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What is Your Playbook for Life?

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

—Joshua 1:8

During a two-a-day football camp in high school, coaches handed out playbooks and told each player to study it and know it inside out. You can tell when something is important by how someone speaks about it and the tone they use.

I figured out quickly that if I didn't study that playbook, there would be repercussions. If I didn't learn that playbook, I would ruin my chances of playing. And it makes sense.

How can a coach or teammate trust a player who is unwilling to put in the effort to learn the team's philosophies and plans? It shows laziness if we are not willing to take the time to prioritize the playbook.

The Bible is similar to a playbook, yet on a grander scale. But it's not just a book of knowledge and rules.

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“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.” Aristotle

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” Theodore Roosevelt

Reminders

September 15th

Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
PK-6 S.S.– After Children’s Message
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.

September 18th

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

September 17th

Ad Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

September 19th

T.O.P.S.
Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

****Worship Assistants are needed for
September 22nd and October**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

Playbook for Life - Continued from page 1.

It’s a living book that instructs us on how to conduct ourselves in challenging situations, live like Christ, and understand how historical events are relevant to us today. The words of Joshua 1:8 hold much weight—memorizing and meditating on God’s Word will make us prosperous and successful.

Did you know that you should chew your food between thirty-two and forty times per bite to break it down properly? The goal is for your body to eventually extract the nutrients from what you are eating after it goes down your esophagus and into your stomach.

This process of digestion is similar to how we are to study our Bible. We aren’t supposed to skim over Scripture. We are to take our time with it, dissecting it and considering it. We are to meditate on it and think about it repeatedly as if we were chewing on a piece of steak that may take forty bites to break down.

Study the Bible like you would study the most important playbook ever. When you discover and learn the Bible on a deeper level, you can apply it to the fabric of your life and your soul, allowing it to transform you from the inside out to be more like Christ.

Take your time when you read the Bible. Remember, it’s not just a book you read but a supernatural guide to navigating life and being a better athlete, a better teammate, and, most importantly, a better person.

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17th Sunday after
Pentecost

September 15, 2024



This Coming Sunday, September 15th
Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m.
All men are welcome

Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
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- Connie Anderson - Memorials*
- Linda Haldane - Membership*
- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School – Starting September 8th. PK-6 during service, Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

****Choir – Sept. 4th, 5:30 pm**

****Bell Choir – Sept. 4th, 6:30 pm.**

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Tuesday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Wednesday

CLOSED

Thursday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Friday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Which judge was betrayed to the Philistines by a woman?

- a) Gideon
- b) Samson
- c) Ehud
- d) Jephthah

Who was the most humble/meek man on earth?

- a) Abraham
- b) Jacob
- c) Moses
- d) David

Why were the Anakites (Anakim) feared?

- a) they were numerous
- b) they were famous archers
- c) they were great and tall
- d) They had iron chariots

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 16th – Aaron & Michelle Morelock
- 17th – Dan Finlay, Robert Lynn
- 18th – Duane Rexroth, Clete & Sheri Jones, Brandon & Brandy Pease
- 20th – Dave Tackett
- 21st – Steve Stribling

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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United Methodist Church,
Shenandoah, IA

<https://www.facebook.com/methodist.church.shenandoah>



Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: The voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

People: Yes, with God’s help, we will listen!

L: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths and urges us back onto God’s path. Will you follow?

P: Yes, with God’s help, we will follow!

L: Wisdom’s call persists through the twists and turns in the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom?

P: Yes, with God’s help, we will hold onto Wisdom!

“Guest Speaker – Dan Finlay”

Scripture Reading:

Songs

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #103

Here I Am to Worship #3177

Be Thou My Vision #451

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 71

On-Line Worship – 11

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ’s Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

**Answers for September 8th are b) peace offerings b) Nineveh c) Coriander
Quiz hints – Q1) Judges Q2) Numbers Q3) Deuteronomy**



September 2024

Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (all varieties), Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple, Microwave popcorn, Ketchup, Mustard, any type of spices, Soup (any kind including chunky), Macaroni & Cheese, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Shampoo.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

The church elevator needs some state-mandated repairs. The repairs are costly but the elevator is also a necessity and vital for members of the congregation. If you would like to donate to help with the cost of the repairs you may drop your donation in the offering box or bring it to the office. Please make sure to indicate on your donation that it is for the elevator fund.



