



# On the Same Page

“Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.” (Luke 12:3 NAS95)

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## A Developing Direction

### Forever-Family Fellowship

**We will teach and practice truth-and-love relationships with brothers-sisters in Christ that must survive/thrive in the present because we believe that these relationships will last forever**

### All-Week-Long Worship

As the local body of believers gathers each Sunday for worship, **we will inspire a worship experience for all age groups that will travel with you all week long.** What we do on Sunday will assist you in your singing, in your praying, in your devotion, and in your witness.

Conversely, it is as you worship all-week-long that you will be prepared to enter into gathered worship on Sunday.

### Day-to-Day Discipleship

As followers of Christ, we are disciples every single day. Respect for and commitment to Scripture is essential. **We will show you how to interact with and respond to God's Word, both as individuals, and in groups.**

### Moment-by-Moment Mission

God, the Architect of the world and of our lives arranges appointments and interruptions. Each of us is called to represent His Son for the glory of His Name. **We will cultivate a mind-set for moment-by-moment mission, whether close to home, or far away.**

## A Campaign of Whisperers

Sunday, June 25, 2017

I do not tend to wax political in these articles, and it is not my intent here, though “a campaign of whisperers” may best be illustrated by a rather grand parade of leaks and anonymous sources which serve as the basis for so many ‘news’ stories of late. Every reporter seems to have some inside lackey in the halls of power - someone perhaps not-so-important but who can still give his/her impression of the current state of things. I wonder what their real job is. What are they paid to do? Is their reason for existence merely to give flimsy opinions to mediums of wide circulation? Is this really how government, and journalism works?

I talk too much. There are times that I have sinned by not speaking up or speaking out. But more often, I’ve blurted out something beyond what should have been said. Those are the kinds of whisperings to which I’m referring - needless words that are based more on impression than on fact - and who cares about mere opinion anyway, whether mine, or yours?

Whispering campaigns have destroyed many churches. And whispering campaigns have afflicted many Christians. People who do not know will criticize your beliefs and your motives. One Old Testament lament says, [“The lips of my assailants and their whispering are against me all day long.”](#) And as our secular society turns more and more against traditional morality, and Christianity in particular, expect that the whispering campaigns will be reinforced to accuse of narrowness and hatefulness and bigotry and racism and cruelty, etc. David said, [“All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt.”](#) It doesn’t have to be true. It merely has to be whispered. Others will gladly do the transmitting.

We can do little to protect ourselves from the whisperings of others, other than to be bold ourselves, and clear about who we are, what we stand for, and why we believe. It is interesting that, while [Luke 12:3](#) says that their secret whisperings will one day be proclaimed on the housetops, [Matthew 10:27](#) tells us to boldly proclaim what we have come to know and love. Our boldness can forestall their whispering.

But let’s also be warned ourselves about being involved in whispering against others. That’s not why we are here. It’s not our calling, nor our mission. If we can’t say it out loud, then let us not say it at all. And if it is going to be unhelpful or untrue, then let’s close our mouths until God gives us something important to say.

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Martin Luther, in “What to Look for and Expect in the Gospels” (1521, during his imprisonment for safekeeping in Wartburg Castle) - explains that there are not four different Gospels, but only one Gospel, told over in each of the Gospels, with varying amounts of detail, as well as in the Epistles, where the message is proclaimed to the churches, and in our own day, as we re-tell the story.

**“For at its briefest, the gospel is a discourse about Christ, that he is the Son of God and became man for us, that he died and was raised, that he has been established as a Lord over all things.”**

Martin Luther’s Basic Theological Writings. Augsburg Fortress, 2005, p. 94.

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## News and Notes

**Prayer Time:** Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., at the Milford Tim Hortons; Sundays, 9 a.m., in the sanctuary  
**Church-Wide Canoe and Picnic, Saturday, June 24. Canoeing at 1 p.m.; Picnic at 5 p.m.** For the picnic, meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

**The series on Marriage Communication meets this Tuesday, June 27th.** Start time is 6:15 at the church, and the study concludes at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Sunday, July 2, we will have a potluck breakfast** at 10 a.m. in place of our regular Sunday School hour. Plan to join us at 10 a.m., and share in the fellowship before we gather for worship and Lord’s Table at 11 a.m.

Our monthly **American House service is going to be delayed one week, until Sunday, July 9,** to avoid the holiday weekend.

**Please note the church’s new phone number: 248-717-3564**

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**Weekly Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Last Sunday, June 18,** men from our congregation led our worship service, sharing Scripture and testimony. Thanks to Mike L., Jimmie L., Michael G., and Ben B for sharing your stories and thoughts.

**This Sunday, June 25, we resume our summer series from Luke 6, Jesus’ Plain Preaching,** and his Sermon on the Plain. Having introduced Luke’s alternation between blessing and woes, we take each pair

in detail, thinking about rich and poor (vv. 20,24), **in a message entitled “The Problem of Prosperity.”**

**Sunday School classes meet each Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m.** Our adult class is studying subjects related to the morning message; the youth are tackling a series on Biblical answers to tough questions; the children’s class is learning the Lord’s Prayer.

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