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November 2024 Newsletter



... "where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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NOVEMBER 2024 @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27</p> <p>Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:00am -Worship Service 10:30am - Sunday School Pot-Blessing Meal to follow</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> 
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Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon			
30-Sep-24			
General Fund		Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions		\$24,399.00	\$220,462
Expenditures		-\$21,397.00	-\$242,726
Surplus / (Shortfall)			\$ (22,264)

	9/30/2024
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$24,399
Deacons	-\$12,645
Education	-\$29
Finance	-\$4,153
Trustees	-\$3,885
Worship & Music	-\$679
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$21,391
Other Income (Rent, Interest)	\$27
Other Income)	\$128
General Fund Balance Change	\$3,163

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			\$34,343	Target is \$60,000
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<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building Fund			\$ 73
Building Improvement Fund			\$ 15
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$ 245
Designated Donations		(27)	\$ -
Furnace Fund	6987		\$ 22,274
Good Samaritan Fund		-99.48	\$ 1,946
Holiday Baskets			\$ 1,442
Lent Offering			\$ -
Memorial Fund			\$ 9,808
Men's Fellowship/Breakfast			\$ 1,396
Men's Fraternity			\$ -
Outreach Ministries			\$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions	15		\$ 398
Thanksgiving Offering			\$ -
Trail Life	400		\$ 573
Vacation Bible School			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ 404
Wedding Fund			\$ 500
Wednesday Suppers	326		\$ 2,928
World Missions Fund	5		\$ 9,981
Youth Activities Fund	350		\$ 1,763
Youth FLY Fund	39		\$ 12,508
Special Funds Balance			\$ 66,892
General Fund Balance			\$ 34,343
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 101,215
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$ 20

Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
 Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer
treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com
 218-498-2808

September Financial Spreadsheet

November~ Happy Birthday!

Clay Johnson	November 01
Titus Johnson	November 01
Abby Dahl	November 03
Mary Ellen Ward	November 03
Joe Olek	November 05
Jeanie Rasmussen	November 05
Mary Langerud	November 07
Kristi Schneidermann	November 07
Terrie Enlow	November 08
Josiah Hurner	November 08
Jessica Green	November 09
Skyler Dunham	November 10
Julie Scheuring	November 10
Jayden Pender	November 11
Daniel Rugroden	November 11
Savannah Johnson	November 12
Scott McLawhorn	November 12
Lainey Heffta	November 13
Katie Oberg	November 13
Allison Schneidermann	November 13
Kris Schlieper	November 14
Jerome Trautmann	November 14
Rochelle Olson	November 15
Art Welle	November 15
Isaac Young	November 15
Amanda Erickson	November 17
Taylor Macziewski	November 17
Leane Trautmann	November 17
Loren Wibbels	November 17
Dave Zach	November 18
Pr Dale Finstrom	November 19
Ashlyn Lockner	November 21
Darrell Menholt	November 21
Ryder Menholt	November 21
John Sanger	November 21
Allen Wibbels	November 21
Alyssa Johnson	November 22
Michael Gonzalez	November 23
Craig Hurner	November 25
Isabel Toms	November 25
Stephanie Tweten	November 25
Marlysa Ladwig	November 26
Bob Jacobsen	November 28
Cliff Langerud	November 28
Amy Johnson	November 30



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

November~ Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Voni Specht	November 02
David & Kristi Schneidermann	November 09
Ben & CieGie Hilde	November 19
Tim & Lori Pender	November 19
Reuben & Eileen Moseng	November 24
Kris & Angela Schlieper	November 24
Greg & Ellen Zillmer	November 24
Dwight & MaryBeth Fevig	November 27
Craig & Carla Hurner	November 30



Military Personnel

Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson
James Cortelyou, nephew of Art & Delores Welle
Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl
Cody Dravland, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Makaila England, niece of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Jonathan Eastvold, nephew of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson
Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud
Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson
Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug & Tiffany Macziewski
Sierra Northridge, member of Ulen congregation
Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf
Ethen Vind, grandson of Art & Dolores Welle



SALT + TEENS

SALTTEENS WILL HOLD A PIE BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE. WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO PROVIDE 2 PIES, BAKED, AND READY TO EAT, TO SELL THAT MORNING. THIS WILL BE THE NEXT FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FLY 2025. FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 2 IF YOU WISH.