This year we will have a Confirmation program for students in 7th or 8th grade. We will have a parent meeting on Sunday, September 22 (time to be determined) and will begin on October 6. If you have any questions or would like to get your student signed up, please contact Pastor David.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

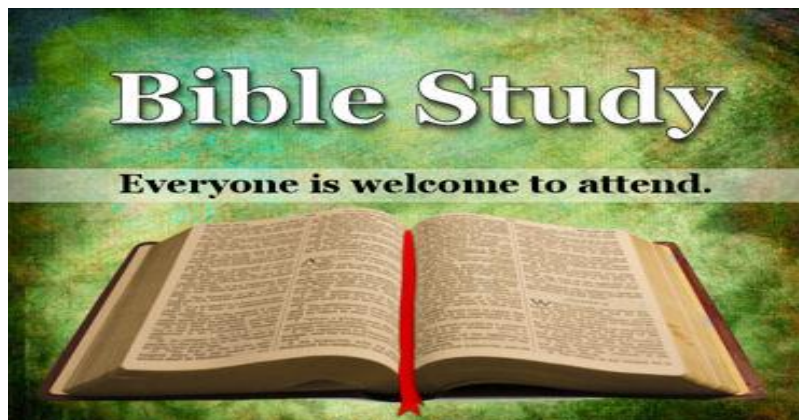
**Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday
to Deliver Meals**

**Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter**



Fall City Wide Yard Sales
Friday/Saturday
September 20th & 21st

Free Ad with donation of 3 or more food items for the local food pantry. Please call 712-246-3097 to set up a time to drop off food items or if you have any questions.
**Date change from the 13th and 14th of September.



Join Pastor David for Bible Study each Wednesday starting September 18th in Fellowship Hall. Bible Study will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining Pastor David for Bible Study but if this time does not work for you, please contact Pastor David.

Bring Your Change to Make a Change

Collected each Sunday after the children's message

"Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in September will go to the **Shenandoah Community Schools – School Nurses**.



The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir practice is underway on Wednesday nights. The Chancel Choir will sing during the offering this coming Sunday, September 15th.

Come and enjoy the ministry of music. Join the choir or the bells on Wednesday nights. If you would like you can join both.

Chancel Choir – Rehearsal – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir – Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.





Shenfest
On the Sunny Side
Shenandoah, IA

BIKE PARADE

DECORATE YOUR BIKE, SCOOTER, STOLLER,
WAGON OR WHEELCHAIR IN THE "SUNNIEST"
FASHION

PLEASE NO ATVS OR MOTORCYLES

Saturday, September 28th
12:30pm
Sheridan Ave
The Mill -> Police Station

10:30-12:30 @ THE MILL/GREEN SPACE

KIDS GAMES BOUNCE HOUSES
PRIZES AND MORE!



Contact - sshaw@smchospital.com for questions/concerns





Starting Next Week

The book of Revelation is a wild narrative of fantastical beasts and animals with way too many eyes, cities adorned with jewels, and lakes of fire. It is a prophetic book that acknowledges the violence and fear that is present in the world, but also provides a source of hope. It is an apocalyptic book telling of death and rebirth.

The book of Revelation is present everywhere in our culture from doomsday movies to Johnny Cash songs, and even in politician's discourse. Yet it is a book that many theologians and interpreters of the Bible have not known what to do with for thousands of years. Is this a book talking about the evils of the Roman Empire, some kind of internal struggle, or is it a prediction of things yet to come? Are we to approach this book looking for a literal code to interpret current international politics, or are we to read it like a fantasy novel like Lord of the Rings? Is the book of Revelation talking about the end of the world?

These are all questions that we will tackle and more in our midweek Bible study this Fall beginning on September 18. We meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Recognizing this time does not work for everyone's schedule, I will post videos on our YouTube page that will provide a recap of each week's study. If you would like to participate and another time would work better, please talk with me and we can work at offering the study at two different times.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David B. Clark



Getting to Know the Major Characters of the Old Testament: Part 2 (Moses, Joshua, David)

This is the second part of our series introducing the major characters of the Old Testament. In our first article, we looked at the lives of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph, and also suggested some lessons we could learn from their stories. Moving forward chronologically, we'll now consider the lives of Moses, Joshua, and David.

Moses

When we left off with the life of Joseph, we saw that he was a high-ranking official in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh. We also noted that Joseph brought his father, Jacob, and 11 brothers to Egypt so they could live under Joseph's protection and provision.

As time went on, the Hebrew people grew in number and a new Pharaoh came to power who either wasn't aware of or didn't acknowledge, all the good that Joseph had done for Egypt. This Pharaoh enslaved the Hebrews and also concocted a plan to reduce their population by killing all the newborn males (Exodus 1). Moses's mother hoped to save his life by putting him in a papyrus basket and floating it down the Nile River. As she probably planned, he was found by Pharaoh's daughter, who decided to raise him as her son. Thus Moses was brought up in Pharaoh's household and "educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action" (Acts 7:22).

