



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
Mark 3:13-19

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Pondering

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My family and I had a chance to take a break from reality for a week and take a vacation to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to play in the ocean. We drove, so we were able to see a lot of different sights. We saw the flat lands of Indiana and Ohio and went through the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia and Virginia. We even drove under the ocean near Chesapeake Bay (which was pretty cool). We were able to see a sea turtle that had been rescued be released back into the wild. But there were two things that I found most fascinating.

First, I was fascinated by the ocean itself. Sitting on the beach and watching the waves go in and out and seeing the tides change from low to high tide day after day all because of the moon is remarkable. Feeling the power of the water is also an amazing thing to witness. Getting hit by the waves and getting knocked down or having the water wash the sand away from under your feet as you stand there, is amazing.

The second thing that I found fascinating was when we went on a dolphin watch. The tour that we picked had a marine biologist that talked about the dolphins and their habitat. When dolphins were spotted they slowly motored the pontoon closer so we could see better and take pictures but they also wanted to take pictures to document the dolphins. They use the dorsal fin as a finger print to identify what dolphins we are seeing. After questions were asked and answered about the dolphins, the marine biologist had all the kids come to the front of the pontoon to help her document some data. She had the kids measure the water and air temperatures, the wind speed and the salinity of the water. I was curious about why the salinity of the water was so important considering that dolphins breathe air and do not breathe under water. She stated that the salinity of the water is important to the dolphins because the salt in their bodies need to match the salinity of the water. If the water is not salty enough, then dolphins can dehydrate and die. They also need the salt for buoyancy for swimming.

All that being said I could only think of one thing. How great a Creator we have to design His creation to the point where a little salt could mean life or death to a dolphin. When we look at nature and all the complexities it holds, how can we not see the Creator's hand all over it? One or two things may be able to be explained away but you can never convince me that our Creator did not have a hand in the whole picture. From waves to sea turtles, dolphins to watching the sun rise over the ocean and set over the sound, God's hand is all over the place. It is a great feeling to know He is in control and

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Sept 14 **IMMERSE Classes**
6:30-7:45 p.m. @ NLCC Bldg.
Sept 15 **Men's Bible Study**
Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. @ NLCC Building
Sept 15 **Women's Bible Study**
The Beatitudes
9:30 a.m. @ NLCC Building
Sept 15 **Evening GriefShare Mtg.**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Green Room @ NLCC Building

Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

Sep 11 Meal Team #1
Sep 18 Meal Team #2
Sep 25 Meal Team #3
Oct 2 Potluck Team #2

Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.



Please stay and join us!

September Memory Verse:

Psalms 95:3

"For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." (ESV)

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not me.

The end of Job came to mind when God is talking to Job and asking him where he was when the foundations of the earth were laid. *Job 38: 4-12 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 'On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, When I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, And prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, And said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? 'Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place..."*

Blessings, Paul Gilbertson

Announcements & Events:

God calls us to be wise stewards. Let's take advantage of bargains we find to share with children all over the world who need help in supplies for school, for daily living, a toy maybe with the spreading of the gospel in unreached areas. Operation Christmas Child does this through Samaritan's Purse, so keep an eye out for the display in upcoming weeks in the foyer. There will also be a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in working in the Minneapolis main center. The date and place will be announced in the near future. Please keep these children in your prayers and ask God how you can help spread the gospel to those who need to hear it.

Ruby's Food Pantry Distribution "Sharing and Caring through Food"

Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck
Tuesday, September 20th 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
\$20 cash donation

IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.

Please consider helping someone who can't drive but would benefit from this opportunity to restock their own pantry.

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More Announcements & Events:

IMMERSE NEWS

Immerse studies begin this week, Wednesday the 14th starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be something going on for everyone of all ages, so bring the whole family! In addition to classes for every age group, we will be offering two adult studies.

Pastor Tony will be leading a general study over the larger picture of Scripture (select chapter blocks will be studied) as we develop and learn key habits for studying and understanding texts in general. Essentially it will be an introduction on Biblical study (the fancy phrase is Biblical exegesis). This will be geared toward anyone interested in wanting to better study scripture on their own.

A New Believers Bible study in the book of John will also be offered, led by Tim and Rochelle Schwedersk. They will be walking through the book of John in a way that the newest of Christians can get a grasp of the basics of Christianity. If you are a new believer, and want to know more about Christianity, this study is for you.

Study groups will be ending at 7:45 p.m. to give parents time to retrieve their kids before the doors are locked at 8:00 p.m. Please be sure to do this before you visit with others. The teachers will be so appreciative!

MISSION NEWS

There is another trip to Mexico being planned in the cooler season, Jan. 14-21, 2017. If you are seriously considering joining the group traveling for this mission, you can contact Connie at kckjbow@hotmail.com. Right now there are airline tickets on sale through American Airlines for \$319.20 through Travelocity or AA.com. If you need help with fundraising for your trip, contact Lorraine Milner.

We will soon resume sewing bags for Tapestries of Life after Immerse begins. Watch for the date. Anyone interested call Mary Anderson or Lorraine Milner.

Alliance Church of the Valley in SCF is hosting a live-streamed simulcast of Beth Moore and Living Proof Live (with worship by Travis Cottrell) on Saturday September 17th. The day begins at 9:15am and ends at 4:15pm. The event is free to attend and includes lunch. (Accepting free will offerings.) If you'd like to participate, contact the Alliance Church at 483-1100 or talk to Cory Mattson.