

THE BANNER



The title of this article is intentionally designed to get your attention. Is Pastor John really an advocate of catholic orthodoxy? I am. Vigorously.

Unfortunately, within Bible-believing, gospel preaching, Spirit-filled churches today, these two words have fallen out of favor. People often do not know what they mean nor why they are important. Christians need to know their history and their theology, what we believe, why we believe it, and where it came from. Throughout 2,000 years of church history, the word “catholic” has meant universal, the one and only true Church of Jesus Christ on earth. “Orthodoxy” means right worship, the way that the Lord God has instructed us to believe, know, and honor Him.

Catholic Orthodoxy

by Pastor John Mochel

When those who know their history use the word “catholic” we are not speaking of the institutional Roman Catholic Church. When we use the word “orthodox” we are not speaking about that which is ceremonial, old, and boring. False teachings and teachers abound and how are you to know them for what they are? The Christian who adheres to catholic orthodoxy will be guarded from heresy and distortions of the true faith handed down to us over the ages. We will be protected from the false doctrines of the prosperity gospel, purgatory, misuse of the gifts of tongues and prophecy, the denial of the Trinity, sacramentalism, annihilationism, legalism, Christian nationalism, theological liberalism, American individualism, Pelagianism, Unitarianism, Arianism, Mormonism, Darwinism, Hedonism, Relativism, Marxism, and so much more.

There are some Christians who will declare, “I just need me and my Bible to know what is right.” That is foolish arrogance. It would be like a high school basketball player declaring that all he needs is the ball and his own skills; coaches and coaching are unnecessary. Of course such an ignorant theologian will be influenced, he just doesn’t recognize from whom. What catholic orthodoxy recognizes is that it is essential to be guided by others who have loved the Lord and devoted themselves to His Word, particularly those whose teachings have been tested by time and other believers.

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C.S. Lewis has said as much in his little essay, "On the Reading of Old Books."

We all, therefore, need the books that will correct the characteristic mistakes of our own period. And that means the old books. All contemporary writers share to some extent the contemporary outlook...

None of us can fully escape this blindness, but we shall certainly increase it, and weaken our guard against it, if we read only modern books. Where they are true they will give us truths which we half knew already. Where they are false they will aggravate the error with which we are already dangerously ill.

The only palliative is to keep the clean sea breeze of the centuries blowing through our minds, and this can be done only by reading old books. Not, of course, that there is any magic about the past. People were no cleverer then than they are now; they made as many mistakes as we. But not the same mistakes. They will not flatter us in the errors we are already committing; and their own errors, being now open and palpable, will not endanger us...

To be sure, the books of the future would be just as good a corrective as the books of the past, but unfortunately we cannot get at them."

Who then are we to listen to, read, and learn from? Well, fortunately there is a rich history of Christians who have loved the Lord, taught His Word, preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, lived out the faith for the glory of God, and looked forward to His return. These pastors and theologians have largely agreed on most aspects of Christian doctrine and living. You might ask who those might be. That is an excellent question. Of course, the catholic orthodox Christian must begin with and keep returning to the Bible. This is what faithful believers through the ages have always done. It is, of course, important to recognize that they do not always get everything exactly right. We do not either. But we need their guidance.

Twenty of the Great Guides

Ignatius of Antioch (executed in Rome 108AD)
Justin Martyr (95-165)
Irenaeus of Lyons (125-202)
Tertullian of Carthage (155-220)
Athanasius of Alexandria (296-373)
John Chrysostom (347-407)
Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*
Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)
Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
Martin Luther (1483-1546)
John Calvin (1509-1564)*
John Owen (1616-1683)
John Bunyan (1628-1688)
Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)
Charles Simeon (1759-1836)
J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)
C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)*
Martin Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981)
J.I. Packer (1926-2020)*

* indicates the four most helpful pastor/theologians according to Pastor John.

Ministry Opportunities

NACEL OPEN DOOR

Host families for exchange students arriving this fall to attend high school are needed. Many boys and girls to choose from various countries. Please contact Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143 for more information and to choose your student. If a family chooses to host, Nacel Open Door will make a \$250 donation to the church for each student placed receiving a home. Two student profiles are posted on the bulletin board!

OYATE MISSIONS TRIP

July 12-17 Brooklyn will be sending a team to help construct a Ministry Center, finish the interior of the horse barn, complete landscaping, and work on the community garden. A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Connie Schmidt (605)-957-5585 or Pastor John. Prayerfully consider joining the team!