Moses was aware of his Hebrew roots because when he was 40 years old, he saw an Egyptian beating one of the Hebrew slaves, and ended up killing the Egyptian. He buried the body, but soon realized his crime had been discovered. He fled Egypt and settled in a region called Midian, where he would spend the next 40 years until God appeared to him in a burning bush and called him to deliver his people from Egypt (Acts 7:30; Exodus 3:1-3).

Moses resisted this call at first by giving God several excuses as to why he couldn't do it. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" he balked. He also objected that he didn't know God's name, that they might not believe him, and that he was "slow of speech and tongue" (Exodus 3-4:14). We can relate to Moses's response when God calls us to do something difficult, though God's grace and power are more than sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9).

As God predicted, Pharaoh did not grant freedom to the Israelites and, consequently, God sent ten plagues on Egypt. During the last plague, which killed Egypt's firstborn males, God protected the Israelites and this event has been commemorated by Jews ever since as Passover (Exodus 7-12).

In keeping with his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God purposed to bring the Israelites back to Canaan, their Promised Land. Along the way, at Mt. Sinai, God made a covenant with the Israelites that included the Ten Commandments, instructions for worshiping, and other rules that reflected God's holy character (Exodus 20-23). Unfortunately, when Moses was meeting with God on the mountain, the people created a golden calf to worship as a god, and God punished them with a plague (Exodus 32:35).

Because of their constant rebellion, God declared that the generation of Israelites who had left Egypt would not enter the Promised Land, and Moses led them through the wilderness for 40 years (Numbers 14:20-45). Sadly, Moses himself would also disobey a clear command from God and forfeit his right to enter the land (Numbers 20:1-13). As he neared the end of his life, Moses commissioned Joshua to lead the people into Canaan and once again recited the terms of God's covenant to the people (Deuteronomy 31). Moses died at the age of 120, and God buried him himself (Deuteronomy 34).

Though he made mistakes, Moses is recognized as the greatest leader of the Old Testament. As the *NIV Jesus Bible* helpfully elaborates, "The people looked to [Moses] as a mediator between them and God and as a leader who helped them to follow God's ways. Following his death, the people of Israel continued to anticipate a prophet who would be like Moses [see Deuteronomy 18:15-19], a longing that was left unfulfilled until the birth of Jesus (Acts 3:22-26)."

Moses also enjoyed a special intimacy with God. Scripture records that God knew Moses "face to face" (Deuteronomy 34:10). The famous Bible expositor Matthew Henry observed that "other prophets, when God appeared and spoke to them, were struck with terror (Daniel 10:7), but Moses, whenever he received a divine revelation, preserved his tranquility."

Moses also reminds us that when God calls us to difficult—sometimes seemingly impossible—tasks, God's "grace is sufficient for [us], for [his] power is made perfect in weakness. . . . For when [we are] weak, then [we are] strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10).

Joshua

Joshua, whose name means "Yahweh is salvation," had served as Moses's aid since he was a young man (Numbers 11:28). He was one of only two adults who had come from Egypt who was allowed to enter the

Promised Land. He and another Israelite, Caleb, were among a group of 12 spies who were sent to survey the land, and only they encouraged the people to trust God and drive out its inhabitants, who were under God's judgment (Numbers 14:6-9; Deuteronomy 20:16-18).

As Moses neared the end of his life, he asked God to appoint a successor to lead the people, and God chose Joshua, "a man in whom is the spirit of leadership" (Numbers 27:18). When Joshua prepared to enter the land, God encouraged him, saying, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them" (Joshua 1:5-6).

Joshua led a series of successful military campaigns, including the taking of Jericho, which famously involved the priests of Israel circling the walls of the city and blowing trumpets, followed by a shout from Israel's army that resulted in the city walls collapsing (Joshua 6).

When Joshua reached old age, although there was still territory that had not been taken, he divided the land among the tribes of Israel (Joshua 13:6-18:28).

Remarkably, Scripture records that "Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel" (Joshua 24:31). In some ways this was a golden era for Israel because the nation would spiral out of control during the time of the judges and the reigns of many of its later kings.

In his last speech before he died to the nation he had led, Joshua issued this well-known challenge: ". . . choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. . . . But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Bible commentator Matthew Henry adds, "Let us resolve upon a life of serious godliness, not merely because we know no other way, but because . . . we find no better."

David

Nearly 400 years after the death of Joshua, David began his reign as Israel's second king (the first was Saul). David was also, at various points in his life, a shepherd, poet, musician, and soldier. He wrote nearly half of the Psalms and is a royal ancestor of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:32).

David revealed his zeal for God early in his life when he accepted the mighty Goliath's challenge to engage in one-on-one combat. While Israel's soldiers shrank back in fear at this gigantic Philistine warrior, David stepped up and exclaimed, "I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." As Scripture records, David slew Goliath with his sling and a stone (1 Samuel 17).

