

Worldviews Can shed

significant light on why we do what we do in this world. And I don't think a lot of us consider that most of our differences in life stem from viewing the world through different angles. And, depending on who you ask, defining a worldview can provide a list as long as your arm down to just two or three distinct views of this world.

I mentioned a few Sundays ago this concept of worldviews. And though I would agree with the person I mentioned who said there are only two worldviews, I also believe there are several nuances to those two primary views of the world.

But, just to keep us on the same page, a worldview is the way we approach the world and the expectations that we have of how it works.

Wikipedia says a worldview is, "...the fundamental cognitive orientation of an individual or society encompassing the whole of the individual's or society's knowledge, culture, and point of view." So, obviously, a number of factors will impact the way someone views the world and is something that can change over time, as more knowledge and experience is achieved in someone's life.

And, so, we all have a worldview. It's something that we cannot escape or ignore, it is just a part of who we are. However, I also believe that we can shift or change our view of the world. In fact, as followers of Jesus, I believe that shifting of our worldview is something we should constantly be doing. It's the reason we should have bible studies and devotionals, it's the reason we should pray and spend time with God, it's the reason we should attend times of community and worship within the church setting and the reason we should be learning more and more about our God in whatever way we can. In fact, Paul writes to us in a well-known passage in Romans 12.2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good

and acceptable and perfect." Our culture offers us a number of ways to view our lives and our place in this world that don't align with the way God created it or intended for us to live in it. But in order to change the way we live and interact with our world, we know we must shift our mind and our attitude towards things in it. Paul uses the word 'transform', which means a significant shift in our thinking and our attitude. If we continue to try to think the way we've always thought and bring the same attitude we've always had, our lives will never really change. Sure, there might be some minor adjustments to certain things, but the overarching, big and life-long changes that we desire and that God desires for us require a very different way of thinking.

It's like trying to homestead, which is a rather popular trend recently. This is basically people trying to live more off the land through having animals and gardens and even finding other renewable ways to get water, heat and other basics for their home while depending less and less on modern resources and corporations. However, to truly embrace that lifestyle requires a significant shift in how one thinks about and views their world. Otherwise you'll just end up having a garden with a few chickens running around.

But, in the end, God desires for us to really consider and rethink the way we've been taught, raised or shown in this world and shift away from the world's way of viewing it to God's way, to truly reconsider and transform our mentality. And the more and more we shift to God's view of the world, the more we realize living in his world can provide us with joy, peace and contentment. I pray we constantly consider our view of the world and question whether it lines up with the way God views it or if it's something we need to look at shifting in our lives.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Camp Fellowship

We will host this event in May on **Monday the 20th at 6:00pm** with a meal followed by worship with the Barely Ables and a message from the new Vermont Christian Church pastor Stacy Popejoy. This is a great way that we serve the camp, including by giving an offering for their continued cost. We will also need help with the meal, so please keep that day open!

Camp Schedule

Camp is coming back in full force this summer, with camps available for going into 1st grade through 2024 graduates. Sign up is available through the camp website (lamoinecamp.org) and if you marked that you're registering through our church, we will pay 50% of each camper's registration cost (we can cover more if necessary). Please contact the church office with questions.

Also, we are responsible for providing **25 boxes of Fruit Loop cereal** again this year; generic is fine, too. Please have boxes here by **Monday, May 20th**. Also, we are responsible for cooking all day on **Tuesday, July 2nd** starting at 10:30am. Please let Matthew know if you'd be interested in helping cook.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Rushville Pregnancy Resource Center's annual fundraiser of filling baby bottles begins **Mother's Day (May 12th)** and ends on **Father's Day (June 16th)**. Bottles will be available in the back of the sanctuary so feel free to grab one and fill it with coins, bills or even a check to help support this wonderful ministry.

Prayer List

- Kirsta Anderson-colon cancer spread to liver
- Jerry Armbruster – serious health issues
- Roy Atwood (Angela T's dad) – dementia
- Mike Catrino – possible Parkinson's
- Dorothy Cleavinger – serious health issues
- Joan and Ron Davis - Ron paralyzed
- Karen Fredrick – in hospital, not well
- Mike Grater – cancer
- Eric Hamm – leukemia
- Jim Kinzer – cancer, heart attack
- Chris Lewis – cancer
- Rudy Lewis - dementia
- Butch Maloney - cancer
- Dan Palmer - health issues
- Debbie Opp – chemo treatment, off work
- Will Rhoades – recovering from cellulitis
- Marion Trone – cyst clear but testing for diabetes
- Becky Watson – cancer treatments started (insurance struggles)
- Diane Walters - hospital, critical condition
- Ellen Webb – cancer, colon surgery
- Friend of Mary Belville – unspoken
- Unspoken Prayer Concern
- Campus House leadership changes

Condolences

Sharon Lindsey family

April Financials

	Actual Offering	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Apr 7 th	\$1,263.00	\$11,064.00	\$13,041.56
Apr 14 th	\$948.00	\$12,012.00	\$13,973.10
Apr 21 st	\$663.00	\$12,675.00	\$14,904.64
Apr 28 th	\$1312.39	\$13,987.39	\$15,836.18

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You Are Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

Events:

Thurs., May 2nd – National Day of Prayer @7am, 12pm and 7pm

Sat., May 4th – Bader Fish Fry @8:30am

Tues., May 7th – VBS meeting @4pm

Sun., May 12th – Board Meeting @6pm

Tues., May 14th – Man Up @6:30pm

Mon. May 20th – Camp Fellowship, ACC @6pm

Sun., May 26th – Worship and Prayer @6pm

All events are subject to change. Please keep up to date by checking the bulletin, Facebook page or website.



“... they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31