

JULY & AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

JULY THEME: PARABLES OF JESUS

July Fighter Verse — Matthew 13:10-12

The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."

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Thinking About the 4th of July

In 1774 African-American poet Phillis Wheatley an enslaved woman wrote in *The Boston Post-Boy*: "In every human beast, God has implanted a principle, which we call love of freedom; it is impatient of oppression and pants for deliverance."

King David wrote in Psalm 42:1

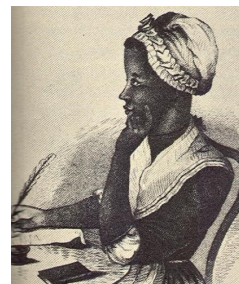
*As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God. (NKJV)*

As believers in Christ, regardless of our personal convictions and the current and ongoing political climate, we follow Christ. As lovers of Jesus, we are free in the midst of the turmoil to seek justice, equality, unity and peace. Our freedom does not have a party affiliation. We are free to love, speak truth, exhibit God's mercy and grace. Reread the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7.

It is very interesting to me to see how Pastor Fils-Aime's devotional, resonates with our country today. When we remember the Fourth of July, keep in mind that we are freed in Christ and that maybe, just maybe we need to love God more and seek God's agenda.

Celebrate the 4th of July remembering key words such as independence — freedom from oppression, equality, liberty and justice.

Sharrata Hunt



Phillis Wheatley
1754-1784

Pastor's Devotional



Jeremiah 8:22

Is there no balm
in Gilead?

Is there no
physician there?

Why then is there no healing
for the wound of my people?

The prophet Jeremiah was called to deliver a difficult message during one of the most difficult periods of Israelite history. For the people living in the land of Judah, Jeremiah's voice would be the last one they heard before disaster struck. The Babylonians would come, raze the city of Jerusalem, destroy the temple, and carry off hundreds of thousands of Israelites as exiles.

The message of the prophet is one of doom and gloom, of the impending judgement that God is going to release on the people of Judah for their long history of disobedience. Jeremiah's message may sound like those of his prophetic predecessors but unlike the prophets who came before him, there is little hope to avert judgement in Jeremiah's words. So inevitable is judgement that Jeremiah cannot remain emotionally detached from his message. He will not only deliver the word of judgement, he will also experience the hardship of judgement as well. And unlike the people who hear his words, Jeremiah believes the message that he speaks so much so that dispersed throughout his prophecies are laments, cries to God because of what he knows will happen to his people and his country.

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It is with this as the backdrop, a people who have been warned time and time again of what their fate if they don't seek God, a group of spiritual leaders who will deny the reality of the sins of a people and the chaotic consequences of what will happen if they don't change, that Jeremiah delivers one of the most emotional cries that we will find in the book of Jeremiah. The cries are a response to the spiritual sickness of the nation of Judah. The cries come in the form of three questions each of which when understood correctly are an indictment of the stubbornness and the determination of the people to continue to sin that will ultimately result in their destruction.

The first question that Jeremiah asks is the most well-known of the three, "is there no balm in Gilead?" Gilead was a mountainous region east of the Jordan river famous in the ancient world for producing a medicinal ointment. As early as the book of Genesis we hear about this balm when Jacob sends it as a gift to Egypt to curry favor with the Pharaoh and his court (Genesis 43:11) The balm was then trafficked throughout the ancient Near East. And there was never a shortage of balm in Gilead. And that's Jeremiah point.

Just like there is never a shortage a balm imported from Gilead to heal the physical wounds of the people, Jeremiah's point is there is never a shortage of grace and mercy from God to heal the spiritual and emotional wounds of the people. In Jeremiah's mind, sin had created a gaping wound in the hearts of the people, and they were sin sick as a result. Sin in the mind of the biblical authors is a disease that when left untreated can kill. Its symptoms are guilt, shame, alienation, and condemnation. Guilt is the awareness of our personal failures; it manifests itself through our



Balm (Johann) Carapentia apiculata
... also called in the middle ... honey, and oil, and balm.
Hidde: 1001
EXAMIN: 11-12



conscience and when we are sufficiently burdened by the weight of our guilt it can lead to anxiety and sleepless nights. While guilt is the sense of

failure that we have in our own eyes, shame is the awareness that our failures are known by other people. Both guilt and shame work to produce alienation and condemnation; alienation is that withdrawal or separation from the affections of the other people and from the love of God. Condemnation is the thoughts that we have that there is nothing good or loveable about us.

These symptoms of our sin sickness collectively led to a spread of the disease because the more guilt and shame people feel, the more they feel a sense of alienation and condemnation, which in their attempts to ease their pain, leads to turning to the very sin that led to the guilt and the shame in the first place. Sin as a disease will, like cancer, continue to grow and spread if something is not done about it. And it is beyond the ability of the people who are infected with the disease to heal and to help themselves.

