**August-September, 2024**  **Bascom Community Church**

“Reaching People with the Love of Christ”

**Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30**

**Adult Sunday School 9:30**



**WHAT IS YOUR GOD VIEW??**

A couple of weeks ago while officiating my Aunt Joan’s Memorial Service, I got into a discussion with her daughter Michelle. She is a teacher, as was my aunt, and we began talking about novels including *Catch 22*. Being a pastor, I of course had to touch upon God during the conversation lol. I asked her if she remembers Yossarian (the main character in the story) breaking up with his girlfriend over the God that they did not believe in. The God that he did not believe in was mean, cruel, and constantly seeking to punish people. The God that she did not believe in was full of grace, mercy, and love. Finally, their opposing views of a God that they did not believe in led to irreconcilable differences.

Remembering this, for I had not thought of it for at least 50 years, got me to thinking about how our God view impacts how we process this world and even view our own salvation. This concept of how our God view impacts our lives became more focused as I started reading *Calvin vs. Wesley: Bringing Belief in Line with Practice.* There is an emphasis in the book that as Wesleyan in nature and followers of a Risen Savior, we are ALL called to minister to the hurt, the lost, and the broken of the world. How we view God, directly impacts how we will interact and pray with them.

If you believe that all things happen to the will of God, then you will pray for God’s will to be done. If you believe in a God who heals, then you will pray for a healing. If you believe in a God who helps people help themselves, you will pray for spiritual, physical, and emotional strength for the people you encounter. If you do not believe in a God who answers prayers, then you will focus on conversing and empathizing with them instead of praying with them.

This translates into how we view our walk with Christ. How much, or how little, is God actively involved with our day-to-day lives? How exactly is God involved? What role does free will play in our relationship with God, or is every aspect of our lives predetermined? What priorities does God have and how what ends is God working to achieve? Is God’s will primarily for our individual benefit, or for the benefit of the church universal? Or are there grander plans involved which may or may not directly affect us as individuals?

I leave it at this…and ask you to ask yourself these two questions:

1. “What is my God view?”
2. How does this perception of God affect how I live out Christ’s dual commandments as revealed in the Gospel of Matthew to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind…and love your neighbor as yourself.”?

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” John 13:35

God Bless…Pastor Dean



**Adult Sunday School**

This summer, the Class has been studying Francis Chan’s series, Finding Truth. We have discussed the power and confidence that comes from anchoring our identity, purpose, and relationships in the truth of Scripture.

Next up for the Class is a study on Love in Chaos by Bob Goff. Discussions will center around the division in our world and how Christians should follow Jesus and obey his commands in a time of chaos.

Please come join us!!!



**Bascom Community Calendar**

The Bascom Community Calendar project is underway. Calendar route personnel are now taking orders for calendars and listings.

Calendars for the year December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025 are being sold for $7.00 each.

The project is to be completed by Sunday August 25, 2024. If you have not been contacted by that date, please contact Ron Lutz at 419-448-8675.

The Church graciously thanks the businesses that supply advertisements listed on the calendars. Please thank those businesses for their support!!





**August-September, 2024 Events**

August 3 Men’s breakfast at Frisch’s 9:00 a.m.

August 4 Communion Sunday

August 12-18 Pastor Dean on vacation

August 18 Reverend Mike Denman providing the Worship message

August 20 Admin. Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

August 26 First Day of School at Hopewell

Sept. 1 Communion Sunday

Sept. 2 Labor Day

Sept. 7 Men’s breakfast at TBA 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Bob Greene [(419) 512-7588] from Hopewell Church of God will be providing the pastoral care coverage during Pastor Dean’s vacation from August 12-18th.

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**BIBLE JOKES**

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?  
A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?  
 A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



Following are the Scriptures that go along with the pastor’s sermons for the months of August-September, 2024:

