

Sermon Notes:

Why We Gather

Acts 1:1-8

I. The Passion of the Gospel

II. The Promise of the Gospel

III. The Power of the Gospel

Missionary Spotlight

Randy & Esther Brown—Missionaries in Japan

As we look back on May and June, we are thankful for the continued progress, growth, and encouragement we've experienced in our ministry here in Japan. Our focus continues to be on language learning, and although it remains a challenging journey, we are slowly but steadily understanding more and more of what we hear. While we are far from fluent, it's encouraging to notice how much we are picking up through daily practice and tutoring. Each conversation, each new word, and each new sentence structure adds to our growing understanding, and we are thankful for this steady progress. As we continue to focus on the foundational stages of our ministry, we are reminded that the work is often slow but steady. While there may not be many "exciting" updates, we are encouraged by the steady progress and the opportunities God is giving us. We are so thankful to have you alongside us as we serve here in Japan.



Sunday, July 20, 2025

Evangelist D.L. Moody once told this story. "A man came looking very ill and related that his doctor had encouraged him to leave the Lake Michigan area because of a condition that very well could take his life. He was upset that he had never led any of his class to Christ and believed that he had done the girls more harm than good. I suggested the teacher go to the girls to talk to them. The teacher went to the homes of each girl in his class and talked to her about her soul. Ten days later, the teacher came to the store with his face literally shining. Every last one of the girls in his class had yielded herself to Christ."

This Sunday School teacher had a simple burden to carry the gospel to those that were lost. Although this story is from the 19th century, the purpose of the church remains the same. To carry the gospel to the lost and to disciple the believer.

Pastor John M. Bingham

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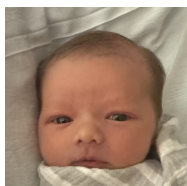
Today's Schedule:

- 10 am**—Connection Groups
- 11 am**—Morning Worship Service with Missionary Joshua Lane preaching
- 4:30 pm**—Green Team in the Youth Room
- 4:30 pm**—Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
- 6 pm**—Evening Worship Service with our Senior Camp Report
- 7 pm**—GUST Meeting following the Evening Service

This Week:

- Wednesday** **Semi Annual Business Meeting** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary
Kids Summer Program at 6:45 pm in the Chapel
- Saturday** **VBS Decoration Day** at 9 am; lunch will be provided;
please see Jacob Mitchell for more information

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Steve Medlin and family on the passing of his cousin, Kristi Medlin.



Congratulations to Tyler and Charity Dennis on the birth of their son, Charles Ray Dennis. He was born on July 15th measuring 8 lbs., 10 oz., and 22 in. long. Congratulations also to grandparents, Steve and Rachel Dennis.

Attendance, Offerings and Missions

Attendance Last Week		2025 Missions Goal	
		Missions Received (wk 37)	300,000.00
Wednesday, July 9	153		195,872.68
		Last Week's Totals (7/7/25 - 7/13/25)	
		Tithe/General Offering	10,310.36
Sunday, July 13		Missions Giving	3,876.81
Connection Groups	182	Building Fund	510.00
11 am Worship	285	Other	302.26
6 pm Worship	172	Total Offerings:	14,999.43

A Look Ahead:

Sunday, July 27

Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall



Connection Groups from Teens to Adults will meet in the Sanctuary at 10 am. Dr. Gary Spaeth will be speaking and The Redemption Trio will be singing. Dr. Spaeth serves on the faculty at West Coast Baptist College where he has been teaching in the Bible Department for over ten years.

VBS is almost here and we could use your help!

- If you can help bring pre-packaged snacks, please see the sign up sheet in the foyer
- If you can help feed our volunteers each night (Monday-Thursday), please see the sign up sheet in the foyer

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