

Kootenai Communicator

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The monthly newsletter of Kootenai Community Church, Kootenai, Idaho

Important Dates <<<

JUNE

4 KCC Grad Night

7 Men's Fellowship

20 Father's Day

21 Men's Fellowship

Coming July 21-24: Church Campout



Expounding the Scriptures, Equipping the Saints, Exalting the Savior



Book Review 2021

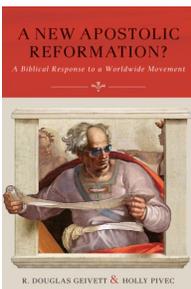
By Jim Osman

It is time for my annual summer book review and suggested reading list. A wise mentor once told me that a man is the product of the books he reads and the people with whom he associates. Through reading we associate with great men and women of the past and present as we spend time with them through the books they write. What type of company do you keep?

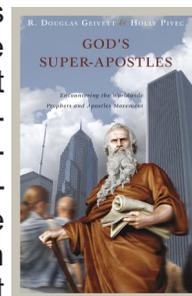
Every year I publish a review of my readings from the past 12 months in hopes of encouraging you to pick up and enjoy some good company during the coming year. I also hope this will give you some idea of works to avoid for the sake of your time and money. The summer months are upon us and I trust that they will bring opportunity to imbibe deeply in some good books! So, if you are looking for some suggestions of books to read - and, in some cases, a couple to avoid - I offer the following from my own list of completed readings from the past year.

Apologetics

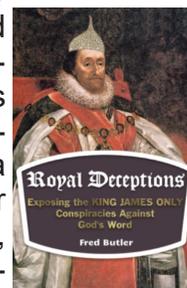
I read two books on the New Apostolic Reformation: *A New Apostolic Reformation?: A Biblical Response to a Worldwide Movement* (272 pgs.) and *God's Super-Apostles: Encountering the World-*



wide Prophets and Apostles Movement (147 pgs.), both written by R. Douglas Geivett and Holly Pivec. The shorter of the two is a sufficient primer for those who want an introduction to the people and theology of the New Apostolic Reformation. The longer book is the same material presented with more detail. These are excellent critiques of a very dangerous theology. I would recommend coupling your reading of one of these books with *Defining Deception* by Costi Hinn and Anthony Wood. I reviewed that book last year and highly recommend it.



Royal Deceptions: Exposing the KING JAMES ONLY Conspiracies Against God's Word (162 pgs.) is a long-overdue antidote to the self-refuting, poorly researched, and theologically vacuous arguments of KJV-Only apologists. Once a staunch defender of that position, author Fred Butler has written a fantastic refutation of their six core arguments. This is a terrific defense of Scripture! Fred is a friend of mine and works on staff at Grace



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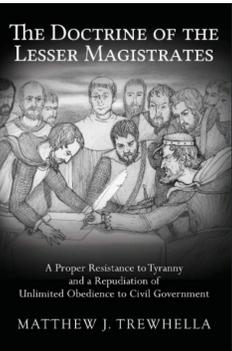
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to You (John MacArthur's radio ministry). Fred has been featured on a number of radio programs and podcasts including *Iron Sharpens Iron* with Chris Arzen, and Justin Peters's YouTube channel. This book is available for purchase in our lobby. It is a great companion to our recent adult Sunday School series, *God Wrote A Book*.

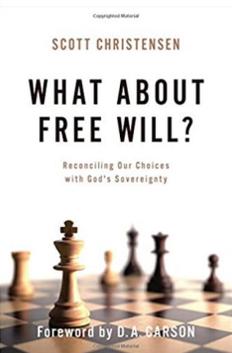
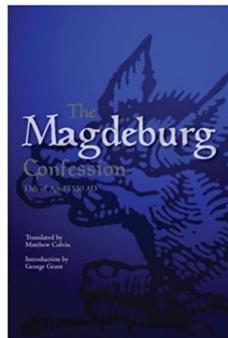
Theology

The Doctrine of Lesser Magistrates: A Proper Resistance to Tyranny and a Repudiation of Unlimited Obedience to Civil Government (108 pgs.) by Matthew J. Trewhella is a great introduction to the subject of civil disobedience. This book explains that those in positions of authority have a moral responsibility to resist tyranny and lawlessness imposed by those in higher positions of authority. When a local sheriff refuses to enforce unlawful



decrees by commissioners, governors, or the federal government, you are seeing the "lesser magistrate" fulfill his moral and biblical responsibility. Such action by lesser magistrates is done not in the spirit of rebellion, but under the rule of law for the wellbeing of those governed. The doctrine of lesser magistrates is a well-established principle rooted in the tradition of the Protestant Reformation.

