

**October 10, 2021**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Build Your Kingdom”

“Lord, I Need You”

Congregational Prayer

Jr Choir – “Great You Are”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Joel Ruis

Message – Tough Questions on Good and Evil

Scripture – Psalm 14:2-3; Romans 3:9-12

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Goodness of God”

Blessing

### *Memory Verse for October 13<sup>th</sup>*

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

# Tough Questions:



# Dog Gone, That's a Tough One

**Tough Questions on "Good" and Evil.**

**Key Scriptures: Psalm 14:2-3 Romans 3:9-12**

**2 Questions:**

**1. Why does God allow bad things to happen to people?**

**A. To test our faith.**

**1 Peter 1:6-7, Zechariah 13:8-9, Deuteronomy 8:2**

**B. To mold and shape us into Christ's character.**

**James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-4**

**C. To prove His love for us as His Children.**

**Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:4-8**

**2. Why does God allow evil in the world?**

**Genesis 1:31, Revelation 21:3-4**

*Some people wonder why God couldn't have created humans in such a way that we would never sin, thus avoiding evil altogether. The fact is, such a scenario would mean that we were not truly human. We would not have the capacity to make choices and freely love...A FREE choice, however, leaves the possibility of a WRONG choice. As J.B. Phillips put it, "Evil is inherent in the risky gift of free will." ...God's plan had the potential for evil when he bestowed on humans the freedom of choice, but the actual origin of evil came as a result of a man who directed his will away from God and toward his own selfish desires. Norman Geisler and Jeff Amanu note, "Whereas God created the FACT of freedom, humans perform the ACTS of freedom. God made evil possible; creatures make it actual."*

*- Ronald Rhodes*

**Application:**

- 1. Share the gospel with someone this week.**
- 2. Re-read the scriptures in this insert over the coming week.**

## *Upcoming Events*

- Oct 10**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
                 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Jr Choir  
                 10:45am – Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study – “Delighting in God’s Law”  
                 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Oct 11**      6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Finding I Am”  
                 7:30pm – Alto Chase
- Oct 12**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
                 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “In His Image”  
                 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Oct 13**      9:30am – Golden Lifers  
                 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team  
                 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
                 6:30pm – Mixed Choir, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting  
                 6:45pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study – “Delighting in God’s Law”  
                 7:00pm – High School Praise Team  
                 7:30pm – Men’s Chorus, High School Youth Group
- Oct 15**      Middle Schoolers at Silverbirch
- Oct 16**      Middle Schoolers at Silverbirch
- Oct 17**      Middle Schoolers at Silverbirch  
                 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
                 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men’s Chorus  
                 10:45am – Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study – “Delighting in God’s Law”

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Weather permitting, we will be out by the bonfire tonight answering your tough questions that you wrote last week. Why did God create animals and how did they all fit on the ark? Are aliens real? Why do people sin? And many more! See you up on the church hill at 6:30 tonight! Bring friends!

**High School + 8th grade** – The Alto Chase is Monday October 11, 7:30-9pm! Invite your friends and adults in your life to participate in this huge game of Romans (adults) and Christians (students) all around Alto.

**High School** – Wednesday is fun night! See you at 7:30!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 10/10 Waupun Food Pantry, 10/17 Missionary Salary, 10/24 Christian Home Chaplain, 10/31 Words of Hope.

**CCCD Van Fund** – We are collecting donations for a new van for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf. The goal is to collect a total of \$20,000. Donations should be labeled CCCD van fund (on the envelope or check memo) and may be placed in the offering boxes in the lobby.

**Congrats** to Jean Vande Zande as she celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser** – The mission team going to CCCD in Jamaica will be hosting a pork chop dinner at the Alto Community Center on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-6:30pm. The meal is carry-out only and includes a pork chop, baked potato, corn, applesauce, roll, and beverage. Ticket cost is \$10 and can be purchased from Marty Huizenga, Jim Nummerdor, ARC office, or any person going on the mission trip. There are a limited # of tickets available so get yours early!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**OCC Packing** – Information for packing boxes and donation items for Operation Christmas Child are located in your mailboxes and at the Children & Families Resource Center. We'll be having our annual packing party on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30-7:30pm. We hope you'll join us. If you decide to pack your own box at home, they are due by November 7<sup>th</sup> and shipping costs should be placed in the shipping donations box. Any questions contact Adrea.

**Volunteer opportunity!** Our foster care ministry is looking for 2 more volunteers to serve a foster family in Waupun: One person is needed to bring a meal once a month, and one person/couple is needed to offer childcare 1-2 times a month. Please prayerfully consider supporting a local foster family! Contact Benita Ter Beest for more information.

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

**Praise:** Today, Lord, we rejoice that you walk with us through suffering. Whether it be physical illness, relational conflict, or emotional turmoil, you hold us in your hand. You encourage and strengthen our hearts to lean on you and to walk faithfully each day. And so, we rejoice! We also celebrate a gracious meeting with the classis, a 98% vote in favor of leaving the RCA, and five other churches petitioning to go with us.

**Repent:** Forgive us for trusting in our own strength and thinking we can handle the challenges on our own.

**Ask:** Help us trust you in our suffering.

- We ask for faith, healing, strength and peace for those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- We pray for truth to be held high this week at the RCA's General Synod.
- We pray for River Rock Church as they meet today with the classis and for Friesland, Brandon, First-Waupun and Emmanuel as they meet on Oct. 24.
- We pray for our classis to be truly generous and gracious in our transfer, particularly as they meet on Nov. 2.
- We pray that ARC will be able to move quickly and wisely in organizing.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for healing from covid and pneumonia for Ann Boerson's nephew, Randy Hopp.

**Yield:** Today, we commit ourselves fully and completely to trust in You as we face illness, conflict, worry and persecution.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Ashley Bruins, Josie Buiten, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, 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 **Charleston House:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

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