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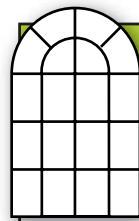
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**Sunday**  
Early Worship—8:15 AM  
Sunday School—9:30 AM  
Second Worship Service—10:45 AM  
Evening Service—6:30 PM  
**Wednesday**  
Senior High—6:45-8:30 PM  
Junior High—6:45-8:30 PM  
AWANA—6:45-8:30 PM (during the school year)  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study—7:00 PM

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**CALVARY KIDS**  
**SPRING CONCERT**  
Sunday, May 6  
6:30 PM

# Stemming Biblical Illiteracy

by Pastor Robert M. Reid

The good news is that our nation has a strong belief in God.

In a March 30 Newsweek poll, 91% of American adults said they believe in God, and 87% said they are identified with a specific religion—predominantly Christianity. About half of those surveyed (48%) rejected the theory of evolution, with 34% of college graduates embracing the Biblical account of creation. Evangelical Christians ranked even higher in that belief; 73% said that God “created humans in their present form within the last 10,000 years.” Those who don’t believe in God at all (just 6%) are definitely in the minority.

Before you applaud too loudly, consider these words from a sermon by well known and respected pastor and author, Dr. John Piper, this past January: “The collapse of our culture into debauchery and barbarism and anarchy is probably not far away.” Piper went on to say that the world we live in is one “...where the main idol is self, and its main doctrine is autonomy, and its central act of worship is being entertained, and its two main shrines are the television and the cinema.” Evidently there is a great divide between what people believe about God and how their faith in God is lived out.

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It is always a good time for God's people to **PRAY**

“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go.”  
*Abraham Lincoln*

“Always respond to every impulse to pray. I would make an absolute law of this: always obey such an impulse.”  
*Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

“Those who do not believe do not pray. This is a good functional definition of faith: faith prays, unbelief does not.”  
*John A. Hardon*

National Day of Prayer  
**MAY 3**

Local events: [www.lancasterndp.com](http://www.lancasterndp.com)



## Illiteracy continued from back

How could such a divide come about?

Stephen Prothero is head of the department of religion of Boston University and author of a recent book, *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know—And Doesn't*. He has put his finger on a major problem contributing to this deplorable condition. In a recent interview in *U.S. News & World Report* (April 9), Dr. Prothero noted that, while we are "...the most religious of the modern industrialized nations," as a nation we rank "among the most ill-informed." The article reported, "Two-thirds of all Americans regard the Bible as a source of answers to life's questions," yet "only half can name even one of the New Testament Gospels." Surprisingly, "...only 10 percent of U.S. teenagers can name the world's five major religions," according to the report.

Prothero suggested that there used to be six "links in the chain" of religious education: churches, schools, households, Sunday Schools, colleges, and Bible and tract societies. While diminished exposure to religious instruction in schools was harmful, what was most damaging was what occurred in other links. According to Dr. Prothero, Christians in the 19th century began "...[debating] which Bible to read" rather than reading and teaching it. Churches, he noted, "...started focusing on loving Jesus rather than on listening to him. The Bible slowly became a kind of ornament and a source of authority rather than a book you actually read. Sermons became more about ordinary life and less about biblical narra-

tives, while Sunday Schools focused more on morality than on learning" about Biblical doctrine. Somehow the Puritan thrust of understanding God "through the head and the heart" was replaced by an evangelical influence that too often "focus[ed] on experience and emotion." As a result, "...they slowly turned Americans away from religious learning."

Christians abandoned the family as another key link in religious instruction. Too often families have relegated spiritual instruction to society and churches. That is not where God designed the instruction to take place. Godless societies are poor instructors. Church instruction alone is too limited in time and practical application. Churches were established by God to "equip saints to do the work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:12-14). They should prepare and support families in their task of religious instruction, not replace them. In the Old Testament parents were tasked with teaching Biblical truth to their children and grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:9), instructing then intentionally in the course of daily life (6:4-9).

Sunday School is only about 230 years old; who do you suppose was the primary source of religious instruction of children before that?

As Mother's Day and Father's Day come up in May and June, would this be a good time for parents to dedicate themselves to instructing their children in Biblical truth? Dad and Mom, as a church we want to aid you in this awesome responsibility, not replace you. We need to stem the tide of biblical illiteracy in our nation. God has provided two major institutions to do that—the home and church. Let's be partners in this important task!

## A PLACE JUST FOR YOUTH

# www.CMBCYouth.org

Stop in and find out all about the CMBC Youth Ministry.

## CMBC family news

### Sympathy

Please pray for Brian & Jacqueline Rickards as they mourn the loss of Brian's sister, Dora Rickards, who passed away February 22.