BEHOLD

FLY 2025 | JOHN 1:29

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

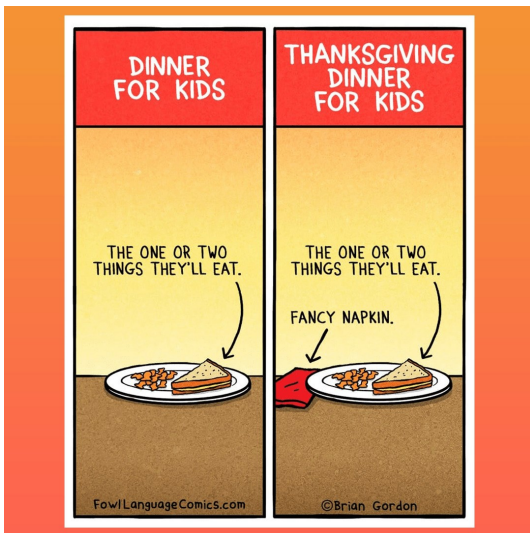
JUNE 30 - JULY 5, 2025

Fly CONVENTION YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO



The **Free Lutheran Youth (FLY) Convention** is the biennial national youth gathering of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. The purpose of the FLY Convention is to provide congregations with a tool for **winning the lost, building the believer, and encouraging student disciple making** in the local congregations.

➔ **Early Rate Deadline - November 21, 2024 (\$549)**
Regular Rate Deadline - January 23, 2025 (\$699)
Late Rate Deadline - May 15, 2025 (\$849)
REGISTER at: flyconvention.org
PLEASE REGISTER BY 11/21 to save \$150 per student!!





Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week is

Nov. 18–25, 2024

From Children to Seniors, people can pack a shoebox with gifts to bless children in need around the world. These shoeboxes will arrive in more than 100 countries, and the message of the Gospel is shared and children are blessed.

Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts and delivered them to boy and girls around the world for nearly 30 years. Each box is an opportunity to delight the heart of a child and share the Good News of Christ with them and their families. All over the world, these gift-filled boxes become tools for local churches to share God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

OCC wants to bring these gifts of hope to as many children as possible and introduce them to the Savior. Please join them in this critical mission.

You are invited to pack shoeboxes—as many as you can. Take empty boxes and fill them with fun toys, a “wow” item, school supplies and hygiene items. Please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a photo and a note to the child to really make the gift special. The cost for shipping each box is \$10. If you wish to help with that please include in the envelope provided with the labels.

There are “how to pack your box gift” brochures available. They give helpful information to follow and gift suggestions. Take heed of the “what not to pack” list.

Boxes are due November 17th.

May you be richly blessed as you participate in this project!

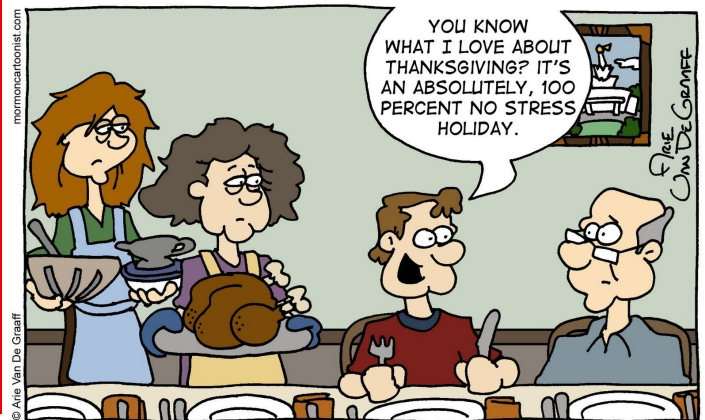


Thanksgiving

WORD SEARCH

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FALL	THANKFUL	NOVEMBER
GATHER	TURKEY	PLYMOUTH
HOLIDAY	CORNUCOPIA	STUFFING
PILGRIMS	FAMILY	THANKSGIVING
PUMPKIN	GOBBLE	CRANBERRIES
CORN	GRATITUDE	POTATOES
FEAST	PIE	TRADITION



Maranatha - Glyndon

Feed Thy Neighbor Food Drive



The collection display is set up in the sanctuary for our **Fourth Annual Food Drive** for the UC Hope Organization serving the community of Glyndon and the surrounding areas of need. We will

be collecting items until November 24th.

Our goal is 400 lbs. and \$400 to beat past years!

