



June 28, 2020

When Jesus came riding into Jerusalem, people lined the streets with visions of a restored hope and a whole new social structure. One of the indicators that He wasn't coming to overthrow the current regime was the fact that He was riding on a donkey.

When you and I think about a donkey we have a picture of a pathetic and stubborn animal. But, in those days and for that culture a donkey was an animal of nobility. Kings rode donkeys. So, it wasn't a big shocker that Jesus' entrance was on a donkey. But, the subtle inference was that He was coming in Peace.

In those days, when a King was going to war he rode a horse. When a king was meeting in peace he rode a donkey. Jesus was letting it be known in dramatic fashion that He was overtly coming to Jerusalem, but not coming for the agenda that the Jews wanted.

Jesus never held a rally to gain momentum. He never started or marched in a protest (not that that is evil or wrong). He never spoke out to create a change in the government or its policies. And, don't forget, Rome and Israel had plenty of social injustices and inequalities. Yes, the Bible speaks out plenty against social injustice, greed, and inequality. True Christianity is all for making wrongs right and not marginalizing others for any reason. But,

Jesus had a mission and He was coming to town for a much bigger agenda - people's hearts and souls!

When individuals get their own hearts in line with true Christ-like following, then they become different people and therefore they become different citizens. The world is transformed one heart at a time. When individuals like you and me commit our will and our way to the living out the greatest commands to love God and love others the Kingdom of Heaven is near. When you and I commit to live out, not just recite the Lord's Prayer, then "Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" can start to take shape.

As Christ followers we are to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and be wholeheartedly committed to God's agenda and people's souls, more than having a greater allegiance to any other cause. Each person must think about what that means for their walk with God and how He wants each person to express and act out their faith and allegiance to Him.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem in peace, on a donkey. The next time He comes, He will be riding a horse!

Things to consider, I love you all,
Pastor Wes Davis



High School July 5th -10th

(completed 9th-12th grades)

\$100 Due by June 22

Middle School July 26th - 31st

(completed 6th-8th grades)

\$100 Due by June 22

Elementary July 16th -18th

(completed 2nd-5th grade)

\$50 Due by June 22

Elementary Day Camp July 11th

(this is a new camp for K-1st grades)

\$35

HOW TO REGISTER

It seems nothing is ever as easy as we want it to be. So, we have a few special instructions for registering this year:

1. No PAPER forms. Due to COVID concerns all registrations are digital this year.

As normal there are two registrations for camp; one for the camp and another for Grace.

- Register with Grace on the Church Center app (download instructions are below) In the events tab, choose the camp for your student. Tap "register" at the bottom and follow the prompts.
- To register with the Camp click the link below to be redirected to the registration page.

<http://maranathabiblecamp.org/summer-camp/summer-registration>

2. NOTICE!!!! HERE IS THE MESSY PART!!

Parents of new freshman or incoming 5th/6th graders! MBC asks what grade your student is entering. Please answer according to the camp they are attending, not their actual grade. For example: Incoming freshmen will register as "incoming 8th graders" on the MBC site If you select "9th grade" only the HS option will be available.

(thanks to the Feldkamps, for pointing this out!)

3. AT THE END OF REGISTERING (with MBC), THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT. CHOOSE "pay by check" AND PAY THE CHURCH (WE WILL MAKE ONE PAYMENT TO THE CAMP.)

HOW TO PAY

To pay the church for camp, you can either pay digitally via the church app, or by check. If paying by check please put it in an envelope clearly marked for CAMP REGISTRATION and mark "CAMP FEES". or "CAMP" on the memo.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER WITHOUT THE APP

(This is our first time doing registration digitally. Please bear through the growing pains with us as we are all learning something new.)

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP <https://gracecommunityriverton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/430120>

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP <https://gracecommunityriverton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/430076>

2nd -5th GRADE CAMP <https://gracecommunityriverton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/429646>

BEGINNER DAY CAMP <https://gracecommunityriverton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/429630>



GRACEKIDS



Elementary
Memory Verse

**“Come and follow
me,” Jesus said.
“I will send you out
to fish for people.”**

Mark 1:17

GraceKids Sunday:

“Dive In At Home” is an eight-week series created to do as a family at home. Each week includes a family lesson that parents can use with both preschool and elementary kids, as well as a preschool video and an elementary video that will help kids “Dive In” to the life of Peter and learn what it means to follow Jesus!

CAMP

We are in need of one MALE sponsor to come to our 2nd-5th grade camp July 16th-18th. If you are interested please contact MJ today.

VBS

We are still in need of Group Leaders, People to help Decorate, people to help set up and tear down stage sets and people to help with crafts.

VBS week looks a little different this year. Please review this schedule before you sign up to serve.

