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Time To Register For Camp

The deadline to register for Mancelona Youth Camp is fast approaching, June 14.

The youth speaker is Chelsea Henion, a youth pastor at Colonial Woods Missionary Church in Port Huron. She loves working with junior high and high school students. She thinks life as a Christian should be an adventure, which is why she also loves: Jesus, paddle-boarding, travel, good stories, art and technology in that order.

Youth worship will be led by Jesse and Jessica Maurer who serve in the music ministry at Pleasant Ridge Christian Fellowship in Middlebury, Indiana.

The Maurers first came to Mancelona Camp as Bethel College students in 2013, then returned in 2015 and 2016. They are excited to be returning again this year in an expanded role.

It is the purpose of Mancelona Youth Camp to help each and every young person grow personally and spiritually as well as reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Besides services and studies, the youth have daily activities. Room in a dorm and meals are provided with registration.

To register online, go to: mancelonacamp.org, then choose "Family Camp", "Youth Camp", and "Registration 2017". Registration is not complete until your deposit is received, either online or by mail. A processing fee will be added to all online payments.

To register by mail, download the forms at Mancelonacamp.org, complete them, include a \$50 deposit (checks payable to "Mancelona Camp"), and mail the forms to: Debbie Kissinger, 218 orchard St., Alma, MI 48801.

Please note that cell phones are not allowed at camp. They can be turned in at registration and will be returned Friday night in time to take photos of the Talent Night.

If you have questions, ask Hunter or Hannah Kilpatrick for more information.

Free Fishing Day

The church's free fishing event will be held Sunday, June 11. It begins with a lunch after church, including hot dogs and hamburgers, plus sides contributed.

Then the fishing begins on Wycamp Lake. No license is needed as the state has waived fishing licenses for this weekend.

Bring food to share at the lunch, boats, fishing gear, and kayaks if you have them.

There will be no evening service.

Youth Earn Money For Camp

The youth participated in Red Neck Days to earn money to attend Mancelona Camp in July. They sold baked goods and cotton candy, operated a balloon slingshot, and volunteered to go in the dunk tank. **The dunk tank water was cold!**



From Pastor Rob

4 I's

If I were to ask you two questions do you think you would know the answers? They are very basic questions that we all should ask ourselves if we desire to be effective as disciples of Christ. The first one is this, "How did Jesus make disciples?" This is a very fundamental question if we are going to be disciples who make disciples. If I cannot answer this question then how am I supposed to make disciples as Jesus commanded me to?

If you cannot answer this question don't feel too bad, the majority of Christians today actually have no idea how Jesus made disciples. Today I want to start on a journey that will help each of us be more in tune to how Jesus made disciples. This way you and I will be better equipped to make disciples of Jesus. So, if I am going to make disciples, like Jesus did when he was here two thousand years ago, I need to grasp a few truths about what Jesus did to make disciples.

As I was preparing the information for this article I tried to make it as easy as possible to remember four key concepts that are foundational which Jesus used for making disciples. I will call it the 4 I's to making disciples. The first "I" is easy to see in Jesus' ministry, Intentional. For some this is going to be difficult to take in, for others it makes perfect sense. I say this because many people do not like the idea that Jesus would want us to be intentional on making disciples, we should make disciples of all people we meet. However, the reality is this, not everyone will become a disciple, so we must be like Jesus in this area. Who does God desire me to pour my time and energy into?

In Luke chapter 6 we read these words. "One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles." Jesus was very intentional at who he chose. Jesus took this so seriously that he spent an entire night praying before he chose his 12 closest disciples, the 12 he would pour every ounce of his life and energy into. If we are going to make disciples as Jesus did we must be intentional with who we look to disciple.

The second "I" is Intimacy. Intimacy, in that Jesus knew them and they knew him very well. Jesus did everything with them, he spends a great deal of time with them and he knew them as well as they knew him. There is something about the need to spend time with those we desire to disciple. Jesus did this not only with the twelve, but with those on the fringe as well. Yet he spent a great deal more of his time focused on the twelve. What did Jesus do while he was with them?

