

The church newsletter of Rossville United Methodist Church - Rossville, IN

Bob Notes...

Last month, my series on the books of the Bible covered the first half of The Apostle Paul's thirteen letters or epistles to the churches. This month covers the remainder.

1 Thessalonians was written at Corinth by Paul sometime around the year 51 shortly after his departure from Thessalonica. Paul had preached in the synagogue there on three separate occasions. Because violent persecution broke out, he was sent away for his personal safety.

The theme of this letter is to reaffirm the young converts in Thessalonica and the foundational truths they were taught; to encourage them to live a life of personal holiness pleasing to the Lord; to comfort them concerning those who had died; and to instruct them concerning their own hope of the return of Jesus Christ.

- **2 Thessalonians** was written soon after the first letter. The Thessalonians were alarmed and unsettled regarding the persecution they were enduring. They feared it was the start of the "great and dreadful day of the Lord" so Paul sent them this letter to instruct them in further detail about the events that will lead up to "the day of the Lord."
- **1 Timothy** was written during the last few years of Paul's life. Timothy, to whom both 1 and 2 Timothy were written, was intimately associated with Paul. He was considerably younger and had joined Paul on the second missionary journey. In this letter, Paul focuses on warnings about heresy in doctrine and life; Paul's personal witness and instructions to Timothy; instructions about prayer; the walk of a good pastor, the work of a good pastor, and warnings to a good pastor.
- **2 Timothy** was probably the last letter written by Paul. It is less formal than 1 Timothy and far more personal. In this letter, Paul charges Timothy to fan into flame the gift of God which is in him (Timothy);

teaches about the path of an approved servant in a day of apostasy; lifts us the Scripture as the Christian's resource; and describes a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus was one of Paul's most reliable helpers. The letter to Titus deals chiefly with conditions in the church located on the island of Crete. This letter involves the qualifications and duties of an Elder; the Pastoral work of a true Minister; and Exhortations to Godly living.

Philemon was written during Paul's first imprisonment in Rome. Philemon was a well-to-do citizen of Colosse. The letter focuses on Philemon's character and Paul's intercession for the slave Onesimus. The letter presents the value of practical righteousness, Christian brotherhood and sisterhood, Christian courtesy, and the law of love.

So here we have the last six of Paul's thirteen letters. I hope you feel encouraged to read them because they give much practical advice on daily living the Christian faith and explanation about Christian belief.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka



Prayer requests for the church can be submitted to the church office. Pastor Bob or Brandy will start the phone tree system as soon as possible after receiving a request.



Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:15 a.m.

Rossville United Methodist Church

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Comfort Kitchen Outreach

Rossville United Methodist Church 110 W Main St, Rossville

Thursday, July 5

5:30-7:30 pm

Hamburgers, Hotdogs,

Coleslaw, Chips

Approved!

Dessert, & Drink

Free to All!

Open to ALL ages

Worship and Sermon Themes July 2018

July 1: Guest Speaker Eric Schneider

July 8: "Caught in the Thorns?" 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

July 15: "Free!" Romans 8:1-4

July 22: "Are You Much Afraid? Romans 8:13-15

July 29: "God's Children" Romans 8:16-17

Upcoming Events in August



Aug 6 School starts

Aug 17 Religious Education resumes

Aug 24 Yard/Garage Sale during Summer's End festival

Aug 25 Chicken and Noodle Dinner during Summer's End festival

Aug 26 Combined Community Worship Service at Rossville High School

Pastor Bob is on Vacation through Saturday, July 7.

He will be back in the pulpit July 8th and back in the office Wednesday July 11th



Mandee Nicolas July 7 Kody Nicolas July 8 Anna Hayward July 10 Ruth Raschka July 10



Jessica Boldenow July 17 Jacque Cooper July 18 Sharon Unger July 23 Neilie Wright July 28

Happy Anniversary

July 23 Dustin & Emily Green

House Furnishings For Valerie & Felipe Colby Coming back from Honduras

Wireless printer, Office chair, 8 foot folding table, twin beds (2), End tables for living room and bedroom (6), floor fans (3), Power strips (to plug in multiple items), flat screen TVs (2) no matter the size, Treadmill, Bed Sheets (twin and king size), Hangers, small dressers (2), Blankets, Lamps side table and floor (6), Bath mats (2), Laundry baskets, Full length mirror (2), Coffee maker, bathroom towels, Kitchen towels, shower curtain, trash cans for kitchen, bath and bedrooms. (Please leave items in the Back Pack Buddies room)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

May 20, 20018 \$1,991.

\$1,220.

May 27, 2018



June 3, 2018 \$1,396

June 10, 2018 \$1,280.91

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,272.31

June 17, 2018

\$1,252.

July, 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Sunday School 9 am | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am | | | Happy July 4th | | | |
| Guest Speaker Eric Schneider | | | *** | Comfort Kitchen 5:30-7:30 | | |
| 8 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Communion | 9 | 10 | 11 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am | 12 | 13 Epworth Forest Camp Ends 10am | 14 |
| Epworth Forest Camp Starts 6pm (pray for our campers) | | | | | | |
| 15 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am | 16 | 17 | 18 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | | | L.R.E. 6:30pm | | | |
| 22 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am | 23 | 24 | 25 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 20 | 20 | 21 | | | | |
| 29 Sunday School 9am, Worship & Jr. Church 10:15 am | 30 | 31 | | | | |