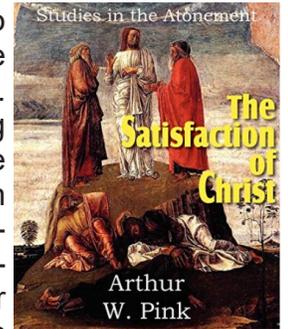
A great companion book is *The Magdeburg Confession* (90 pgs.) which contains the confession of 1550. The confession sets forth the biblical and theological reasons the pastors of Magdeburg Germany resisted the tyranny of Charles V in his attempt to smash the Protestant movement in Germany. *The Magdeburg Confession* is the first document in history to set forth the Lesser Magistrate Doctrine which impacted men like John Knox and Theodore Beza. The confession was instrumental in forming the thinking of America's founders.



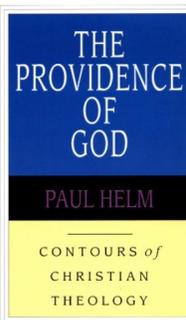
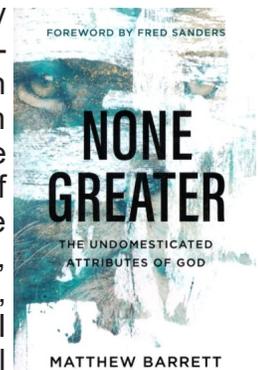
What About Free Will?: Reconciling Our Choices with God's Sovereignty by Scott Christensen (250 pgs.) is a fantastic resource on this subject. Christensen defends the same compatibilist position advocated by Jonathan Edwards and Martin Luther in their books on the same

subject. This book makes good and abundant use of helpful illustrations and examples to explain complex philosophical concepts. It is not an "easy" read, but it is an accessible read on a difficult subject.

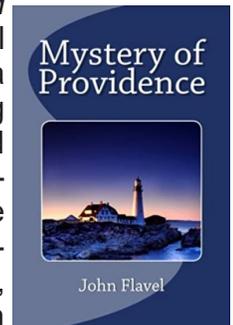
Studies on the Atonement (252 pgs.) by A.W. Pink appears to have been a series of lessons or sermons transcribed into a book. Thus, it is a very readable and accessible treatment on the subject. Two chapters on the extent of the atonement are very helpful. Pink does a great job of laying out the biblical teaching on the subject of atonement in both testaments of Scripture. He aptly handles objections to the reformed doctrine of Particular Redemption and addresses how the gospel should be proclaimed in a way faithful to the Bible's teaching on Christ's atoning work.



None Greater (246 pgs.) by Matthew Barrett was a little disappointing to me. I think I had high expectations that may have been unrealistic. Any book about "The Undomesticated Attributes of God" sounds like it is going to be of the depth of Charnock, Tozer, or Frame. It wasn't. It wasn't bad, but just wasn't worth the time I invested in it. I did find several sections "highlight worthy" and there were a few theological gems in the mix.

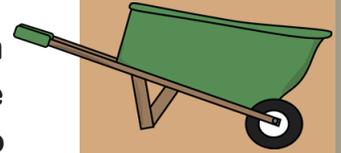


I have begun the process of reading books in preparation for my next writing project. First up is *The Providence of God* (233 pgs.) by Paul Helm. Helm does a fine job of critiquing various aberrant and heretical understandings of God's Providence. On the whole, the book was not as theologically robust as I was hoping for, though I did find the chapter on "Providence and Evil" to be the best part of the book. Helm argues from a reformed compatibilist perspective and I felt that his arguments would have been more persuasive if he had spent more time in exegesis of bibli-



5th/6th Grade Sunday School Class

Our class continues to work our way through Exodus, and we can clearly see the power of God demonstrated in the miracles, the plagues, and the parting of the Red Sea. The Israelites continue to complain and grumble, despite witnessing God's protection and care for them. This is a great example for us as Christians; we are to be steadfast in our faith and content in our God. There are 20 children coming to this class, and it is lively and fun! The class is taught by Diane Rich, and helpers are Kathy Conger and Gina Hall.



