

THE BELL

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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Vision Statement

Growing in faith by...worshipping God, loving all, joyfully serving others

Covenant – We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God, and striving for the truth, justice and peace. As did those who came before, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS! SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

**128TH ANNUAL SUMMER BLESSINGS FAIR
JULY 2ND 10AM-5PM**



**KIDZ CLUB BEGINS
JULY 10TH 9:30AM-10:30AM**

**FCC MARSHFIELD SUMMER BBQ
JULY 24TH 11:30AM
@ HARBOR PARK PICNIC/ BARBECUE AREA**



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July/August 2022

FROM YOUR DEACONS

During the months of July and Aug the deacons have decided to do some advertising to promote and grow our church. We are going to place two 32”x 60” banners on the railings just outside the meeting house inviting people to join us for worship. Everyone knows how busy Marshfield gets in the summer. Anyone waiting at that busy red light will not be able to miss our invitation! The Lord has led many new people, unbidden, into our church. We hope that this direct invitation will lead many more new people to join us. We would like to thank Frank Wilkins of Wilkins signs for the discount pricing, and we would like to thank Rick Taylor who has generously offered to pay for the signs.

Since we expect to see many new faces in church during July, August and into September we are asking the congregation to be hyper vigilant and welcoming to new people. Please notice when someone new enters or sits near you. Please introduce yourself and ask their names. (Write their name on your bulletin so you will remember it and greet them by name the next time they come.) Invite new people to fill out a visitors card which are available in every pew. Invite new people to come to coffee hour after worship and make room for them at your table. The Deacons are asking for everyone’s help in this church wide effort.

We know that church attendance tends to lag in the summer months. Perhaps we can boost our attendance by reaching out to vacationers with our new signage. If you cannot join us in person for worship this summer, please try to watch the service on Facebook Live and which will also be available on our Facebook page for later viewing. Please leave us comment to let us know that you were there.

“Do not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

From your Deacons, Michael Rydberg, Judy Johnson, Rick Taylor, Lisa Brown, Frank Wilkins and Alyssa Titus.

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

After the special meeting where we voted to go ahead with the window replacement/installation project, we experienced a problem when trying to place the window order. Since we had started this bidding project for the windows, Anderson had since removed their 10’ windows from their offerings. We tried for two weeks to get them to honor their original quote but unfortunately it was not something they could do. They offer a maximum of 9’ windows but after some review with the builder and Trustees we decided it would be better to stay with the 10’ to maintain the historical look.

We have decided to go with Pella our other serious competitor for these windows. Their price was originally higher and when we modified that bid for the tempered glass for safety, they were even higher. Fortunately they only required a 50% deposit up front the remainder when they were delivered – estimated next Feb/Mar timeframe.

We have raised the additional money for the windows by bringing in early the pledge for the whole window and installation and half of the matching monies. So to date we have raised \$67, 450 dollars with outstanding pledges of another \$13, 975.

This leaves us with a remaining balance of \$42,287. We pray that our remaining pledges due this week will reduce this even further. Our kick off for further fundraising with start in July. God blesses the generous and makes them even more prosperous.

Kind regards,

Your Trustees – Doreen Taylor, Greg Prendergast and Donna McCue

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

The Ladies have concluded their business meetings for the year. We had a lovely end of year luncheon organized by member Jayne Peterson at the Marshfield Country Club. The Ladies have been blessed this year by the presence of our dear friend and Pastor Richard Bartlett at our meetings. We were sorrowful for the loss of our sisters in Christ Mary Handy and Marie King. Always cheerful and faithful the ladies continue to meet until the end of June to prepare for the Annual Fair. Thank you ladies for your cooperation, service and fellowship. See you in September. President Judith Johnson.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Printed copies of the Upper Room Devotionals are now available in the Sanctuary. You can still access the daily devotionals online at www.upperroom.org/devotionals



SAVE THE DATE

The Christian Fellowship Committee invites you to a summer barbecue at the Harbor Park Picnic/ Barbecue area on Joseph Driebeek Way on Sunday, July 24th at 11:30. Please bring your own meat to barbecue and something to share. Signup and more detail will be posted in Parish Hall.

HAVE A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

If you have a birthday this month we would like to suggest or challenge you to donate your age's dollar amount to the Endowment Fund, Good Neighbor Fund, or to one of our ministries this month! A few members of our congregation have been doing this for years and wondered if others were up to the challenge!

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Monday, August 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the September 2022 issue of *The Bell* newsletter to the church office by August 15. You may also submit your article via email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com. Thank you!

HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS: END OF THE "YEAR" DISCUSSION 2022

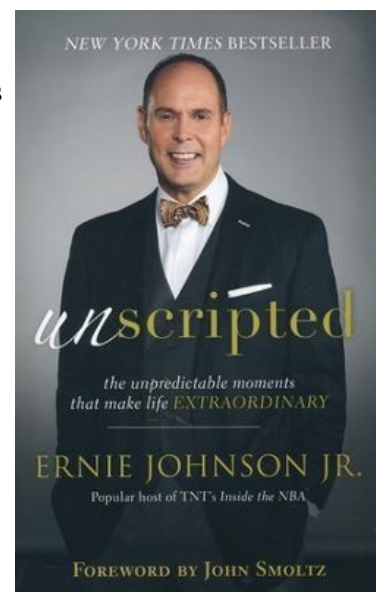
Unscripted: The Unpredictable Moments That Make Life Extraordinary

By: Ernie Johnson Jr.

Bookworms will extend its reading time for this autobiography of Ernie Johnson, Jr. A 3-time Sports Emmy Award-winner and host of TNT's *Inside the NBA*, Ernie provides a candid look at his life on and off the screen. From his relationship with his sportscaster father to his own success in broadcasting, from battling cancer to raising six children, including a special needs child from Romania, Ernie takes the lessons he learned from his father and passes them on to his children.

This is his untold story, the one he lived after the lights were off and the cameras not rolling. Sports fans, cancer survivors, fathers and sons, adoptive parents, those whose lives have been touched by a person with special needs, or anyone who loves stories about handling life's surprises with grace--*Unscripted* is for all of them.

Date for discussion of this book will be at their year-end cook-out (pot-luck) after the fair; date to be decided. There are a few of these books left for \$5 for those who plan to attend our discussion. These can be picked up from the counter (near front) in our library. Please place payment in the envelope provided. Call Georgia @ 781-361-1290 to rsvp, for more info. One may purchase a book for \$1 after our Bookworms' discussion. Everyone is welcome at the cookout! Details will be communicated when known.



BOOKWORM COUCH-POTATOES

Become a Couch Potato Bookworm if discussions are not your "bag." After June, enjoy all of the "Heavenly Bookworms" selections for only a buck! Earlier books can also be borrowed from counter in our church library and returned at your leisure. Questions? Call 781-361-1290.

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES and INDIVIDUALS

The Trustees are offering sponsoring space in *The Bell* newsletter. This initiative will help bring in additional revenue as well as defray the costs associated with *The Bell*. In this *Bell*, we are offering free ads to individuals and businesses affiliated with our church while we test the layout. This could be either a sponsorship or even a personal message. If interested, please contact the church office or speak to/email a Trustee.

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Note: Prayer requests will be printed for 4 weeks in the Bulletin and the Pilgrim and once in The Bell and may be renewed by placing a Prayer Request in the Sunday offering plate, by clicking the link in the Pilgrim, or by calling the Church Office.

Thanksgiving/Joy: Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 390 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, churches around the world; development of COVID-19 vaccines, baptism of Killian Donahue Sullivan, John Robie's Installment as Settled Pastor at First Church Weymouth

Comfort: Family and friends of Glen Ellingson (Steve's brother)

Healing: Those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including the medical teams and officials working to keep us safe. Edna Robie, Jack Pattison, George and Barbara Irvin, Rex Hayden (Dave Riley's grandson), Louise Nelson, Chris Conant, Kimberly Polvere (Brad and Phyllis Willis' daughter) John and Sue Ritucci, Tom Richard

Homebound Church Family: Alberta Bezanson, Mary Ellingson, John Coombs, Pat Taylor, Faith Jean, Brad Willis

Guidance & Protection: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, leaders of our nation, our unhoused youth in Marshfield, a time of transition here at FCC Marshfield, for people of Ukraine, our troops and their families.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Join them on Monday evenings 6:30-7:30 in the church library; God loves to hear from us! After a brief devotion and discussion; they share prayer needs and then take them to God, also giving thanks for blessings. Join Pals weekly or whenever able. Request a prayer for yourself or others by placing a request in the offering plate, the Prayer Box (Hall parlor), email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com, or call 781-361-1290. "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

-Sundays at 9:30am

We are ready to welcome everyone back to worship! As vaccination rates soar and Covid hospitalizations plummet we are ready to reinstate the traditional Passing of the Peace. You will no longer be required to stay in your pews but are free to roam and greet people. Masks will still be available for those who desire one and we will continue to review our practices to keep current with the changing Covid situation, Please plan on joining us for "Fellowship Hour" in the Parish Hall after worship. All our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live and available for viewing later. Childcare is not available at this time, but our nursery is being cleaned out in preparation for offering childcare in the near future. We look forward to joining you in Worship!