Please bring canned or dry goods such as:

- * cereal
- * soup/strews
- * pasta/pasta sauce
- * rice
- * canned meats/fish
- * canned tomatoes/sauce
- * canned vegetables
- * vegetable oil
- * cash or grocery gift cards
- * dried beans/barley/etc.
- * canned fruits
- * peanut butter/jellies
- * rolled oats
- * un-popped popcorn
- * powdered milk
- * baby food
- * hard cookies

We will also have an offering box available for financial contributions. Thank you so much for loving and serving our community so well. Let's make this a banner year of giving!

Maranatha Worship & Music Board



Adventure › Character › Leadership

Troop meetings are the

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6-7:30pm

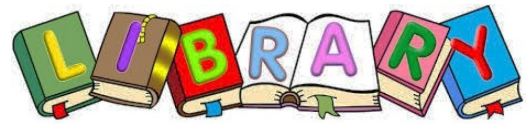
All boys grades K-12 are invited to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact Corey Trick.

This month's Troop Meetings are:

November 12th

November 26th



GLYNDON LIBRARY—

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

ADULT FICTION: As the walls of the house at Predicament Avenue reveal their hidden truths, two women - generations apart - discover that fear and foreboding are no respecters of time. *"Night Falls on Predicament Avenue"* by Jamie Jo Wright

ADULT FICTION SERIES: Connilyn Cossette's *"Cities of Refuge"* Series is a must-read for fans of Biblical fiction. The series includes:

- 1) A Light on the Hill
- 2) Shelter of the Most High
- 3) Until the Mountains Fall
- 4) Like Flames in the Night



GLYNDON FURNACE FUND

Goal - \$40,000

75% - \$30,000

50% - \$20,000

25% - \$10,000





WMF NOTES (Women's Missionary Federation)

Glyndon Morning

Morning WMF met Tuesday, October 8, 2024, with 13 ladies attending.

President Joan Pake opened with prayer and led our Bible study on Philippians 4:8-13, "Contented and Convinced".

President Joan opened the business meeting. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business:

- ~ WMF District Rally this Saturday, October 12th. Anne Manderud still has room for riders.
- ~ Christmas Gathering - Executive Committee to meet October 9th to plan event, which will be held at our regular December meeting. Evening WMF will host their own and be invited to ours.
- ~ Forks: No need to order more as there are extra forks in storage.

New Business:

- ~ Motion made and approved to give \$100 to WMF General Fund.
- ~ Motion made and approved to give \$50 to UC Hope to cover the cost of rental of the community center.
- ~ Motion made and approved to cover shipping costs of 15 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Meeting concluded with prayer requests.

Respectfully submitted by Delores Welle, Secretary

Glyndon Evening

Evening WMF met on October 15th at the church. Melody Okke opened with prayer and led our Bible study. She also provided a delicious meal. Five lovely ladies were present.

Janet opened our meeting with prayer. Secretary and Treasurer reports were given and approved.

Old Business:

- ~ Puzzle night planning is finishing up, It will be on November 19th starting at 6:30pm. Dessert & coffee will be served A signup sheet will be posted (need to know how many puzzles to get). The free will donation will be given to Samaritan' Purse for hurricane relief,
- ~ Janet talked about the fall rally.
- ~ Operation Christmas Child boxes will be filled after Sunday School on November 10th.
- ~ A motion was made and approved to give \$120 for the cost of shipping the Christmas boxes.

New Business:

- ~ Motion was made/seconded to give \$50 to the General fund and \$50 to World Missions.
- ~ Motion was made/seconded to keep 2024 officers the same for 2025. All accepted.

Prayer requests were shared and prayed over.

Respectfully submitted by Luci Carlson for Coco Geray

Ulen

Our WMF met Wednesday, October 9th at 1:00pm. The Bible study was led by Debi L. Following the study MaryAnn W. opened our business meeting with the reading of the Secretary's Report. Dianne made a motion to approve and Bernadene second, motion carried. Dianne read the Treasurer's Report and MaryAnn made a motion to approve as read and Naomi second, motion carried.

Old Business:

- ~ Thanks was given for the food provided and served for the Pastor's meeting here.
- ~ Fall Rally will be this Saturday 12th in Wadena and there was a discussion on if anyone can go.
- ~ Giving Tree—MaryAnn W. gave a report about talking to Viking Manor & information will be given on needs for each resident.