This is where the third "I" comes in. Jesus "Instructed" his disciples. He opened their eyes to the truth of Scripture; he taught them and prepared them for what they were going to do after his ascension into heaven. He not only told them what to do he was their example. He lived it out in his life each and every day for them to see it and understand it. If we are going to be disciples who make disciples, like Jesus did, we are going to also be like him in that we instruct others in the way of being a disciple of Christ. We have to put the teachings of Jesus into practice in our lives so that we can pass it on to others. We follow Jesus' instructions, in the Bible, then we put them into practice ourselves as we teach others to do the same.

Lastly we find that Jesus initiated a movement. The last "I" is Initiate. Jesus not only instructed his disciples in what to do, he not only showed them by doing it, he sent them out on their own to experience making disciples first hand. He gave them specific instructions, what they were to do and where they were to go, and had them report back to him later and sent them on their way!

Read Matthew 10:5-12

"Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

"Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Loralee Dankert Richard Thompson Liza Benzing Rob Thomson	2	3 Trustee Meeting 10:30
4 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service Lois Luesing	5	6 7:15 - Youth Hunter Kilpatrick	7	8 Jocelyn Thomson	9	10
11 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service No Evening Service Free Fishing Day Flag Day	12 Diane Schneider	13 7:15 - Youth Jeff/Melissa Mallory	14	15	16	17 Tanner Byard
18 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service No Evening Service Dan/Tanya Procknow Larry Tremble Father's Day	19 Joan Mallory	20 WMMC Business Meeting 10:30	21 7:15 - Youth Jim/Carol Morris	22	23	24
25 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service Cindy Strong Von Procknow	26	27 Dennis Fay	28 7:15 - Youth Tammy Williamson Dave Dankert	29	30	

Will You Use The Jesus Creed?

By Dennis Fay

Over the next issues of the Newsletter, I will summarize the contents of a book by Scot McKnight, *The Jesus Creed*. Reviewers not only recommend the book, but also explain its purpose.

“This book is a rare treat. A biblical scholar of the first rank offers the fruit of his own personal study, life experience, and prayerful reflections.” -Scott Hahn

“Scot McKnight gives a compelling invitation to intentional spiritual growth, and presents a clear path to follow.”

-Doreen L. Olson

“...Scot McKnight’s *The Jesus Creed* offers stimulating research and genuine insight into what the Gospels actually say about Jesus’ call to spiritual growth.”

-George H. Guthrie

The creed which Jesus established is based on Deuteronomy 6:4, which devout Jews were to pray each morning and evening. It says: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

Jesus took that as the beginning and added to it when he was asked by an expert in the law about which commandment He thought was the most important. This is the *Jesus Creed*:

37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40

“This is the *Jesus Creed*, and it is the foundation of everything Jesus teaches about spiritual formation. Jesus, too, knows what life is all about, and that life is about love—for God and for others.”

“It is my recommendation that each of us, in an experiment of ordering our lives around the spiritual-formation principle of Jesus, memorize and then repeat the *Jesus Creed* daily—to remind ourselves of what our Lord asks of us. The *Jesus Creed* has become a silent partner in my life: Sometimes when I sit, sometimes when I walk, sometimes when I lie down, but always when I rise in the morning...”

“It punctuates my morning; it sets a rhythm to my day and settles my day into a comfortable spot. It constantly reminds me, not as a command but as a confession, that whatever I do throughout the day is to be shaped by loving God and loving others. I need that reminder.”

Each of us, as we carry out the daily routines of life, can easily be distracted from how we want to live out our core beliefs—how we desire to live our lives. Keeping the *Jesus Creed* in our minds, memorizing, and repeating it often, can keep us on track, as Scot McKnight has said how he uses it to “settle his day.”

Let the *Jesus Creed* help you live daily as Jesus would wish.

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This is Jesus desire for us as his disciples today, as it was for them back then two thousand years ago. If we are going to be disciples of Jesus we must make disciples. This requires us to be Intentional, Intimate, Instructional, and Initiate a movement as He did so long ago.

So how did Jesus make disciples? Read the Gospels again with this one question in mind and come up with a few thoughts of your own. Next month we will be looking at the methods that Jesus used in making disciples. Until then continue to live out the 4 “I”s.

Pastor Rob