A NOTE FROM YOUR CARING MINISTRY TEAM

The role of the Caring Ministry Team is to assist the minister in meeting the needs of the congregation. The Team consists of 8 members: Lisa Brown, Pam Drouin, Mary Ellingson, Jennifer Fields, Judy Johnson, Donna McCue, Michael Rydberg and Gisele Coville. Each parishioner has been assigned to a Caring Ministry Team member. If you don't know who your Caring Minister is, please contact Michael Rydberg (508-246-3037), Gisele Coville or Jennifer Fields. Our primary mission is to pray for the needs of our assigned parishioners. Please also let us know if a spiritual or practical need should arise.

KIDS KLUB

July 10 through August 28 – 8 Sundays
Ages 4 through children finishing 7th grade in 2022



Kidz, grandkidz, & friendz of FCCM kidz...come join our Sunday morning club! It meets each Sunday at the "Clubhouse" in the front hall of the Parish House for an hour of fun, music, Bible stories, crafts, and outdoor activities. Don't be surprised if we get dirty and wet, so wear your play clothes!

Club leaders Georgia Chrisman and Janet McGrath have planned a super-cool summer of Bible fun. We will paint; we will glue and glitter; we will plant; we will sing some groovy music; we will play outdoors, AND we will explore God's word!

Invite your friends too! Meetings starts July 10; **so get ready!** Questions? (781-361-1290).

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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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P.O. Box 826 Marshfield, MA 02050

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Contact us at GNFMarshfield@gmail.com.

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Whole Foods Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		

TOTAL CARDS PURCHASED: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Please make checks payable to: **The Good Neighbor Fund**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

MISSION PROJECTS FOR JULY/AUGUST

Seeing, understanding, showing compassion, and helping all people is part of our responsibility to God. Please continue to share in our mission to give support to everyone here and around the world.

Helping our on-going Marshfield Missions

Food Pantry - Please send a donation to the Food Pantry or to a group that is helping to feed the tremendous number of food-insecure families in the United States at this time.

Good Neighbor Fund - Continue to buy your Grocery and Gift Cards through the Good Neighbor Fund. Our neighbors need help year-round.

Helping the Homeless - Please support this on-going project with the Youth Fellowship and donate travel sized toiletries or new clean socks.

Helping our Family and Friends around the World

Please continue to pray for our families and friends around the world.

Opportunities

The Missions Committee has received a donation to be used for Mission trips through a vetted organization. This is open to anyone in the church who might be interested. Please talk to members of the committee for more information. The NACCC has a list of some opportunities on their website.

CANNING JARS FOR MISSIONS

Hi all from Missions! Huge kudos to all who helped to make our holiday giving to Samaritan's Purse boxes and our socks, underwear, hats, and mittens such a great success!

In preparation for an upcoming participation project we're in need of canning jars: common sizes with standard mouth size. Hoping we can kick this project off soon, so check your pantries to see if you have any to spare. Please leave any jars upstairs in Parish Hall.

Thanks!



The 128th Summer Blessings Church Fair

July 2, 2022 - 10am to 5pm



Fair Task Force:

Judy Johnson, Jean Hight, Georgia Chrisman, Chris Prendergast, Jennifer Fields, Doreen Taylor, Maggie Bennotti, Audrey Taylor

Book Nook (G Prendergast):

Bring your already-read, or collecting-dust books, CDs, DVDs to the Hall's entryway and leave near the front.



Penny Raffle (K Robinson):

Needed: Gift certificates, event, movie, sports, and scratch tickets, as well as new and almost new items.



Garden's Gate (B Carney/B Murray):

Seeking annuals & perennials, cut flowers for bouquets, anything that "says" garden, such as tools, watering cans, garden ornaments, etc.



Think creatively!

Artisans, Crafters, Farmers

(Paul Tomeo): Looking for artisans, crafters and farm produce growers; renting space for \$25 + \$5 food voucher. Let Sarah in the church office know, if you want a spot.



Sweet Shoppe (A Taylor/J Hight):

Our own bakery with delectable sweets. Needed: Homemade goodies, fudge & baked goods; bring to the church kitchen for packaging June 30, or pick up cellophane



Kidz' Corner (C Murphy/K Doherty):

Volunteers needed for the "funnest" job at the fair. Watch kids have fun painting rocks, frogging, etc.; Can you spare an hour or two? call church office or 781-361-1290.