July 26th: Set Up Crew and Decoration Crew get church ready

July 27th: Volunteer Meeting.

All Crew member and Leaders will do a walk through in preparation of VBS.

July 28th-30th: VBS from 6:30-8:30

All Crew Members and Leaders

July 31st: Family Program Night.

August 1st: Tear Down Crew

<https://>

gracecommunityriverton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/443200



THANK YOU for serving. We can't wait to see everyone come together to give our kids in SE KS a wonderful VBS! If you need anything, please contact Melissa Smith at mj@gracecommunitychurch.net



GRACE YOUTH

KATALAMBANO

No Katalambano Sunday

RUSHMORE RUN

Rushmore Run was a huge success! To and from the Presidents in just two days! WE made some awesome memories as saw some incredible sights! What a trip!



We are only 1 week away from High School Camp!

Click the link below for some great information on packing, COVID precautions, and the care the camp is taking to keep the kids safe and COVID free.

https://www.gracecommunitychurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Summer_2020_policies_5-27.pdf

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE DETAILS BELOW TOO.



When will we leave: Camp is 1hr 20 Mins away so we plan to leave the church at 2:00

When will we return: We are scheduled to leave Friday at noon

What to Pack:

Bible & Pen or Mechanical Pencil(s)

Sleeping bag or twin bedding, pillow, & blanket. (Dorms are air-conditioned)

Toiletries, towels & washcloths for shower.

Modest swimwear (girls no bare midriffs), cover-up, sunscreen, & towel for swimming.

Clothing that can get dirty.

Plastic bag for dirty laundry.

Shoes other than flip flops for recreation. (Flip flops expose campers to avoidable injuries to feet and toes.)

Flashlight

HAND SANITIZER (3oz is large enough. They can refill it at camp if needed)

Money for Missions, canteen & T-shirt (shirts are not included in the cost of camp).

Prescription medications in original container, with readable current doctor's instructions.

Bug spray and sun block.

Back pack to keep items in while moving around the camp. (a cheap sack-pack will suffice)

NEWLY ADDED TO THE LIST: hammock, dress clothes for a banquet dinner on Thursday

What not to Pack:

NO FOOD IN THE DORMS: This is a change from what our students are used to at Sky Ranch but please honor the Maranatha Camp Policy. **Aaron will send out a notice about this policy.**

Distractions such as cell phones, other electronics, etc.

Tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal sub-stances.

Immodest clothing

Guns (including airsoft/paintball) knives or fireworks

Silly string or other items for pranks.

Please Check out the Maranatha Frequently Asked Questions page (link below) for answers about sending mail, special dietary needs etc...

<http://maranathabiblecamp.org/summer-camp/faqs>

We encourage parents to send mail to the students. Especially if it has perfume or hearts written all over it. Boxes (care packages) are also allowed. We usually make them tell a joke or sing a song to get their mail. This will be a new fun experience for them, just plan ahead and send it early so it gets there in time!!

Camper Name & Session
c/o Maranatha Bible Camp
18131 Highway WW
Everton, MO 65646





GRACEWOMEN

The women's group is doing a 6 week Bible study this summer on Wednesday nights.

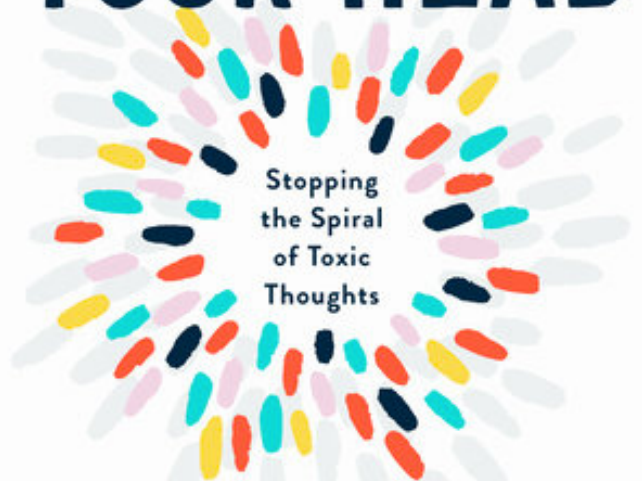
6:30pm at the church.

We are reading the book "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen, a study of Philippians. We watch a short video and discuss questions through small groups.

A study guide and book will need to be purchased and the cost is \$30 for both. Anyone concerned about the cost please speak with Holly Kufahl. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information booth after church and we can order these items for you.

Come enjoy fellowship and snacks with other women as we become more aware of our toxic thought patterns and ways to change them.

GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD



JENNIE ALLEN

Best-Selling Author of *Nothing to Prove*

SUMMER WEDNESDAY VIDEO SERIES

Clark Hall is leading a video series @ 7pm in the North KidMin classroom (room "D") All are welcome.



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