After a long and troubled relationship with King Saul, who persecuted him out of jealousy, David eventually became king. David unified and organized Israel and established Jerusalem as the nation's capital. He developed Israel into an empire that was one of the strongest powers in the region. At the same time, Scripture does not shy away from recording instances when David grievously sinned. Perhaps the most serious was his

adulterous affair with—some say rape of—a woman named Bathsheba, and the subsequent murder of Bathsheba’s husband, Uriah, by sending him to the front lines of battle (2 Samuel 11).

In response, God sent the prophet Nathan to confront David about this sin, and David confessed, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan told David that God had forgiven his sin, but also declared that “the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own” (2 Samuel 12:10-14).

This is a reminder even to believers today that while God forgives the sins of those who ask him (1 John 1:9), there are still often consequences to face when we act contrary to God’s will. Also, the first step to putting things right when we go astray is admitting our wrongdoings to God. In Psalm 32, David writes about this incident, and recalls that when he “kept silent” about his sin his “bones wasted away” and his “strength was sapped.” But when he confessed his sin, he experienced God’s forgiveness and blessing.

Despite falling short many times throughout his life, David loved God, and God described him as a man after his own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). The *Theology of Work Bible Commentary* adds, “Throughout his career, David keeps in mind that he is serving at God’s pleasure to care for God’s people”—a goal to which we should also aspire.

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Host an Exchange Student

Did you know that Shenandoah's AFS program is at risk of disappearing?

Right now, our community is struggling to find families to host exchange students, and without your help, we could lose this incredible program. Since the 1950s, Shenandoah’s AFS chapter has welcomed students from around the world, hosting as many as five students in a single year. This year, we need your support to continue this rich tradition!

Are you interested in hosting, or do you know someone who might be? Here’s what being a host family involves:

- Providing a safe and welcoming environment for the student
- A shared bedroom is fine, as long as it’s with another student
- The chapter covers school breakfast and lunch costs
- Students arrive with their own spending money and will be here from mid-August to early June
- A dedicated liaison is available to support both the student and your family throughout the experience

We need your help to make this year a success!

We need your help to make this year a success! Our goal is to host at least one student for the 2024-2025 school year. Together, we can continue to build global friendships and cultural understanding right here in Shenandoah.

Join us in keeping this amazing opportunity alive for our community!



For more information or to visit with previous host families, contact Linda Henderson: recyclequeen109@gmail.com

AFS Webstie for more info: <https://www.afsusa.org/host-family/>



EVENTS SCHEDULE

September 28th

- 7am-10am - Fireman's Pancake Feed (Safety Center)
- 7:45-9am - SMC Fun Run/Walk (Wabash Trace old Depot)
- 8am-12pm - Peter Weber Swing for Education Golf Tournament (Golf Course)
- 8am-12pm - Doubles Pickle Ball Tournament (SportsPlex)
- 9am-1:30pm - Car and Truck Show (Earl May Parking Lot 208 N. Elm)
- 9am-1:30pm - Veterans Memorial Museum Tours, Hot Dogs (603 W Lowell)
- 9am-1pm - Tarkio Valley Antique Tractor Show (Railroad Street by The Mill)
- 9am-1pm - Antique Tractor rides (Railroad Street by The Mill)
- 9am-1pm - Antique Tractor Shuttle (Around downtown)
- 9am-1pm Vendor Fair at The Mill (818 W Sheridan)
- 9am-12pm - Farmers Market (Priest Park)
- 10-4pm Food Trucks (Railroad Street by The Mill, Flat Iron)
- 10am-1pm Business Scavenger Hunt (Shenandoah Businesses)
- 10:30-12:30 - Kids Games (Railroad Street Green Space)
- 10:30-12:30 - Bounce Games (Sheridan next to Katz Koolerz)
- 12:00-5pm - Huff n Puff Lawn Mower Pull (Elm and W Valley St)
- 12:30-1pm - Bike Parade (Sheridan from The Mill to Safety Center)
- 1pm-4pm - Historical Museum open (closed during parade)
- 2pm - Parade Sheridan Ave (Line up Clarinda Ave)
- 3:30 - Marching Band Awards (Everly Brothers Childhood Home)
- 3:30-5pm - Alumni/Alumnot Meet and Greet (The Mill 818 W Sheridan)
- 3:30 - Live Music John Rogers (Depot)
- 7pm - Live Music Matt Cox Band (Depot)



This week is photo number 7 in a series of unique pictures from all over the world. For some pictures, you may need to squint and then you will see what the picture represents, others you will see it right away. I have found these amazing and wanted to share them.

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