Set-up & Clean Up: Both men and women are needed. Join an already established team of volunteers. Set-up begins 5:30p on 6/30 and clean up 5:15p on 7/2.

Many hands make light work!

BE THE "BODY" IN SOMEBODY. COMMIT TODAY!

Please call 781-361-1290 to volunteer. We can find a spot for you; we promise to find one that you will like.

If you cannot volunteer, for whatever reason, then please come and enjoy your church's Summer Blessings Fair!

Confirmation

Our confirmands have finished our Confirmation Program. They have considered the evidence for Jesus, his resurrection, and his divinity and believe it is verifiable. At their retreat, Emma and Leah got to know Jesus on a more personal level. They finished Lee Strobel's "*The Case for Christ.*"

Here is the evidence:

Chapter 1: Atheist and reporter, Strobel, tries to disprove Jesus was the savior described in the scriptures.

Chapter 2: "**Did Jesus really Think He was God?**": After intense investigation, he concluded Jesus said so.

Chapter 3: "**Was Jesus Crazy to Claim he was God?**" Strobel, along with world-renowned psychologists acknowledged to Strobel that Jesus did not exhibit even one of the clinical criterium for mental illness.

Chapter 4 : "**Did Jesus Match the Identify of the Messiah?**" the probability of anyone matching even 8 of the dozens of prophecies of Jesus' birth, crucifixion, resurrection, etc., is **one in 100 million billion!** Detailed descriptions of Him appear in scriptures written 700+ years prior to His birth.

Chapter 5: "**Can you Trust Christ's Biographies?**" Scientist and scholars have verified the authenticity of the 1st four books of the New Testament. When comparing more than 24,000 ancient transcripts, they found the number of variations among them were negligible, minor, and non-material; all concluded Jesus was the Son of God. The Bible is nearly-perfect historically, archeologically and geographically.

Chapter 6: "**Is There a Case for Christ outside the Bible?**" Jewish and Non-Jewish historians, believers and non-believers validated the Bible. No archaeological evidence, has disproved any of it. It has been recorded that Luke's references to 32 countries, 54 cities and 5 islands were found to be

totally accurate.

Chapter 7: "**Did Jesus fake his Death?**" No one could survive a torturous flogging, a brutal crucifixion and spear impalement. Strobel and medical professionals throughout history believe Jesus died on the cross.

Chapter 8: "**What happened to the Body?**" There was evidence His tomb was empty. It was seen and Jesus was seen alive 3 days after his death; it was written about in the 4 gospels and Paul's letters to early Christians; Jewish temple leaders agreed it was empty; Roman tomb guards saw no one take it. Once afraid, now his disciples risked their lives to spread the message of salvation.

Chapter 9: "**What did Jesus Do after Easter?**" Apostle Paul wrote that 500 witnesses saw Jesus at the all at the same time. No witness refuted Paul's claims. Paul also wrote Jesus was raised and appeared to women at the tomb, to others, to 11 apostles and to Saul (Paul). The Bible has been scrutinized for centuries by believers and non-believers, and no part has been disproved. Legends don't have witnesses, hallucinations are caused by substances, wishful thinking does not account for a missing body or for people to risk their lives. Facts: 1) Muslims cannot prove that Allah showed himself to Muhammad; there were no witnesses. 2) Hundreds of people, verified Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and their lives were drastically changed. Even today, Christians risk death to share his Word. Who would die for something believed untrue?

Confirmands finished their last class, professed their faith and formally joined FCCM on June 26. They worked very hard, deserve to be welcomed into our "herd," and we are blessed to have them among us.

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					1	2 128th Annual Summer Blessings Fair! 10am-5pm
3 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship	4 Independence Day! 6:30pm Prayer Hour	5 (office closed – Sarah on vacation)	6 (office closed)	7 (office closed)	8	9
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August 2022

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	1 6:30pm Prayer Hour	2	3	4 (office closed)	5	6
7 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kidz Club	8 6:30pm Prayer Hour	9	10	11	12	13
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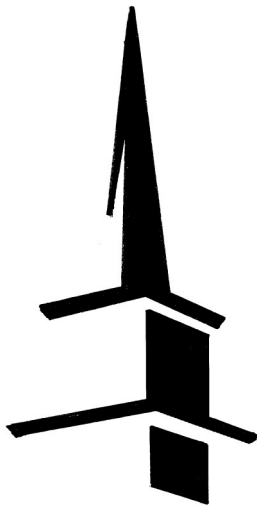
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