**Sunday
School
begins at
9:30 a.m.**

>>> Missionary Moment— Justin Peters

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I just wanted to write a short newsletter update for you. The year has been going well thus far in the ministry. By God's grace, Kathy and I have remained COVID-free, though we know a number of people who have had it.

I have preached in a number of churches already this year, from South Carolina to Idaho and points in between. It is always such a blessing to go to these doctrinally sound churches pastored by faithful shepherds.

I had the opportunity to speak at a women's conference held at The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. I was so impressed with everything from start to finish. The speakers they had were quite good. I met Ken Ham for the first time and was most impressed with him. The Ark Encounter is just outstanding. If you have not yet been to it, you and your family will love it.

My book *Clouds Without Water* has been translated into Russian and is fast being distributed to thousands of churches. I received an email from Robert McDonald, my contact for this project, and he said May 8-10 there will be a youth conference where 500 young people will be given copies of the book, and these young people will, in turn, take them back to their churches! Work has also just been completed on translating it into Chinese. I have received a copy of the translation in Chinese and, well, even though I can't read a word of it, I know it's my book that will soon be in the hands of tens of thousands – if not more – Chinese Christians. You may have heard that Christianity is exploding in China but, sadly, the "Christianity" that is spreading so rapidly in China is the Word-Faith false Christianity. Please pray that God use this resource in a mighty way in China. Sound teaching is desperately needed there.

My YouTube channel continues to grow. It is nearing 100,000 subscribers as of this writing. I am amazed at this. I don't have any of the fancy graphics or animation of most channels that have a sizeable following. In recent weeks I have interviewed Susan Heck and asked her about her concerns with Beth Moore. I also interviewed Erin Coates, the wife of James Coates, the pastor in Canada who recently spent over a month in prison for keeping his church open despite the mandates from the Canadian Health Agency. He has truly been a profile in courage and an example of obedience to God rather than man (Acts 5).

I have a full travel schedule for the remainder of the year. I will soon be preaching in Texas, Florida, and Colorado. I am scheduled to preach in Brazil in July. Please pray that the trip still happens. Brazil right now is one of the hotspots for COVID so we are praying that Brazil does not shut down travel.

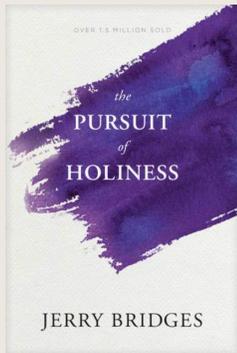
Later this year, specifically October 24 – November 5, I, along with Andrew Rappaport, Dr. Anthony Silvestro, and Pastor Dave Cunningham will be hosting a trip to Israel. If you have always wanted to go to Israel, this would be a great opportunity. We still have some spaces left. If you would like more information, please visit Israel Tour 2021.

Please do pray for us. Pray that I honor Christ both in what I teach and in how I comport myself.

Your servant in Christ,
Justin Peters



>>>Garden of Readin'



The Pursuit of Holiness

by Jerry Bridges

In this inspiring and thought-provoking book, Jerry Bridges helps readers deepen their relationship with God, learn more about His character, and understand the Holy Spirit's role in developing holiness--and the believer's role as well. Includes a study guide for group or individual study.

Please contact Jenny Leo (208-610-2520) about donations or any library-related matter.



Women's Ministry <<<



THANK-YOU!

A huge thank-you to the Women's Ministry Team and all the helpers who made this year's Ladies' Retreat such a big success. It was a joy to have nearly 70 women attend and hear the teaching of Martha Peace.

*Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from Him.
Psalm 62:1*



Thursday Playgroup

Moms with children 5 and under are invited to KCC on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.** to visit and let the kids play! Coffee and tea provided! Please contact Emily Hill at 208-596-6904 with any questions.



>>>Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp

Please visit the camp website at clbcamp.org for more details.

CAMP WORK DAYS= SCHOLARSHIPS

June 4-5

Help is needed to get the camp ready for the summer season! No charge for anyone coming, AND your service earns \$15-off coupons for anyone attending Summer Camp from Kootenai Community Church! Interested? 208-610-8729 or kinfamily@icloud.com.

STAFF TRAINING: June 21-25

Please be in prayer for the staff as they get together to prepare both physically and spiritually for the camp season ahead.

HEY CAMPERS!! There are now camp brochures for this summer available at the Welcome Table. Register for camp NOW - and speak to Marcia Whetsel about getting a \$15-off coupon!