Pray for Jim & Suzanne Fry, who are grieving the death of Suzanne's mother, Leona Geist, March 16.

Our love and sympathy go out to Carl & Janice McIntyre in the loss of a son, Luke Thomas, in Janice's fourth month of pregnancy. Please remember the family in your prayers.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Harold & Inez Beasley as they mourn the death of Inez's brother, Chick.

Please pray for Jim Graybill in the death of his wife, Janet Graybill, who passed away April 9.

Be in prayer for Gary & Jeanne Wanner, who are mourning the loss of Gray's father, Clair Wanner, on April 12. Clair is also Bonnie Wanner's father-in-law.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rich, Sr. & Bonnie McKee in the death of Bonnie's mother, Louise Parks, on April 19. Louise is Rich McKee, Jr.'s grandmother.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ken Harnish who is mourning the death of his wife, Arlene, who went to be with the Lord April 23.

### A New Job and Title

What better way to start a new job than to get married! These days everyone has a lot going on, and I am not an exception! (I just got married April 14.)

But enough about me; let's talk about childish ministry...I mean Children's Ministry!

First, I hope you have received and read a copy of *KID KONNECT*, a bi-monthly newsletter for children's workers and parents. You can sign up for this email publication by emailing your request: richm@calvarymonument.org. The next issue will be released in late May.

Second, there is now a Children's Ministry bulletin board located in the hallway next to

### Congratulations

John & Kirstin Leer are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter, Emerson Grace, on March 13. Also rejoicing are proud grandparents, Dave & Karen Marshall.

Charles & Janelle (Hutt) Clark were married March 17. Janelle is Mayo & Joyce Hutt's daughter and Charlie & Hazel Sensenig's granddaughter.

Jim & Karen Davis are rejoicing in the adoption of four-year-old Nicolie Grace. This long-awaited event took place March 22. Sharing in the joy are Nicolie's sisters, Destiny and PatsyLynn.

Joshua & Amanda Mellinger were united in marriage March 24 in Orangeville, MI. Joshua's parents are Steve & Jennifer Mellinger.

Bob & Janet Myer celebrated 57 years of marriage on April 9.

Rich, Jr. & Masha (Kovalenko) McKee were married at CMBC on April 14. Rich is the son of Rich, Sr. & Bonnie McKee.

Adam & Megan Fisher are rejoicing in the birth of a son, Stone Blake, on April 16. Sharing in the joy are proud grandparents, Larry & Chris Weir, and great-grandfather, Lloyd Kreider.

Leroy & Lucy Lapp celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 17.

the office suite. There you will find information on summer programming and recruitment of volunteers.

Third, I recently married Maria (Masha) Kovalenko.

Fourth, if you want to invest in the children here at CMBC and in your community, then we want to team up with you. Contact me by e-mail or by calling the church office (717) 442-8161.

Fifth, did I mention that I just got married?

—Rich McKee, Jr.  
Interim Children's Director  
(and husband to Masha!)



All Wednesday meetings for Junior & Senior High are 6:45-8:30 PM.

### Senior High

#### May

- Wed. 2 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Fri. 4 Ambush Paintball
- Wed. 9 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Wed. 16 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Wed. 23 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Sun. 27 Youth Service @ CMBC
- Sun. 27 Coffee House @ Youth Building
- Wed. 30 Bible Study @ the Youth Building

#### June

- Fri.-Sat. 1-2—All-Nighter
- Wed. 6 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Wed. 13 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Wed. 20 Bible Study @ Youth Building
- Wed. 27 Bible Study @ Youth Building

### Junior High

#### May

- Wed. 2 Bible Study @ Church
- Wed. 9 Bible Study @ Church
- Fri.-Sun. 11-13—JAM at PBU
- Wed. 16 Bible Study @ Church
- Fri. 18 Miniature Golf
- Wed. 23 Bible Study @ Church
- Sun. 27 Youth Service @ CMBC

#### June

- Fri.-Sat. 1-2—All-Nighter
- Wed. 6 Bible Study @ Church
- Wed. 13 Bible Study @ Church
- Wed. 20 Bible Study @ Church
- Wed. 27 Bible Study @ Church
- Sat. 30 Hibernia State Park

### AWANA

May 2, 6:45 PM—Closing Program

### CMBC Softball

#### May

- Fri. 4 7:00 & 8:30 PM at Strasburg
- Fri. 11 8:30 PM at Strasburg
- Fri. 18 8:30 PM at Strasburg
- Fri. 1 8:30 PM at Willow Street
- Thur. 7 8:30 PM at Willow Street
- Fri. 8 8:30 PM at Willow Street
- Thur. 14 7:00 PM at Willow Street
- Fri. 22 7:00 PM at Strasburg
- Fri. 29 8:30 PM at Strasburg

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