood Community Church in Waupun. Would you consider praying *and fasting* for our nation this coming Thurs, May 6th? Below are two excellent (and short!) videos to help you understand the importance of the biblical call to fast. You might skip breakfast or both breakfast and lunch and thus make it a 24 hour fast from the previous night’s dinner. But don’t feel obligated! We will be

meeting at noon at the Waupun campus to pray together until 1pm in the large group room. Please join us!

Donald Whitney on fasting...(6:43 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Szq34U6tWIM>

John Piper on fasting...(5:24 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kzJRABgLXw>

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

Praise: We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

Ask: Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

Yield: We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Pray for Helen Straks as she has moved to the Randolph Christian Home for rehab.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buitter, Betty Daane, Paul Elenius, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl Vanderkooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuil, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:
Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico;
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