New Business:

- ~ Our Project of the month offering of \$75 will go to the WMF General Fund.
- ~ Next month we will be holding our election of officers.
- ~ Next years Bible Study will be "Seeing God in the Face of Christ" by Vicki Johnson.
- ~ We will decide on the date of the WMF Christmas Party at next months meeting.
- ~ A discussion was held on Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- ~ A motion was made by Naomi and second by Bernadene to send \$300 to Samaritan's Purse for hurricane relief. Motion carried.

Our meeting was adjourned and we closed with several prayer requests.

MaryAnn S. provided a delicious lunch.

Minutes taken by Naomi Nelson in Ellen's absence.

SERVING GROUP 1 ~ Glyndon

Serving Group 1 will continue to be responsible for November & December. Please take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings and sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen. We will also be responsible for serving other events that come up—lunches, special events, and funerals. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord & our church family—it is much appreciated. Any questions, contact Carol Johnson or Karen Urlacher. Thank you!

**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon, MN
Council Meeting**

October 9, 2024, 8:00pm

- continued -

Chanyce Dahl, Charlie Toms, Jake Murrack, Corey Trick

- ◇ Annual Georg Sverdrup Society meeting at Maranatha 10/13 - noon lunch, 1pm program

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Creating a flyer for congregation members' personal businesses/services. Will note in Sunday bulletin
- Zach Kupser training as a missionary pilot/aircraft mechanic apprentice. After training he plans to work with Alaska AFLC home missions. Plans to speak at Maranatha service on 11/10/or 11/17

Pastor Lloyd closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glenn, seconded by Todd; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson, Secretary

Zach Kupser (Brian & Chanyce Dahl's nephew) & his wife, Katy, currently live in Arlington, WA where he is training to be a missionary pilot and airplane mechanic at Mission Aviation Training Academy (MATA). He received his private pilot license this past July and is now in a 3-year airplane mechanics apprenticeship. He and his wife hope to be full time missionaries in Alaska if the Lord wills. Zach will be sharing his mission and financial goals at Glyndon during the service on *Sunday, November 10th*.

Dear Maranatha,

Thank you so much for the kind send-off you gave Liz and me! We were so blessed by so many of you! I don't think I'll have time to write individual thank you cards to each of you for the gifts, so please, let this suffice.

You all have been such an amazing blessing to myself, Liz, and the kids. We (already) miss our Maranatha family dearly (and Wednesday night suppers!!), but we have been warmly welcomed in Cokato and are looking forward to calling it Home. Again, thank you so much!

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan & Liz

The Tonneson's new address is:

**135 Lakeview Dr NW
Cokato, MN 55321-4253**

WE HAVE MOVED

Present: Bruce Smith, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, Todd Rasmussen, Glenn Urlacher, Lori Pender and Alyssa Johnson

Bruce opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report of September meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. No corrections nor additions to the Secretary's report. Stand approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported September 2024 income as \$24,299 and expenses of \$21,397. General fund balance \$34,343 (target \$60K). Board budgets are due 10/20.

Board Reports:

- Finance –Todd
 - ◇ Will work to prepare board budgets for congregational meeting
- Education – Brittany (read by Alyssa)
 - ◇ 2nd graders to receive Bibles 10/20
 - ◇ Christmas program 12/1 or 12/15
 - ◇ Bake sale 10/13, date in December TBD
 - ◇ Samaritan's Purse lead is Janet Boe
 - ◇ Looking for volunteers to take over most of Kid's Club and Library
 - ◇ Having a table at Glyndon Community Center for Halloween-putting out a poster and handing out postcards with church information. Candy and décor will be paid for by the Board of Ed
- Trustees – No representative at meeting
- Worship & Music –Lori
 - ◇ Pastor Appreciation Sunday 10/20
 - ◇ 11/10 Movie Night-youth to provide supper, will also have ice cream floats
 - ◇ Cris Finstrom organizing a group of older adult singers for occasional Sunday services.
 - ◇ Working on budgets
- Deacons – Glenn
 - ◇ Working on budgets
 - ◇ Planning for next adult Sunday school series
 - ◇ Corey Trick leading Trail Life, Charlie Toms filled liaison position
- Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd
 - ◇ Bambi Lambert organizing FLY travel/lodging
 - ◇ Youth Ministry has four new youth representatives and three new adult mentors this year
 - ◇ Many new visitors
 - ◇ Prayer team orientation meeting-nine members
 - ◇ Nominating committee met, sent out letters
 - ◇ Call Committee to meet in the next week or two:
 - Members: Brad Dunham (Deacon), Dave Jensen (Trustee), Art Welle (Finance), Ashley Hurner (Worship & Music), Rochelle Olson (Education),

While all of this is concerning, it also gives us direction. First, it directs our focus as to how we should be praying and what we should be praying for. The church needs revival. Second, it reminds us of the accuracy of God's Word which tells us these days would come. Third, we have to keep our eyes upon Jesus Christ and His life-giving victory on the Cross (Matthew 16:18). And in the midst of all this, we worship the Lord Jesus Christ and wear it on our sleeve presenting a positive and hope-filled message wherever we might go, first and foremost before our families and then to the lost world. Remember...