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| *Thursday* **1 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 78](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+78) [2 Samuel 15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+15) | *Friday* **2 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Ephesians 4:1-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+4:1-16) [2 Samuel 16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+16) | *Saturday* **3 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [John 6:22-35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:22-35) [2 Samuel 17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+17) | *Sunday* **4 Aug 2024**    B PROPER 13(18) [{ 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+11:26-12:13) [Psalm 51:1-12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+51:1-12) *or* [Exodus 16:2-4,9-15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EXODUS+16:2-4,9-15) [Psalm 78:13-29 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+78:13-29) [Ephesians 4:1-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS++4:1-16) [John 6:24-35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:24-35) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **5 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [2 Samuel 18 & 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+18;19) [*(Psalm 66)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+66) | *Tuesday* **6 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 130](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+130) [2 Samuel 20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+20) | *Wednesday* **7 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [1 Kings 19:1-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+19:1-9) [2 Samuel 21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+21) | *Thursday* **8 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 34:1-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+34:1-8) [2 Samuel 22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+22) | *Friday* **9 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Ephesians 4:17-5:14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+4:17-5:14) [2 Samuel 23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+23) | *Saturday* **10 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [John 6:35-51](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:35-51) [2 Samuel 24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+24) | *Sunday* **11 Aug 2024**    B PROPER 14(19) [{ 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+18:5-9,15,31-33) [Psalm 130](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++130) *or* [1 Kings 19:4-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+19:4-8) [Psalm 34:1-8 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++34:1-8) [Ephesians 4:25-5:2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+4:25-5:2) [John 6:35,41-51](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:35,41-51) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **12 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [1 Kings 1 & 2 & 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+1;2;3) | *Tuesday* **13 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 111](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+111) [1 Kings 4 & 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+4;5) | *Wednesday* **14 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Proverbs 9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+9) [1 Kings 6 & 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+6;7) | *Thursday* **15 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 34:9-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+34:9-14) [1 Kings 8 & 9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+8;9) | *Friday* **16 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Ephesians 5:15-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+5:15-33) [1 Kings 10 & 11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+10;11) | *Saturday* **17 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [John 6:51-58](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:51-58) [1 Kings 12 & 13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+12;13) | *Sunday* **18 Aug 2024**    B PROPER 15(20) [{ 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+2:10-12;3:3-14) [Psalm 111](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++111) *or* [Proverbs 9:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+9:1-6) [Psalm 34:9-14 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++34:9-14) [Ephesians 5:15-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+5:15-20) [John 6:51-58](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN++6:51-58) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **19 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [1 Kings 8:1-61](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+8:1-61) [1 Kings 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+14) | *Tuesday* **20 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 84](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+84) [1 Kings 15 & 16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+15;16) | *Wednesday* **21 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Joshua 24:1-27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOSHUA+24:1-27) [1 Kings 17 & 18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+17;18) | *Thursday* **22 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 34:15-22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+34:15-22) [1 Kings 19 & 20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+19;20) | *Friday* **23 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Ephesians 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+6) [1 Kings 21 & 22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+21;22) | *Saturday* **24 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [John 6:56-71](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:56-71) [Song of Solomon 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon1) | *Sunday* **25 Aug 2024**    B PROPER 16(21) [{ 1 Kings 8:*(1,6,10-11)*,22-30,41-43](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43) [Psalm 84](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++84) *or* [Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOSHUA+24:1-2,14-18) [Psalm 34:15-22 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++34:15-22) [Ephesians 6:10-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=EPHESIANS+6:10-20) [John 6:56-69](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+6:56-69) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **26 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Song of Solomon 2 & 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon2;3) [*(Psalm 67)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+67) | *Tuesday* **27 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 45](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+45) [Song of Solomon 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon4) | *Wednesday* **28 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Deuteronomy 4:1-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DEUTERONOMY+4:1-14) [Song of Solomon 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon5) | *Thursday* **29 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+15) [Song of Solomon 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon6) | *Friday* **30 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [James 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+1) [Song of Solomon 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon7) | *Saturday* **31 Aug 2024**    ORDINARY [Mark 7:1-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+7:1-23) [Song of Solomon 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon8) | *Sunday* **1 Sep 2024**    B PROPER 17(22) [{ Song of Solomon 2:8-13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=SONG+ofSolomon2:8-13) [Psalm 45:1-2,6-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+45:1-2,6-9) *or* [Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DEUTERONOMY+4:1-2,6-9) [Psalm 15 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++15) [James 1:17-27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+1:17-27) [Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+7:1-8,14-15,21-23) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **2 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Proverbs 22:1-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+22:1-23) [Proverbs 1 & 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+1;2) | *Tuesday* **3 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 125](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+125) [Proverbs 3 & 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+3;4) | *Wednesday* **4 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Isaiah 35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+35) [Proverbs 5 & 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+5;6) | *Thursday* **5 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 146](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+146) [Proverbs 7 & 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+7;8) | *Friday* **6 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [James 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+2) [Proverbs 9 & 10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+9;10) | *Saturday* **7 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Mark 7:24-37](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+7:24-37) [Proverbs 11 & 12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+11;12) | *Sunday* **8 Sep 2024**    B PROPER 18(23) [{ Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+22:1-2,8-9,22-23) [Psalm 125](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++125) *or* [Isaiah 35:4-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+35:4-7) [Psalm 146 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++146) [James 2:1-10,*(11-13)*,14-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+2:1-10,11-13,14-17) [Mark 7:24-37](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK++7:24-37) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **9 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Proverbs 1:20-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+1:20-33) [Proverbs 13 & 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+13;14) | *Tuesday* **10 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+19) [Proverbs 15 & 16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+15;16) | *Wednesday* **11 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Isaiah 50](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+50) [Proverbs 17 & 18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+17;18) | *Thursday* **12 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 116](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+116) [Proverbs 19 & 20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+19;20) | *Friday* **13 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [James 3:1-12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+3:1-12) [Proverbs 21 & 22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+21;22) | *Saturday* **14 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Mark 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+8) [Proverbs 23 & 24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+23;24) | *Sunday* **15 Sep 2024**    B PROPER 19(24) [{ Proverbs 1:20-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS++1:20-33) [Psalm 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++19) *or* [Isaiah 50:4-9a](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+50:4-9) [Psalm 116:1-9 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+116:1-9) [James 3:1-12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES++3:1-12) [Mark 8:27-38](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+8:27-38) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **16 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Proverbs 31:10-31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+31:10-31) [Proverbs 25 & 26 & 27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+25;26;27) | *Tuesday* **17 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+1) [Proverbs 28 & 29](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+28;29) | *Wednesday* **18 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Jeremiah 11:18-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+11:18-23) [Proverbs 30 & 31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS+30;31) | *Thursday* **19 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 54](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+54) [Esther 1 & 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ESTHER+1;2) | *Friday* **20 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [James 3:13-4:17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+3:13-4:17) [Esther 3 & 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ESTHER+3;4) | *Saturday* **21 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Mark 9:1-37](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+9:1-37) [Esther 5 & 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ESTHER+5;6) | *Sunday* **22 Sep 2024**    B PROPER 20(25) [{ Proverbs 31:10-31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PROVERBS++31:10-31) [Psalm 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++1) *or* [Jeremiah 11:18-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+11:18-20) [Psalm 54 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++54) [James 3:13-4:3,7-8a](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+3:13-4:3,7-8) [Mark 9:30-37](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+9:30-37) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **23 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Esther 7 & 8 & 9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ESTHER+7;8;9) | *Tuesday* **24 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 124](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+124) [Esther 10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ESTHER+10) | *Wednesday* **25 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Numbers 11:4-35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=NUMBERS+11:4-35) [Job 1 & 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+1;2) | *Thursday* **26 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Psalm 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+19) [Job 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+3) | *Friday* **27 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [James 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+5) [Job 4 & 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+4;5) | *Saturday* **28 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Mark 9:38-50](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+9:38-50) [Job 6 & 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+6;7) | *Sunday* **29 Sep 2024**    B PROPER 21(26) [{ Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ESTHER+7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22) [Psalm 124](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++124) *or* [Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=NUMBERS+11:4-6,10-16,24-29) [Psalm 19:7-14 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+19:7-14) [James 5:13-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JAMES+5:13-20) [Mark 9:38-50](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK++9:38-50) *(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday* **30 Sep 2024**    ORDINARY [Job 1:1-2:10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+1:1-2:10) [Job 8 & 9 & 10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+8;9;10) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**The June, 2024 Administrative Board Meeting was cancelled so there are no meeting minutes to include.**