Student Ministries <<<

Student Ministries will take a break for the summer! Please be in prayer for our teens as they work this summer at camp, various jobs, and as they make plans for the next school year. Thank you for your support and encouragement!

This is what the Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls
 Jeremiah 6:16



>>>Kootenai Thunder

kootenai thunder.com

For the most current information, please check our website and Facebook page.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

We have a scholarship fund for families that are unable to afford the player fee. If you would like to donate specifically to that, contact Diedre Osman.

THUNDER NEWS

The sports banquet went great. We honored several of the players with awards. Thank you to everyone who participated and/or prayed for the teams this year.

AWARDS

Jr. High Basketball: MVP, Malachi Duchow; Most Improved, Spencer Barker.

JV Basketball: Most Improved, Spencer Barker.

Varsity Volleyball: Most Improved, Olline Smith.

Varsity Basketball: MVP, Raelyn McArthur; Most Improved, Amelia Black.



Kootenai Classifieds >>>

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To have your items listed in this section, please get the information to Lisa Slippy by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Email her at lisaslippy@gmail.com

HOUSING NEEDED: If anyone has a house to sell or rent, there is a Christian family moving to Sandpoint from Georgia in June that are looking for housing for their family and having a difficult time finding anything. Jordan and Jessica Rocke will be moving here for Jordan to work at Litehouse. They have three children (one girl and two boys), so looking for at least a three-bedroom home. **Please contact Dave Rich** if you have something.

>>>Adventure Club



END OF FIRST CLUB YEAR. We ended our first year of Adventure Club on May 28. Being a COVID-19 year, a lot of things did not go as planned, but we did persevere and complete our first year. We had a total of 60 children attend AC this year, and an average of 35 per night. We had 37 faithful leaders who attended almost every night, even though they "weren't really needed" with the low number of clubbers. They attended because they had committed to this ministry, they enjoyed being at AC and they knew that God could use them.

What happens this Summer?

- June** - will be a month of rest for all of us.
- July** - will be Leader Training, with some new leaders plugging in, and new Year 2 Curriculum! Date coming soon.
- August** - Week of Adventure is scheduled for August 23 - 27 . This will be similar to VBS, but using our AC system that is in place.

Questions about Adventure Club?
Please talk to Dave & Diane Rich. You can reach them on a Sunday morning in person, or call (208) 265-2997, or email dianeerich@gmail.com.

I WANT TO PLUG IN!

If you didn't join AC this first year, we'd still love to have you join us this coming year. AC is pretty amazing. The children that attend are getting to know the Christian adults in our church in a real, personal way. They love playing games and having Pastor Jim give them a nickname. Their AC leader becomes a real friend in their life, who knows them, loves them, and prays for them. There is a true fellowship amongst the leaders as we all work together serving the Lord. Four ladies prepare Leader Feeder, which means leaders can come straight from work and grab a sandwich before the night starts. There are so many ways to serve in this ministry, and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

Church News <<<

KCC CHURCH
CAMPOUT
JULY 21-24
(details NEXT month)



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Monday, June 7
Monday, June 21
6:30 p.m., at KCC

KCC GRAD NIGHT! Friday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m.



Everyone is invited to our Senior Night/Homeschool Graduation, **FRIDAY, JUNE 4, AT 7:00 p.m., at the church.** We will be honoring **Olline Smith, Raelyn McArthur, Aimee Rasor, Elise Reiter, Clara Cave, Sam Becker, Liam Osman, and Andrew Hernandez.** Refreshments to follow. Also, graduating this year are **Jacob Cowell and Isabella Yandt.**



*Thank you!
To everyone who helped
make the Equipping
Conference a success!*

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Here are some ways to stay connected to KCC

Prayer Chain - Email Aaron Kin if you would like to be added to the church Email Prayer Chain. kinfamily@icloud.com

Weekly Email Update - Pastor Jim sends out a weekly update of things you want to know. Go to the church website www.kootenaichurch.org and click on the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" link.

Emergency Email (such as church closures) - Email Kathy Conger to be added to this list. secretary@kootenaichurch.org

Emergency Texts (again, such as church closures) - Please sign only one member up from each family. Sign up for this on the church website. <https://kootenaichurch.org/sms/>

Or, use the following QR Codes from your smartphone to locate things quickly.

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KCC Podcasts



KCC Activity Board



KCC Weekly Update

