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SEPTEMBER 2019

ON TRACK

Operation Christmas Child
focus for September
GAMES & PUZZLES



What are some fun games that your kids or grandkids like to play? Or what are some of the favorite games you liked to play as a kid? Let's seek some of those out and bring them in for our OCC boxes.

There will be a display in the foyer of the church to place all the games and puzzles we collect this month. In October we will have our last packing party for the year, so we are going to need lots of fun things to put in the boxes. Let's load up the display!



The Delgadillo Bible Study
will start up again on
September 10th at 7 pm.
42274 Rd. 114
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Come join in for some study
of God's word and
fellowship.
See Jerry Chang for the
study guides for this
Bible Study.

The Conductor's Call: "There is such a thing as a bad question."

Perhaps you subscribe to the notion, the idea, the concept, the perception that there is no such thing as a bad question. For instance, scripture says, "You do not have because you do not ask God." This is regarding our reluctance to pray, and how we could be missing out on wonderful things simply because we are alienating ourselves from God or not talking to Him at all. And, when a teacher says, "Any questions?" and you end up failing a test simply because you didn't get clarification. But then there are the questions you should be careful to ask. They may be beneficial, but may also be hard on the ears and potentially dangerous, "So who are you voting for?" OR "What do you think of my outfit?" OR "Did you believe that sermon was inspired by God?" Even though they pose some risk, they still could be good questions. Then we have a question that should never be sincerely asked. For me to properly unveil the question, I need to set it up properly. Psalm 95:6-9 sets it up:

*"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. **Today, if only you would hear his voice, "Do not harden your hearts** as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did."*

This moment in time is shared again in the book of Hebrews, it is called, **the rebellion**. It happened during the Exodus and is recorded in the book of Exodus 17:1-7

*Then the entire congregation of Israel left the Desert of Sin, moving from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So the people contended with Moses, "Give us water to drink." "Why do you contend with me?" Moses replied. "Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted for water there, and they grumbled against Moses: "Why have you brought us out of Egypt—to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What should I do with these people? A little more and they will stone me!" And the LORD said to Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you. Take along in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb; when you strike the rock, water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. He named the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD, saying, **"Is the LORD among us or not?"***

THE REBELLION? A question the heart of all Israel was asking, even after all the Lord had already done. They still questioned the reality of

His presence with them, His favor, and in some ways, even His existence. “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Some, if not many, have not learned from Israel’s rebellion. Their belief is no different, positive experiences only, then God becomes worthy of following, to them. They may say they came to faith because they asked a similar question and it worked. If all you want is physical realm stuff, like Israel in Exodus 17, then I guess you could be right. But if you want to enter His Rest? I’d try a different question. I think this story is evidence that there is such a thing as a bad question.

I don’t know your heart, but maybe steer clear of questions that sound like this: “If you’re still out there God, prove yourself to me again! Then I’ll keep believing.” This is a variation of the rebellion question Israel asked. If we aren’t careful, we could end up becoming like Israel with an attitude of, “I am your boss God, do what I say, and I will allow you to remain my God.” Yikes. There are Christian people today who basically have a “Rebellious Israel” spirit. They’ve asked similar questions and lived to tell about it, but they are no different than the Israelites of Exodus. They walk by sight and not by faith. They tempt and test God quite regularly. Their relationship is kind of a “Yeah God, that Christmas and Easter thing was good, but what have you done for us lately!?! You showed up yesterday, but what about today?”

Maybe a better question? A possible prayer? “Lord, my desire is to worship you and serve you only. Could you please guide and direct me in the ways that please you? Thank you for loving me with an everlasting love. I pray that my living sacrifice to you, conveys my love for you.”

And just in case you’re struggling with temptation, yes my friend, The Lord is among us!

Peace folks!

Pastor Jim

In the month of September we will be collecting funds for Faith Comes by Hearing—our **Military Biblestick** project. September 11th is a good time to reflect on what a great country we have and how grateful we are for all first responders, including our military. Let’s give back in a great way, by donating funds to purchase the Bible in an mp3 format that our military service members and their families can take with them anywhere.