**WATERMELON LEMONADE**

**Ingredients**

* 1 [large or 2 small watermelons](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/glossary/watermelon-glossary)
* 250ml lemon juice (from a bottle or squeeze your own)
* 100g [golden caster sugar](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/glossary/sugar-glossary)
* 1l bottle soda water
* 1 [lime](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/glossary/lime-glossary), cut into slices
* small handful [mint](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/glossary/mint-glossary)
* crushed ice
* **STEP 1**

Cut the top off the watermelon and hollow it out using a large spoon, fishing out any pips along the way. Mash the flesh through a sieve into a bowl. Put the flesh in a [blender](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/review/test-five-best-blenders) (or use a tall jug and hand blender) with the lemon juice and sugar, whizz to a purée, then stir in the soda.

* **STEP 2**

Heap some ice into the hollowed-out watermelon and fill it with the lemonade mixture. Serve the rest in a jug with the lime slices and mint. Have a bowl of extra crushed ice on the side so people can help themselves.



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| From: God  To: All His Children  Effective Immediately:  Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may  fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I  am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you 10 Commandments. Keep them, but follow these  guidelines as well.  1. QUIT WORRYING  Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry  them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?  2. PUT IT ON THE LIST  Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take  Care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can  take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you  that you never even realize.  3. TRUST ME  Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your  needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list.  Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.  4. LEAVE IT ALONE  Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think  you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength  and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started?  Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.  5. TALK TO ME  I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm  in control. But there's one thing I want you to never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear  your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family.  Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.  6. HAVE FAITH  I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me,  you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have  to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part.  How hard can trust be?  7. SHARE  You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those  who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who  haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have  none.  8. BE PATIENT  I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have  children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so  much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my  to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone  thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.  9. BE KIND  Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way  you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be  too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.  10. LOVE YOURSELF  As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of  Love. Love me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when  things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!  With all my heart, I love you,  GOD |
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**SCUBA VBS RECAP**

We held our annual Ecumenical VBS at Bascom Community Church from June 10-14th. This year’s theme was **“SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God.”** Each day we had between 50-60 kids and around 40-45 volunteers. The week ended with a program for family spotlighting what was learned throughout the week followed by fellowship with cookies and punch. The kids collected around $300 to be donated to providing clean water to those less fortunate in Honduras. Thanks goes to all in this church and in all the community churches which made this blessed week possible!

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