



July 14, 2024

Pastor Notes:

How good are you at adding and subtracting? You've got to master them before you can move on to multiplying and dividing. Aside from adding and subtracting numbers, we are actually quite adept at both. Have you ever added a pound or two? So far this year, how much more stuff you don't really need did you add to the pile of things you already have but don't really need? Chances are a few times you realized that your pile of stuff had gotten too big and subtracted by cleaning out a closet or your garage or storage shed. Maybe, it wasn't stuff you got rid of but a bad habit or two?

The Apostle Peter told the readers (including us) of his second letter that they needed to **"make every effort to add to their faith ..."** (2 Peter 1:5). The Author of the letter of Hebrews issued this rebuke, **"You are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food"** (Hebrews 5:11-12, NLT2). The Apostle Paul addresses adding and subtracting when he writes, **"Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy"** (Ephesians 4:21-24, NLT2).

If you had to take a test that assesses how proficient you are when it comes to adding to your faith, getting rid of/subtracting your old ways, and adopting the habits and attitudes of your new life in Jesus and the Holy Spirit, how would you do? Would the rebuke from the letter of Hebrews fit you - spiritually dull, not listening, not or no longer learning?

On the Day of Pentecost, three thousand people heard the truth about Jesus, were convicted in their hearts concerning their sin, repented, and publicly renounced their old beliefs and ways of life and confessed their faith in Christ as their Savior in baptism. Their very next steps were about adding and subtracting, **"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer"** (Acts 2:41-42, NIV). They added both new activities and new habits. They subtracted from and added to their schedule. They quit things so they would have time for being taught the Word of God (the Bible), sharing life and ministering with other believers, and learning habits of prayer and worship.

If we are serious about following Jesus, being holy, living godly and Christlike lives then we have to embrace doing spiritual math. Subtracting is about cleaning up, decluttering, making room, and cutting things out that distract and hinder us from living all out for Jesus and honoring God, **"Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us"** (Hebrews 12:1, NLT2). Adding is about learning godly habits, God's ways of doing things, living according to God's wisdom, growing in faith, spiritually maturing, and becoming more and more like Jesus.

Don't join in the mistake of many who think that it is possible to just add Jesus without subtracting from the life you're already living. It won't work, **"The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced,"** Jesus said (Mark 4:18-19 NLT2). None of us are given the time or energy to be and do all we want plus what God wants us to be and do, but if we learn the spiritual math of subtracting and adding we will be able to be and do all God wills us to be and do.

Finally, just because I learned how to add and subtract in first grade doesn't mean adding and subtracting is a thing of the past. The math still applies to sixty-four-year-old Hans, especially in spiritual and life terms. Peter, in the same passage where he says, **"make every effort to add to your faith,"** also writes, **"I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have"** (2 Peter 1:12, NIV).

So, what needs to go, be subtracted, and what is the next thing you need to add to continue growing spiritually, to live in God's will? What of your old life, your life before you believed in Christ, is still around but needs to go? What new habits do you need to embrace and practice?

Remember this, there is great joy when the numbers add up, when the ungodly is replaced by the godly, when the old life is replaced by the Christ-life. And we haven't even touched on the power that is in multiplication.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Bob Sykes, Steve Prinz, Carolyn Jeffers,
Felix Barrera, Amy Watts, Marie, those dealing with addiction,
those who have lost family members, those who have lost their
homes due to fire, Fire & Rescue people
Kids coming home from camp & VBS 2024

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us
know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 &
Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**
ldpbcpayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

Let's Celebrate!

**“The LORD your God has been with you this past forty
years, and you have lacked nothing” Deut.2:7b**

**Our church will celebrate Pastor Hans' 40th
Anniversary with a special service packed with
guests (some are former members who held
ministry positions in our church during the past
40 years) along with special music in honor of
our church and Hans' 40 years of ministry.**

When: August 11, 2024

Time: 10 am-12:30ish

**BBQ potluck to follow (please sign up in the
foyer)**

July & August Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
 - **GriefShare** - begins August 7th @ 6:30 PM
 - **Women on Higher Ground Retreat 9/27 - 9/29**

For more information contact De-Leta or see poster in the Foyer

Registration must be turned in by August 19th

NO Evening Service on August 11th

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided

By - "*Merle's Class*"

Thank you

Next week "Hans' Class" is up!!

VBS BEGINS JULY 22ND

Registration forms are on the table,

in the foyer for

Participants (P) and Volunteers (V) .

Please take one and return to Jannett in the office.

**BE TRANSFORMED BY THE
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.**

Romans 12:2

Giving

July 7, 2024

Offering:
\$5,746.00

Facilities:
\$135.00

VBS:
\$395.00

Books & Material:
\$15.00

Food:
\$75.00

Women's Ministry:
\$180.00

Attendance:
74

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - On Hiatus
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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July 15th - July 21st

DAY 1 - 1 Sam. 19-20 (S.S. 3)	DAY 4 - 1 Sam. 25-26 (S.S. 6)
DAY 2 - 1 Sam. 21-22 (S.S. 4)	DAY 5 - 1 Sam. 27-28 (S.S. 7)
DAY 3 - 1 Sam. 23-24 (S.S. 5)	DAY 6 - (S. S. 8) DAY 7 - (Ps. 119:1-16)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.