The really exciting news is that during the month of September, there are matching funds. So, whatever we collect this month will be doubled! If you want to donate, just write a check to the church and write Military Biblesticks in the memo line.

“The Biblestick has allowed me to take the Word with me at all times. It’s a small but powerful tool to encourage me when I’m having a hard day.” SGT—US Army

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Nelita Rubiaco	20 Stacey Gerbrandt
4 Arlene Starkey	21 Melani Delgadillo
8 Matthew Delgadillo	22 Luke Terry
12 Reagan Gerbrandt	24 Armando Pedroza
15 Samuel Delgadillo	25 Sarah Johnston
A6 Alexa McCamey	
19 Irma Pedroza	



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GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

GREETERS

1 Valerie Toews
8 The Oxford Family
15 The Hanson Family
22 Vivian Darling & Jill Valenti
29 The Nichols Family

COMMUNION: Sandy Seitz

BAPTISM: Brenda Cameron

SOCIAL SUNDAY: Valerie Toews & Shirley Ito

DEACONS-BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

*Noe Larralde, Joseph Larralde, Daniel Quintana

MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR

FOR SEPTEMBER: Sandy Allen at 591-8933 or 348-3464

DEACONS & USHER

1 Joseph Larralde
8 JD Allen
15 Joe Martinez
22 Armando Pedroza
29 Jeff Hanson

ELDER MEDITATIONS:

COMMUNION

1 Roger Starkey
8 Jason Nichols
15 Steve Worthley
22 Mario Delgadillo
29 Rudy Gonzales

OFFERING

1 Rudy Gonzales
8 Corky Seitz
15 Chris Franks
22 Roger Starkey
29 Jason Nichols

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

1 Roger Starkey
8 Jason Nichols
15 Steve Worthley
22 Mario Delgadillo
29 Rudy Gonzales

CHURCH LOCK UP

1 Rudy Gonzales
8 Corky Seitz
15 Chris Franks
22 Roger Starkey
29 Jason Nichols

SEPTEMBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

for ages 4 - 3rd grade - Toni Gerbrandt (Michelle Larralde-5th Sunday)

Nursery is available for ages newborn to age 4



*1 Peter 5:2
Be shepherds of God's
flock that is under your
care, serving as overseers
– not because you must,
but because you are
willing, as God wants
you to be; not greedy
for money, but eager
to serve;*



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Sermons For September:

Sept. 1st "What God sees, what you see, what they see."

Sept. 8th "Full Circle" OCC Guest Speaker

Sept. 15th "Usually, it's not about you. But one day, it was."

Sept. 22nd "The Empowering Concept of Self-Reflection"

Sept. 29th "Avoiding The Drama Triangle"

**2019 theme: "Called To Be Spiritual
First Responders"**

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Birthday Social No evening groups	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 Open Gate Anniversary Dinner	6	7 Sewing Class
8 OCC Speaker New Members' Potluck Kids' Klub & Youth Group	9 Elder's Meeting	10 Delgadillo Bible Study	11 Praise Team	12	13	14 Sewing Class
15 Kids' Klub & Youth Group	16	17 Delgadillo Bible Study	18 Praise Team	19	20 Women's Retreat	21 Sewing Class Women's Retreat
22 Women's Retreat Kids' Klub & Youth Group	23	24 Delgadillo Bible Study	25 Praise Team	26	27 Fun Friday	28 Sewing Class
29 Kids' Klub & Youth Group	30 Women's Min. Meeting					

Upcoming OCTOBER Events:

October 5 Men's Breakfast
 October 20 Kids' Carnival
 October 19 OCC Fall Ball Packing Party
 October 26 Ladies' Tea
 October 27 Movie Night

Weekly Events:

Sunday--- Kids' Klub for kids 4 years-6th grade
 Youth Group for Junior and Senior
 High school students
 Tuesday— Delgadillo Bible Study
 Wednesday— Praise Team
 Saturday— Sewing Class