Those who are infected, cannot do anything to help themselves. There is no surgery that sin sick people can do to bring about their own recovery and, to even attempt, would result in further harm to themselves.

For Jeremiah, the only cure for sinful people's wounds and disease is to apply God's healing balm to the wounds of their heart, and we are never so sick that God cannot heal us. There is not a sin that people have done, there is not an evil act that people have committed, there is no guilt and shame, that God cannot heal. However sin sick we may be, God can heal us.

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday

[May you be] the person who is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither and whatever they do prospers.

Psalm 1:2-3 NIV



Meredith Miles	7/6
Deborah Simon	7/7
Karen Marchak	7/7
Claudette Woods-Green	7/11
Karen Linton-Bobbsemples	7/13
Mikayla Phillips	7/15
Peggy Joseph	7/16
Jason Woodard	7/17
Kellye Miles	7/21
Lawrence Newkirk	7/23
Joyce Powell	7/23
Darnell Davis	7/24
Toni Ensley	7/26
Carl Kent	7/27
Dale Cathy Graves	7/29



JULY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Duane Mansveld and Miriam Beau
Mission Board: Missions Door



Duane, Miriam and Jeremie

Duane Mansveld and Miriam Beau are Streetworkers with PAX- Communauté de la Rue, a ministry that exists to help the homeless and marginalized of Montreal connect to God, to others, and to the world, and a ministry of l'Association d'Église Baptiste Évangélique du Québec, and Missions Door.

Duane was born and raised in Pembroke, Ontario, and has known the streets since age 15. At the age of 18, Duane accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. In 1993, Duane began three years of street missionary training in Montreal, and it was there that he met his wife Miriam. Miriam's parents came to Quebec as missionaries from Europe in the 1950s, and Miriam accepted the Lord at the age of 6. She was introduced to the streets by friends who lived there. During that time, God showed Miriam His heart for the street youth, their needs, and their incredible potential. It was then that the Lord gave Miriam the call to minister to street youth full time.

Duane and Miriam were married in June of 1996. They have been blessed with one son, Jeremie.

Prayer Needs:

- There are between 5,000 and 15,000 street kids in Montreal.
- Please pray for the Mansveld's to meet the immense moral, ethical, and spiritual needs of the street youth they encounter.
- Pray that they can create trusting relationships with these youth and help them respond to the problems they face every day.



DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
7/1/2022	Psalms 125 - 131	1 Corinthians 8
7/2/2022	Psalms 132 - 135	1 Corinthians 9
7/3/2022	Psalms 136 - 139	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
7/4/2022	Psalms 140 - 144	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
7/5/2022	Psalms 145 - 150	1 Corinthians 11
7/6/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
7/7/2022	Proverbs 1 - 2	1 Corinthians 12
7/8/2022	Proverbs 3 - 5	1 Corinthians 13
7/9/2022	Proverbs 6 - 7	1 Corinthians 14:1-20
7/10/2022	Proverbs 8 - 9	1 Corinthians 14:21-40
7/11/2022	Proverbs 10 - 11	1 Corinthians 15
7/12/2022	Proverbs 12 - 14	1 Corinthians 16
7/13/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
7/14/2022	Proverbs 15 - 16	2 Corinthians 1
7/15/2022	Proverbs 17 - 18	2 Corinthians 2
7/16/2022	Proverbs 19 - 20	2 Corinthians 3
7/17/2022	Proverbs 21 - 22	2 Corinthians 4
7/18/2022	Proverbs 23	2 Corinthians 5 - 6
7/19/2022	Proverbs 24 - 26	2 Corinthians 7 - 8
7/20/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
7/21/2022	Proverbs 27 - 28	2 Corinthians 9
7/22/2022	Proverbs 29 - 31	2 Corinthians 10
7/23/2022	Ecclesiastes 1 - 3	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
7/24/2022	Ecclesiastes 4 - 6	2 Corinthians 11:16-33
7/25/2022	Ecclesiastes 7 - 8	2 Corinthians 12
7/26/2022	Ecclesiastes 9 - 12	2 Corinthians 13
7/27/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
7/28/2022	Song of Solomon 1 - 3	Galatians 1
7/29/2022	Song of Solomon 4 - 5	Galatians 2
7/30/2022	Song of Solomon 6 - 8	Galatians 3
7/31/2022	Isaiah 1 - 3	Galatians 4

Bible Study, Prayer Meetings & Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

Theme: *Book of Joshua*

Join Zoom by Phone:

646-558-8656

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00—8:00PM

Theme: *Book of Judges*

Join Zoom by Phone:

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Conference Call

Connection

(712) 770-4711

Access Code: 667293#

Monday & Thursday

6-6:30 AM

Mid-Week Prayer:

Wednesday

12:00-1:00 PM

Join Zoom Prayer Meetings

by Phone: 646-558-8656.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"POWER HOUR"

JULY — Sunday, July 17 @ 12:30PM

AUGUST — Sunday, August 21 @ 12:30PM

Join by phone at 646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER,

Evening Prayer will meet

JULY — Friday, July 29 @ 7:00PM

AUGUST — Friday, August 26 @ 7:00PM

Dial into the Zoom Meeting with your phone

number: **646-558-8656**

All Senior Ministry Activities are cancelled until further notice.