INSPIRATION HILLS

Inspiration Hills is currently hiring Counselors, Day Camp Coordinators, a Worship Coordinator, Wranglers, and support staff. Those interested can learn more on their website, inspirationhills.org or contact Lucas Draffen at (712) 578-1422 with questions.



If you are young, adventuresome, strong, and courageous; you are invited to travel up to Ely, Minnesota this summer with Pastor John and other leaders for a week of canoeing and camping.

We will leave at 4:00am on July 27th from Brooklyn Church in Beresford. We will travel to Ely, MN by bus and will put our canoes in the water the following morning on Fall Lake. We will spend 6 days and 5 nights in the wilderness. We will leave our canoeing life on August 2nd for supper and arrive home in the evening of August 3rd. We will be canoeing in two or three different groups. Competent adults will always be in every group.

Every morning and evening we will spend an hour in God's Word and quiet meditation. We will fish, swim, sunbathe, hike, have water fights, build fires (small ones), cook, eat, swim again, climb trees, talk with friends, slap mosquitoes, see the stars, watch the Northern Lights, and have a wonderful opportunity to deepen our relationships with God. It will be a great time!

The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$450 per person. We will be doing some fundraising together to reduce the cost. In the past this has brought the cost down to about \$150 for those who participate in the fundraising. If the cost is a barrier for you, talk to Pastor John. Furthermore, you must purchase a Minnesota fishing license for \$43 if you want to fish.

We want you to come if you will soon complete grades 9-12. We would love it if at least one parent could come with you. If you are finishing grades 6-8 you must have a parent or a grandparent to come with you. Families are invited as well. Knowing how to swim is a requirement for the trip. More information will be forthcoming, as well as a big packing party on Sunday, July 19th and prayer together on July 26th.

Get a deposit of \$100, made out to Brooklyn Church, to Pastor John to reserve a spot. Please get your registration to Pastor Mochel by April 26th. We have limited spots for people to go. These spots will go to the first people who get their deposits to the pastor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Mochel at 605-351-6630 (cell).

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 5:30p NS Pie Auction	2 6:30p Pathway 7p HS Study 7p Dig Deeper	3 8a CC 6:30p Bible Study 7p Township Meeting, FH	4 12p Community Study 6:30p AWANA 6:30p AIC Youth	5 9:30a Women's Study	6 9-10:30a Homeschool Event, FH	7
8 <i>DST Begins</i> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 3:30-8p HA Gala	9 6:30p Pathway 7p HS Study 7p Dig Deeper	10 8a CC	11 12p Community Study 6:30p AWANA 6:30p AIC Youth	12 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Study	13 9a Elder Board Meeting	14
15 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Bible Study 6p CC Room 1	16 6:30p Pathway 7p HS Study 7p Dig Deeper	17 8a CC	18 12p Community Study 9a Ministerial 6:30p AWANA 6:30p AIC Youth	19 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Study	20 <i>Welcome Spring!</i>	21 9a Missions Committee Meeting
22 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Bible Study	23 6:30p Pathway 7p HS Study 7p Dig Deeper	24 8a CC	25 12p Community Study 6:30p AWANA 6:30p AIC Youth	26 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Study	27 4-9p CC Event, FH	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Bible Study	30 6:30p Pathway 7p HS Study 7p Dig Deeper	31 8a CC				

Happy Birthday to:

1 Talisha Fahlberg	9 Karl Leikvold	16 Zech Stake
4 Allan Charrlin	11 Charlotte Snook	19 Hannah Bird
5 Pete Fahlberg	12 Caleb Stake	25 Rebecca Meier
6 Elsie Krebs	13 Rena VanHofwegen	28 Ellie Monen
8 Sandra Carnes	15 Chandler Sims	28 Wyatt Sims
8 Marcus Wynia	16 Rylee Adam	29 Ryan Rozeboom

Happy Anniversary to:

1 Lewis & Brittany VanHofwegen
29 Mark & Karla Bovill

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Date	Nursery	Children's Church	Music/Missions	Scripture Reader
3/1	Stacy Sims Isaac Bovill	Colleen Buss Andrew Bovill	Missions Moment	Allen Sveeggen
3/8	Nancy Mochel Lewie Gordon	Brittany VH Elsie Bovill	Open	Arlyn Abrams
3/15	Jackie Krebs Abby Wergin	Michelle DeLay Isaac Bovill	Tavin Lewis	Dan Paulson
3/22	Karla Bovill Clara Sims	BJ Pramann Elijah Stake	Steve VH	Matthew Wynia
3/29	Michelle DeLay Memphis Meier	Harley Koth Lewie Gordon	Open	Jerrold Wynia
4/5	Jen Gordon Carmen VH	Julie Saugstad Sara Hoffman	Communion	Robin Leikvold
4/12	Stacy Sims Wesley Krebs	Nancy Mochel Anna Kelderman	Matilda Lewis	Rhonda Wynia
4/19	Nancy Mochel Bethany Hoffman	Connie Pierce Jack DeLay	Randy Schmidt	Ted Lewis
4/26	Jackie Krebs Sydney DeLay	Colleen Buss Bethany Hoffman	Open	Jeremy Saugstad

