



Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

Sharing the gospel & Christ's love

with those in corrections since 1982

Come join us!!!

June 20th 6:30 –8:30PM

MEC Spring Event

Laughter by Bill Arnold from
Triple Espresso & Real Recovery

Music Jeromy Darling of Salvage Project

Testimonies from ex-inmates & volunteers

Lakes Free Church Lindstrom, MN 55045

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MEC Spotlight



Doug and Sharon Jackson are committed to sharing Christ with others. Doug serves on MEC's

Doug & Sharon Jackson

board, Sharon has ministered to the women at RCCF in the past, & they both currently minister at Washington County Jail.

Doug came to Christ “when I studied the Ten Commandments and saw that the law could not bring us to God. When I came to the realization that Jesus’ blood atoned for my sins and unworthiness, I came to a new experience of Godly sorrow which helped me realize my life was not what God meant it to be. It caused me to repent and turn from my sins. The Lord awakened me to the truth and I agreed with Him.”

Sharon learned about God as a child in Sunday school, appreciating what she could understand. At 18, when attending Bible camp with Doug she was better able to connect the dots to understand salvation. She has been fully embraced by the LORD’s love. Sharon values “being a new creation in Christ, knowing I am saved by the grace which

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Old and New

Are you learning anything new? Are you re-learning something that was once fresh, adding to or practicing what you already know?

In Matthew 13 Christ shared parables of seed that fell on rocky, thorny, and good soil. He spoke of fields that had good seed and weeds growing together, treasure, merchants & pearls worth giving all for, nets and fishing. He said that “at the end of the age the angels will go forth and separate the evil people from among the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will wail and grind their teeth.” (vs49-50)[When He asked his disciples] ”Have you understood all these things?” They responded “Yes”

He said to them, “Therefore every *Torah*-or religious laws teacher who has been made into a *talmid* (one versed in Jewish law who devotes his life to God, a learner) in and for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the homeowner who brings out from his treasure or storeroom **new** gems of truth as well as **old.**” (CV)

His wisdom and miracles among the commonplace, the same message which brought affirmation from the disciples caused a different reaction in His hometown. Those who thought they knew [him] best or, better

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Ministry Friends

We know that we are not alone in Kingdom work. This month we salute

[Tree Top Kids](http://www.treetopkids.net/)

serves children, youth and families in at-risk communities. We help kids in 26 target mobile home communities grow 4 key areas: Physical, Mental, Spiritual and Social.

<http://www.treetopkids.net/>

see MEC's website for more resources

Mtt 6:26 Look at the birds of the sky: they don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them, aren't you worth more than they?

Names of God

He is Jehovah-Jireh (provider).

Genesis 22:14 Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide.

Matt. 6:8 Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

He is Jehovah-Rophe (healer).

Ex. 15:26 I am the LORD, who heals you.

Isa. 40:31 ... those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength...

He is Jehovah-Shalom (peace).

Is 9:6... He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God Eternal Father, Prince of Peace Rom. 8:6 ... to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful (NASB)

He is Jehovah-Nissi (banner).

Ex. 17:15 Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.

2 Cor. 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ...

He is Jehovah-Rohi (shepherd).

Ps. 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd...

Ps. 100:3 We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

He is Jehovah-Tsidkenu (righteousness).

Jer. 23:6 This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Rom. 8:2 Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

He is Jehovah-Shammah (THE LORD IS THERE, Eze. 48:35)

Mat. 28:20 Surely I am with you always...

Ps. 73:23 Yet I am always with you...

than others took offense, got on the offensive and became offensive to Him.

Are there times when we who know or think we know take offense, getting on the offense and offend God or others? Did those in His hometown who were offended, take offense because their core belief of who God is, and who He said they were, was challenged.

Leaning difficulties make me tentative about learning new things. God brought healing in an emotional area that blocked learning and the encouragement to try. Starting with just a little, one line or verse and adding a bit each day using memory techniques such as moving with each of the words, repetition with an emphasis on a different word each time it was repeated, tossing and catching an object with each word and visualizing helps with memorizing. There are websites filled with reasons to learn new things. While it is difficult and takes a balance between resting and working at learning, some of the advantages I have experienced are relieving restlessness, exercising and healing the brain to release dopamine for positive feelings, prevention or delay of memory loss, discovering new meanings and improving relationships.

The most meaningful reason for learning new concepts is to replace the lies we have believed with the truth of God's love for us. Learning who God is, studying and trusting His good character, and learning who He says we are at an intellectual and emotional level, in our thoughts, minds, and hearts can lay a whole new foundation for our lives.

Jesus Christ offers, that my name is written in the Lamb's book of life!, desiring to walk in the fear of the Lord, seeking God's kingdom and storing up riches for eternity. Trusting in Him and giving thanks has helped [us through several challenging situations]." Doug shares that, "Sharon has diligently searched and loved her Bible, fellowshiping with other believers and being a light at *Music Makers*, her place of employment, in Stillwater.

We have been married 33 years and really enjoy being able to go to jail together as a team. With our four adult children, we enjoy family, walking, friends, music, reading, travel and witnessing wherever we go, with Gods help.

The Lord makes our time [ministering in the jail] a dynamic time. We really count on the word of God to illuminate life to the men and women.

Verses that Sharon & Doug Rely On

To quote Charles Spurgeon 'Evangelism is the work of man, salvation is the work of the Lord!'

◇ 'Faith comes by hearing the message' Romans 10:17 '

◇ My word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.' Isaiah 55:11

We believe 'the call' works like this for us.... God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.

◇ 'Faithful is he that calls YOU, who also will do it'. 1 Thes. 5:24.

This ministry is not ours but the Lords!
All glory to God for He is faithful and true!



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