AUGUST

AUGUST THEME: SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

August Fighter Verse — Psalm 72:18-19

August - Psalm 72:18-19- Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday

*May He give you the
desire of your heart
and make all your
plans succeed.
Psalm 20:4*



Elaine James	8/3
Victoria Carrion	8/3
Lauris Johnson	8/3
Kathy White	8/6
Kimberly Casteline	8/15
Jessie Sheffield-Cooper	8/16
Tawanda Wapples-Hierrezuleo	8/16
Jenai Jackson	8/19
Margaret Wilson	8/21
Stephanie Fields	8/23
Shannon Reynolds	8/30
Sherry Reid	8/31

AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Vincent & Maryam Morgan Mission Board: Missions Door



Vincent and Maryam Morgan's ministry concentrates mainly on Russian and Jewish evangelism, church planting, and assisting churches in Jewish evangelism in New York City and Israel. With and through Missions Door, the ministry has been working with Russian-speaking refugees and immigrants from the former Soviet Union, many of whom are Jewish. So far, the ministry has planted two Russian-speaking congregations and continues to lead the second one. In addition, since 2005, the Morgans began work with several ministries in Israel bringing their passion to interests such as assisting leadership, teaching Bible studies and encouraging the local leaders. Most recently several Muslims and Hindus have begun to seek out the Morgans for information concerning Jesus, the Bible, God, and more, in the metropolitan New York area.

It should be noted that Vincent Morgan himself is an accomplished writer. He published two important books, "Psalm 119, A Handbook for Life" and "Isaiah 53: The Centrality of the Lamb." He continues to collaborate with authors on Bible commentaries as an editor and proofreader, allowing the ministry to continue to bring the Bible to life around the world.



Prayer Needs:

- Please pray daily for peace in Israel, Russia and Ukraine.
- Pray that those who do not yet know our Lord will accept Jesus and be safe.
- Pray that people will grow through Bible study and memorization of God's word, treasuring it in their hearts and minds.

Bible in a Year August Reading Calendar



DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
8/1/2022	Isaiah 4 - 6	Galatians 5 - 6
8/2/2022	Isaiah 7 - 11	Ephesians 1
8/3/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
8/4/2022	Isaiah 12 - 14	Ephesians 2
8/5/2022	Isaiah 15 - 17	Ephesians 3
8/6/2022	Isaiah 18 - 20	Ephesians 4
8/7/2022	Isaiah 21 - 23	Ephesians 5
8/8/2022	Isaiah 24 - 26	Ephesians 6
8/9/2022	Isaiah 27 - 30	Philippians 1 - 2
8/10/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
8/11/2022	Isaiah 31 - 33	Philippians 3
8/12/2022	Isaiah 34 - 36	Philippians 4
8/13/2022	Isaiah 37 - 38	Colossians 1
8/14/2022	Isaiah 39 - 40	Colossians 2 - 3
8/15/2022	Isaiah 41 - 42	Colossians 4
8/16/2022	Isaiah 43 - 48	1 Thessalonians 1
8/17/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
8/18/2022	Isaiah 49 - 50	1 Thessalonians 2
8/19/2022	Isaiah 51 - 53	1 Thessalonians 3
8/20/2022	Isaiah 54 - 55	1 Thessalonians 4
8/21/2022	Isaiah 56 - 58	1 Thessalonians 5
8/22/2022	Isaiah 59 - 61	2 Thessalonians 1
8/23/2022	Isaiah 62 - 66	2 Thessalonians 2 - 3
8/24/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
8/25/2022	Jeremiah 1 - 3	1 Timothy 1
8/26/2022	Jeremiah 4 - 5	1 Timothy 2
8/27/2022	Jeremiah 6 - 7	1 Timothy 3
8/28/2022	Jeremiah 8 - 9	1 Timothy 4
8/29/2022	Jeremiah 10 - 11	1 Timothy 5 - 6
8/30/2022	Jeremiah 12 - 15	2 Timothy 1
	Catch Up & Reflect	

SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2022

9/1/2022	Jeremiah 16 - 17	2 Timothy 2
9/2/2022	Jeremiah 18 - 20	2 Timothy 3
9/3/2022	Jeremiah 21 - 23	2 Timothy 4
9/4/2022	Jeremiah 24 - 26	Titus 1
9/5/2022	Jeremiah 27 - 30	Titus 2
9/6/2022	Jeremiah 31 - 34	Titus 3 - Philemon 1

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