MARCH

Worship Leader
Pete Fahlberg

Keyboard
Doreen Fahlberg

Ushers
Eric Adam, Clif Carnes,
Ron Swanson, Reid Jensen

APRIL

Worship Leader
Brian Fahlberg

Keyboard
Connie Twedt

Ushers
Karl Leikvold, Dan Paulson,
Ted Lewis, Dave Nelson



March 1

John 18:1-14 Jesus Arrested in the Garden

March 8

John 18:15-27 Jesus the High Priest

March 15

John 18:28-40 Jesus Before Pilate

March 24

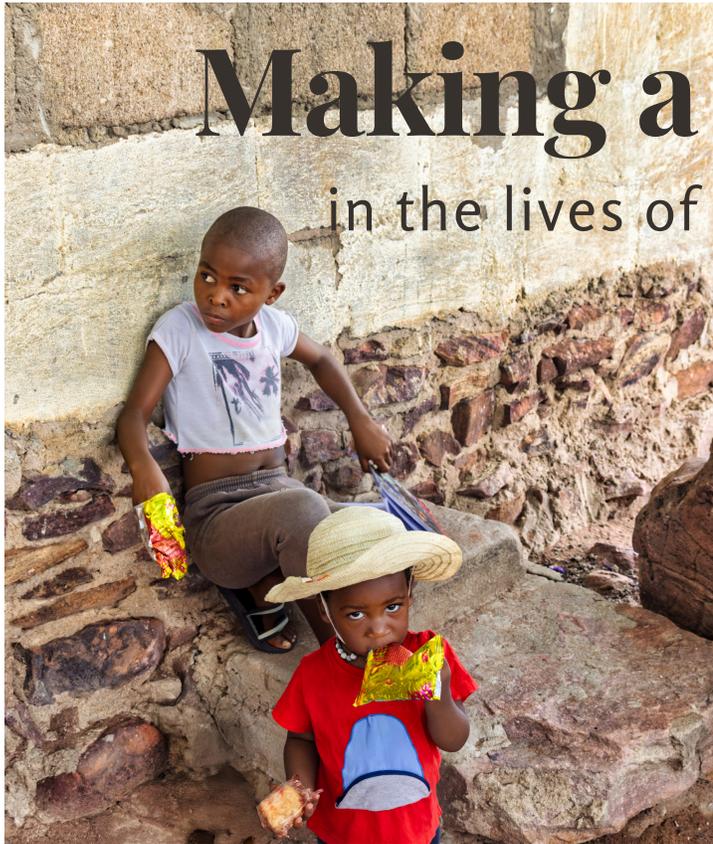
John 19:1-16 The King & the Governor

March 29

John 19:17-30 The Crucifixion of the King, Palm Sunday

Making a Difference

in the lives of Haitian Children



Did You Know...

...there are sixty-five children in Haiti that are sponsored by people from the Beresford area? The children in need are identified by the Mompremier who then collaborate with Janice Abrams. Below is a letter received from Kristie Mompremier describing the difference this sponsorship made in the life of a young woman. The Mompremier are planning to be at Brooklyn Church in June and will be sharing updates about their ministry. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact Janice Abrams!

Hello!

How are you? I just received a really nice surprise. Anaika Joseph was sponsored by Beresford for many years. I have Anderson/Rice Kaye by her name if that rings any bells. Her family lived at the base of the mountains behind UCI--very remote area. But her family worked as subsistence farmers and wanted Anaika to be educated. You guys gave her that chance. She left the school several years ago because she got really sick. She had a relative in the D.R. and her family brought her there (crossing the river) for medical treatment. We found out about this months after she left. We didn't hear from her or her family. She is back! She is a poised young lady and in premedicine! She came up to me and it took a bit for me to place her--she has been gone since 6th grade! It was great to talk to her. Then she found me again and gave me this letter to give to her old sponsor. Here it is! I don't know if you can find her old sponsor (I did see that I gave that person Merone Withchenley after Anaika left) but this is a beautiful letter of appreciation. You can show it to other sponsors to encourage them. Their gift really is appreciated and such a blessing.

Thanks for all you do!

Kristie

