

August 13, 2017

DEEP ROOTS

strong, healthy,
fruitful trees
have deep roots

Strengthening Our Roots

**"Spiritual Disciplines:
Silence & Solitude"**

-1 Kings 19:1-18



Chris Bell
BCC Youth Minister

“Spiritual Disciplines: Silence and Solitude”
1 Kings 19:9-18

- Our job is to stay _____, while God does the _____.
- These are both disciplines of _____. We abstain from being with _____ and from _____.
- To take time for silence and solitude means we assume that God wants to _____ and _____ in a personal way.
- _____ can be that place where God is able to _____ us.
- Solitude and silence brings to the surface inner _____, _____, and _____. This can be upsetting or painful, but it is much needed purification!

In solitude I get rid of my scaffolding: no friends to talk with, no telephone calls to make, no meetings to attend, no music to entertain, no books to distract, just me – naked, vulnerable, weak, sinful, deprived, broken – nothing. It is this nothingness that I have to face in my solitude, a nothingness so dreadful that everything in me wants to run to my friends, my work, and my distractions so that I can forget my nothingness and make myself believe that I am worth something.

But that is not all. As soon as I decide to stay in my solitude, confusing ideas, disturbing images, wild fantasies, and weird associations jump about in my mind like monkeys in a banana tree. Anger and greed begin to show their ugly faces. I give long, hostile speeches to my enemies and dream lustful dreams in which I am wealthy, influential, and very attractive – or poor, ugly, and in need of immediate consolation. Thus I try again to run from the dark abyss of my nothingness and restore my false self in all its vainglory...

*The wisdom of the desert is that the confrontation with our own frightening nothingness forces us to surrender ourselves totally and unconditionally to the Lord Jesus Christ (Henri Nouwen *The Way of the Heart*, p. 27-28).*

- Practicing Silence and Solitude is not just abstaining from something but is an _____ into something more. It's an _____ to get rid of distractions and make room for God to _____. It's an invitation for God to _____ us who we are.
- Elijah had to strip away what was _____ him and make room to _____ to God in the _____.

**young
at heart**
Ghyslain Chocolatier Tr...
August
CANCELLED
to be rescheduled
Connecting Point

**COMBINED
SERVICE**
SEPT 3 | 10:30am

SEPT 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Coffee, Milk, Juice, & Donuts at 10am!!

resolve
OVERNIGHTER
SEPTEMBER 22 & 23
Contact Mark & Patty Hahn
for more info

TODAY

6:00 p.m. Student Ministry - "The Challenge"

MONDAY, August 14

6:00 a.m. Rev Boot Camp

9:15 a.m. Rev Strength Class

TUESDAY, August 15

6:30 p.m. Rev Fit Class

7:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting

Prayer Night in the Worship Center

WEDNESDAY, August 16

6:00 a.m. Rev Boot Camp

9:15 a.m. Rev Strength Class

6:30 p.m. Student Ministry Bonfire

Anderson Christian Martial Arts (8 yrs & up)

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - "The Words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew"

THURSDAY, August 17

6:30 p.m. Rev Fit Class

7:00 p.m. Prayer Night in the Worship Center

FRIDAY, August 18

6:00 a.m. Rev Boot Camp

SATURDAY, August 19

8:30 a.m. Grace Marriage

9:00 a.m. Rev Fit Class

SUNDAY, August 20

12:00 p.m. Resolve Fall Kickoff Parent Meeting

6:00 p.m. Student Ministry "The Challenge"

THIS WEEK

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Young At Heart Trip to Ghyslain Chocolatier (HAS BEEN POSTPONED)!**
Will be rescheduled at a later date. There will be no YAH on 8/16/17.
- **Resolve (5th & 6th Grade) Fall Kickoff Parent Meeting** will be August 20 immediately after 2nd service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family to learn about the upcoming events for this year and share lunch together. Meat, drinks & tableware provided. Bring a side and/or dessert to share. Sign up at the Discovery Zone or call the church office to RSVP.
- **Roll Up Your Sleeves!** Bethany Christian Church will once again be hosting a blood drive. This will take place on Tuesday, August 22 in the Friendship Room from 3 - 6:00 p.m. To schedule a donation time that is convenient for you, go to <https://www.donorpoint.org> and look for the Bethany Christian Church location. If you need help, you can call the office at 765.643.5713.
- **Worship Choir Rehearsals** will begin on August 23 in the choir room from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. All are invited to participate.
- **You're Invited to an All Church Picnic** on August 27 at Beulah Park beginning at 4:30 p.m. (eat at 5 pm). The church will provide fried chicken, drinks, and tableware. Bring a side (or 2) to share! Sign up at Connecting Point TODAY!
- **Pee-Wee Soccer** (4 yrs. - 2nd grade) will begin September 9 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and continue every Saturday in September. Registration is \$20 and can be paid at the first session. Sign up at Connecting Point or online at <http://bccanderson.org/pwsoccer17/> beginning **today**. Registration deadline is September 9.
- **First Choice for Women - Walk for Life** will be September 9 at Anderson University. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Receive a free T-shirt by registering online before August 24 and collecting \$100 or more in online donation sponsorships! More information at Connecting Point or at www.firstchoiceforwomen.org by clicking the 'Give Some Help' button.
- **Sabbatical Information:**
"DEEP ROOTS - 2017 Renewal Endowment" brochures are available at Connecting Point.

For even more information about Bethany Christian Church and what's going on here, use your smart phone to scan the code, or type in www.bccanderson.org.