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. - Colossians 1:15-18 NASB



SUPPER & MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, November 10th
Supper at 5:00pm
Movie at 6:00pm

Come out and enjoy a meal of pork sandwiches served from our youth (free will donations for FLY 2025) and watch the movie *Ordinary Angels*. There will also be ice cream floats served!



Maranatha Glyndon Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00pm

Maranatha Ulen Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30pm
(fellowship following)

Ladies Jigsaw Puzzle Get-Together

Tuesday, November 19th
at 6:30pm

All Ladies
13 yrs
& older

Dessert, Coffee &
Fellowship to follow

TEAM
SPIRIT
AWARD

Get your teams together (3-4 people)
Each team will complete a 300 pc puzzle - prizes will be given to teams finishing quickest. Sign up sheet in fellowship hall - Deadline is November 10th!



Thank You

Thank you to those who provide the Live Stream of the services each Sunday and especially the closed caption. I am not able to hear it well so the closed caption allows me to read along. I am greatly appreciative of this service.

Thanks again - Mary Ellen Ward



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FROM PASTOR PETER...

In the last century, an earthquake hit America's moral foundation. Absolute truth was rejected with relative truth taking its place. Johnny Cash's 1970's song, *What Is Truth*, reflects still the fruitless search when the absolutes in God's Word are abandoned. No longer is the Word of God the basis and standard of truth, but instead man's feelings relative to the situation at the time. A large percentage of Americans have been raised in an environment where there are no absolute truths.

Those of us raised under the security of absolute truth might wonder what is going on with justice in America, among other things. The answer is found in God's Word. The prophet Isaiah wrote of a time when Israel experienced the results when just one of the pillars of a civilization crumbles.

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Isaiah 59:14 NASB

When truth stumbles, there is a ripple effect that goes with the force of a tsunami that follows an earthquake below the sea floor. There are tremors that will happen at every level of a society causing upheavals that man cannot anticipate.

A casualty of no absolute truths is the inability of a justice system to make moral and fair decisions. With no absolute truth, there is no basis for fair justice. Unlike absolute truth, relative truth accommodates the emotions and philosophy of the individual. When there is no righteousness established outside of man himself, a man-centered righteousness becomes the elusive standard. In other words, what is right is relative to the beliefs of the one making judgments. And woe to the man or woman who would seek to defend absolute truth. *"Yes, truth is lacking; and he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey,"* Isaiah writes in verse 15.

Unfortunately, the stumbling of truth has happened not only in the street. Truth has also stumbled in the church with far reaching effects.

In November of 2021, the PEW Research Center released a report of the current beliefs of Americans regarding heaven and hell. When asked if a person who does not believe in God can go to heaven, 45% of all Christians responded yes. One in five evangelical Christians believe that those who do not believe in God can go to heaven. 58% of US Christians believe that there are multiple religions that lead to heaven. Ugh.

Another study by the Barna Research Group, revealed only 32% of born-again Christians believe in moral absolutes. Among teens it's even less (9%). If so, then it means a large portion of the church has accepted practices that the Bible identifies as sin. Equally detrimental is the church has hamstrung itself from fulfilling its mission – evangelizing a lost world that searches for the truth. Any church in which a large share of its fellowship does not believe in absolute truth and that there are multiple pathways to heaven has muzzled its message.

A Christian not believing in absolute truths denies the absolute necessity that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." John 14:6 If this is surrendered, the fervor and the confidence to evangelize lost souls does not exist. And if absolute truth is lost, so too the sense of obligation to seek the lost. With Christians believing there are multiple religions that lead to heaven, Christianity in America now hosts about 58% of its participants who have a heretical understanding of who Jesus Christ is and why He had to come. Some of them teach Sunday School to the next generation, some of them are leading our youth groups, some lead our worship teams, some teach in seminaries and some of them fill the pulpits of churches in America.