

FALL 2016

STAY CONNECTED...



to Marion Hills Bible Church



*If you love me, keep my commands.
John 14:15*





The Lord used so many people to plant seeds in the lives of Fred and Carolyn Rogers. In the end, it was their evangelical housekeeper who they dropped off at the Moody Church every week that determined so much of their future.

Bill Bennet was speaking on one of the Sunday morning talk shows and stated that his agency found that the families that ate dinner together, read to their children, and went to church every week, the odds were very good that the children would not experiment with drugs. Carolyn advised Fred that going to church was the only thing they were not doing and why not start going with Cora. Fred accepted Jesus as his Savior that Sunday. Since Carolyn was with Charlie in his class for 1½ years she didn't hear the sermons Fred had heard, but in 1996 Fred invited Carolyn to a breakfast with Louis Palou where she heard the Gospel explained and she accepted Christ as her Savior.

The Rogers moved to the suburbs and began attending a church in Oak Brook. The youth pastor did so much to include George into the community of that church, but when that pastor left they found that George needed to be more involved and it was time to look for another church.

Carolyn met Matt Grider, who was teaching at **College of DuPage**, because Charlie was in his class. Matt shared that he was the youth pastor at Marion Hills Bible Church, and it was only two miles from their home. They attended the evening service and the Vacation Bible School closing program. Carolyn said, "What a wonderful introduction to the people of Marion Hills." Matt and Faith Grider took George under their wing and Carolyn was able to go to the Adult Bible Study and when Pioneer Club began, Charlie was able to join the children in that ministry. The love that Charlie and George have received from people in our church has been truly an example of God using people to be "His hands and feet, and show His love." Pastor Campo has been so understanding of George's outbursts and has encouraged them many, many times. They come to Marion Hills because they are accepted and loved here.

Psalm 31:14

You can listen to Pastor Michael's sermons at www.mhbchurch.org.

I don't know how much of the republican or democratic conventions you have watched, but one thing is clear, the United States is divided. One party likes the color blue and the other the color black. One party says blue lives matter and the other black lives matter.

My daughter and I were talking politics the other day and she said, "Dad, shouldn't all lives matter?"

The only thing I have heard thus far from both conventions that were identical were these words. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal." That's a true statement.

1. All people are equally created in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27).
2. All people are loved by God (John 3:16).
3. All people are stained and tainted by sin (Romans 3:23).
4. All people are able to be redeemed (Rev. 22:17).

Those four facts form the basis of the doctrine of Christian equality. All people, regardless of their background, are significant because they bare the image of their Creator, God. All men are created equal in that the God who created them loves them. All men are created equally in that all men have fallen, and all men are redeemable because the lamb of God takes away the sins of a few – no, of the world!

That's what Acts 10:34 means when it says God is no respecter of persons. He doesn't play favorites. As far as God is concerned, there are only two races: the saved race and the lost race.

Blue does not matter. Black does not matter. To God only red matters, the color of blood, the color of His Son's blood that was shed for all because all lives matter.

Psalm 112:1

Check out our new and improved website at www.mhbchurch.org.



Current Connection

I recently had the pleasure of visiting my brother's church, located in downtown Chicago. It is a store front church, that caters to about 2,000 people every Sunday morning. The clientele is young, due to its close proximity to the University of Illinois – Chicago, and it has a pleasant, up-to-date modern feel about it. There was a praise team with a full band and all of the leaders were wearing either a sundress or a t-shirt and jeans. Even the pastor had a casual button up and dark slacks on. There was a sense of companionship and everyone there was filled with joy.

Despite the age of the clientele, the message was given with the full force of the gospel. The lead pastor was speaking that morning and was preaching about why tithing is important. He went through the God given basics, to give 10% or more of your income and that you would be blessed. While the beginning of his message may have seemed pretty standard, he quickly dived in deeper. While many pastors read you the "Bible Act" on how you should give your money, he told a story about how tithing had personally affected him. When he was 23, he was given \$1.25 in change at a local convenience store. The previous owner of the dollar had drawn a Santa Claus over top of George Washington's face making it one of a kind.

The next day, his childhood friend came over to catch up, and she told him something he would never forget. Her name was Jane and she had been a Christian her entire life. She did all the "Christian stuff" like volunteering, reading the Bible, and praying, but her life wasn't blessed until she learned how to tithe. "It was like everything changed!" she said. Suddenly nothing could stop her. Her professional, personal, and financial lives were all blessed by just giving her financial control to God.

That night as the pastor went home, he made a vow to God. He said, "God I trust you for everything else in my life, please help me relinquish this burden too." When he opened his wallet, he saw that \$1 bill and he made a vow. He promised to always keep that dollar as a symbol of how God takes care of him and to always remember to tithe.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Please welcome these new members of Marion Hills Bible Church.



David Dunteman



Marcy and Rich Hart



Micki and Tom Rosati



Gospel Connection

During the days of Noah, there was great wickedness upon the earth. People were continually practicing evil. In the sight of God, the earth was full of corruption and violence. At that point, God decided to destroy the earth and the people who inhabit it. However, Noah found grace in the eyes of God. God reached out to Noah and offered him a way to escape the coming destruction. God told Noah to build an ark in order to escape the worldwide flood that was about to come upon earth. Noah listened; and he and his family survived the flood. Every person that was not in the ark perished in the flood.

Just as the ark was the way to survive the flood, Jesus is the Way to be saved from eternal destruction. God provided a way for Noah to escape destruction. He has also provided a Way for sinners to be saved from the penalty of their sins. God sent his Son, Jesus, to Earth to pay for our sins by dying on the cross. Jesus was then buried and on the third day He rose from the dead.

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16). Jesus is the ark of salvation. All who come to Jesus will be saved from the punishment we all deserve. Turn from your sin and by faith alone receive Jesus.

Building the Big Boat

All details for building the Ark were given by God.

God was the architect.

Noah was the builder.

No rudder. God steered the Ark.

No engine or sail. God guided it.

No compass. God directed its course.

Read more about Noah's Ark in Genesis 6-8

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Get Plugged-In

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on November 6.

Berean Ladies Fellowship will hold its first meeting of the new year at 6:30 pm on September 15. Watch for more information concerning this meeting and the 2016-2017 meetings.

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“You can go anywhere you want to, but nobody wants you more than we do!”

POWER in PRAYER



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Schedule of Weekly Events:

Sunday School9:30 am
Morning Worship10:30 am
Evening Service.....6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Services
 Straightforward Youth Ministry.....7:00 pm
 Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....7:00 pm
 Foundation Builder's Children's Ministry6:50 pm
Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday of month)
 Surrender and Win7:00 pm

Schedule of Special Events:

Nov. 23 7:00 pm.....Thanksgiving Service

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