

Addition

1+1=2

2+2=4

3+3=6

4+4=8

5+5=10

10+10=20

100+100=200

Multiplication

1x1=1

2x2=4

3x3=9

4x4=16

5x5=25

10x10=100

100x100=10,000

Question: You have a \$100 bill, are you wishing for addition or multiplication? I thought so.

Question: Two days ago, there were 3 grasshoppers in your garden, yesterday there were 9, and today you found 27. What is happening?

In the very first chapter of God's Word, the Bible, both animals and people are told to "be fruitful and multiply." That seems to be working pretty well.

The next time the word "multiply" appears is when God pronounces the consequences of Adam's and Eve's sin in chapter three of Genesis, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth." Ouch! The cost of sin is never just simple addition.

When your \$100 bills start multiplying, be careful. **"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; other-wise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"** Deuteronomy 8:11-14 (NASB).

God loves multiplication, as does the farmer, the businesswoman, and even the preacher. But the devil, evildoer, crook, and the false prophet do as well. History is littered with examples of greed, violence, pride, depravity, immorality, and wickedness multiplying. Sin might start out small and slow, but it gets out of hand before you can count to a hundred.

What would God want to multiply in our lives? For one, fruit coming from hearing, responding to, and consistently obeying God's word. **"And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold"** Mark 4:20 (NASB).

Generosity is another one. **"For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and *multiply* your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you"** 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT2, italics mine).

How about mercy, peace, and love? **"May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you"** Jude 1:2 (NASB). Most of us a familiar with what the Psalmist penned, **"When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul"** Psalm 94:19 (NASB). But God knows how to multiply peace in our hearts, souls, and minds. If you had to pick between mercy, peace, and love or your \$100 bill multiplying, which would choose?

Finally, God loves reports like we find in Acts 12:24, **"But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied"** Acts 12:24 (NASB). It means the church, Christians, were doing their job of spreading the truth, the Gospel of Christ, and lots of people were saved, baptized, and added to the church, and serving Christ. Fulfilling the Great Com-mission Jesus gave us requires each of us to be involved in multiplication, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"** Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB).

Let's be involved in all the things God wants to multiply in us and through us, which will also multiply joy, praise, and thanksgiving to God.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

The Cox Family, Suzie Frei, Bob Sykes, Steve Prinz, Antonio (surgery), Derrill Coffman, Lisa Boer, Holman Family, Kroeker Family, Bob Clayton, Philip Law, those dealing with addiction, those who have lost family members, or lost homes, Fire & Rescue people & Clean up crews.

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 or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcpayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

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

September Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare - Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

Ladies, come join us!
WBS is in action with a new video series on the
"Attributes of God"

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Merle's Class"

Thank you

Next week "Han's Class" is up!!



Giving

September 1, 2024

Offering:
\$3,944.00

Facilities:
\$130.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Food:
\$135.00

Attendance:
83

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 - 10:00 AM

GriefShare - 6:30 PM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Be Saved

Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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Bible Reading Plan - 2024 September 9th - September 15th



DAY 1 - 2 Kings 1-2
(Psalms 98)

DAY 2 - 2 Kings 3-4
(Psalms 99)

DAY 3 - 2 Kings 5-6
(Psalms 100)

DAY 4 - 2 Kings 7-8
(Psalms 101)

DAY 5 - 2 Kings 9-10
(Psalms 102)

DAY 6 - Psalms 103
DAY 7 - Psalms 104

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.