

SACRED PATHWAYS

Sunday, September 22nd, 2019 - Pastor Michael Epperson

Word of the Year: Pursue the Promise

Verse of the Year: Joshua 1:9 (NIV) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

New Song Vision Statement:

A Church family empowering our community to live in Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement: *Connect, Grow, Serve, Deploy.*

Loving God Through Rituals & Symbols

Ezra 7:8-10 (NIV) Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year of the king. He had begun his journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month, and he arrived in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month, for the gracious hand of his God was on him. For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

Element 1: _____

Then the exiles who had returned from captivity sacrificed burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven male lambs and, as a sin offering, twelve male goats. All this was a burnt offering to the Lord. **Ezra 8:35 (NIV)**

Temptation: _____ **Social Obligations**

Element 2: _____

So Ezra rose up and put the leading priests and Levites and all Israel under oath to do what had been suggested. And they took the oath. Then Ezra withdrew from before the house of God and went to the room of Jehohanan son of Eliashib. While he was there, he ate no food and drank no water, because he continued to mourn over the unfaithfulness of the exiles. **Ezra 10:5-6 (NIV)**

Temptation: Serving God _____ **Knowing God**

Element 3: _____

He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. **Nehemiah 8:3 (NIV)**

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. **Nehemiah 8:5-6 (NIV)**

Temptation: Deifying _____

Series Verse: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

NEW YTH & Adult Classes have started!
NEW YTH at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place
Adult Classes at 6:30pm are in various rooms
Sermon Series Class, Prayer & Prophetic Class
Bible 201: Old Testament
Kid's Min check-in opens at **6:15pm**

CELEBRATE RECOVERY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Overcome your hurts, habits, and hang-ups.
CR starts at 6:15pm with a
free-will donation meal
Large Group starts at **7:00pm**
Gender-Specific Small Groups at **8:00pm**
Desserts and refreshments follow at **9:00pm**

SOUTH CAMPUS SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

September 28th at 5:30pm

New Song is partnering with our **Celebrate Recovery ministry** to **help with childcare on Friday nights!** Childcare is a crucial area of this ministry in order to allow participants to focus on their healing in a distraction-free environment. If you're interested in helping, please sign up at the **Access Booth** or **contact the office!**

Israel Interest Meeting - Today at Noon in Room 102 for those interested in traveling to Israel in 2020!

A Night to Honor Israel - Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30pm: At the Radisson Hotel 605 E Broadway Avenue in Bismarck for an evening of celebration and solidarity with the State of Israel and the Jewish people. This will be in place of our First Tuesday Night Prayer.

Trunk Or Treat Candy Drive

Our candy drive has started and we need your help! Place your donated candy in the collection bin located in the Gathering Place. Write down how many pieces and which ministry you are supporting. The ministry that collects the most candy wins!

Monthly Missions

This Sunday - Buddy Ministry - Promoting the One Able Body Conference.
Sunday, October 13th - Red Ribbon Event - Substance Abuse Prevention.

Up-Coming Events:

Free Movie Night with Mike Lindell - Saturday, October 19th at 5:30pm - Come and watch the movie "Unplanned" and stay for a time of Q&A with Mike Lindell as he shares his experience in supporting the film. Popcorn & concessions are available for purchase. Proceeds go to South Campus & Sunday Service Teams.

10th Annual Trunk or Treat - Thursday, October 31st 5pm - 8pm - We are in need of thousands of pieces of candy, volunteers, trunks, door prizes, carnival booths, and more! Contact kids@newsongbismarck.com or if you want to volunteer in a specific area or give financially, please fill out the form at Bit.ly/TrunkorTreat2019. Let's make this year the BEST!

For more information refer to the "News to Know" at the Access Booth, our Facebook page, or the Calendar page at www.newsongbismarck.com