



# Weekly Booster

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Be-*you*-tiful

Your *Identity* is...  
the Most Beautiful Thing There Is

Imagine living your life with a false identity. That's what happened to Francisco Madariaga Quintela. Just over 30 years ago his mother Sylvia was kidnapped by Argentine security forces. Her husband Abel last saw his pregnant wife being pushed into a Ford Falcon by army officers dressed as civilians as she walked to catch a train on January 17, 1977.

Sylvia was placed in one of the most notorious torture centers near Buenos Aires—Campo del Mayo. Surviving prisoners later revealed that the baby was taken away after birth and Sylvia disappeared in a short time. The baby was taken by a military intelligence officer and adopted as *Alejandro* Ramiro Gallo. The adoptive father was eventually put in prison for murder. When he was older, Alejandro's adoptive mother told him the truth about himself.

In the meantime, his real father Abel had joined a group called *The Grandmothers of the Plaza del Mayo*—a group formed to help return children who had disappeared during the late '70s to their parents. One day Alejandro went to the group. After DNA testing a match was found and a meeting with his father—Abel—was arranged.

Alejandro, after learning his real name was Francisco Madariaga Quintela, said, "For the first time, I know who I was. Who I am. . . . Never again will I use this name. . . . To have your identity is the most beautiful thing there is."

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*“Set peace of mind as your highest goal, and organize your life around it” -Brian Tracy*

### Reminders

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Communion Sunday

July 13<sup>h</sup>

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.  
No choir until fall

### NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

July 14<sup>th</sup>

T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Methodist Men's Breakfast  
Fellowship Hall – 8:00 a.m.

\*\*Worship Assistants are needed  
for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & August

\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed  
sign-up in Fellowship Hall

\*\* Special Music is needed for the  
summer. If you or you know of  
someone that would like to charge  
their musical talents this summer,  
please contact the office

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Maybe you need to know your identity today. A strong sense of identity can take you through the toughest tests. It did for Jesus. Just after his baptism where his lineage was stamped with these words, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him, I am well pleased,” Jesus endured tests in the wilderness. Satan attacked his identity three times with the phrase, “If you are the Son of God . . .” Jesus knew who he was and he changed the world so that you can know who you are and have your world changed by your faith in him.

During a news conference where Abel Madariaga told his story, we are told “his chest heaved” as he presented his son to the world. Like a proud papa, God has presented his one and only Son to the world. He wants you to believe in him so that he can, with “chest heaving full of joy,” present you as his child too. When Satan attacks you can stand firm. And when you need it most, you will feel his hug in a spectacular way and know that you are home.

“To have your identity is the most beautiful thing there is.”

*Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas.*



It is that time of the year for Vacation Bible School. Although we will not be having one here at our church we still encourage those of you who do have the interest to check out other opportunities within our community.



Peace Ev Lutheran Church, 411 Church, 246-2806. August 2-6, 3:00-4:30 daily. Activities, Snacks, & Fun for grades K-8. All are welcome!



Cornerstone Fellowship Church, 1212 Peppertree Dr., 712-215-5031. July 11-15, 6:15-8:45 p.m. Registration is July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:15 p.m.

*“If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things.”*  
 ----- *Albert Einstein*



First United Methodist Church

**Please wear your name tag on Sunday mornings**



## Church Office Hours

**\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High**

**Sunday School** 10:15

Questers (Adults) 10:30

**\*\*Chancel Choir –**

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

**\*\*Sunday School & Choir only during the school year.**

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

**Monday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

**Tuesday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

**Wednesday**

CLOSED

**Thursday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

**Friday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



What did the Lord ask his people to do concerning man in Isaiah?

- a) fear man
- b) stop regarding man
- c) Highly esteem
- d) seeks man's favor

Who was killed by three javelins thrown into his heart?

- a) Absalom
- b) Goliath
- c) Saul
- d) Jephthah

Whose words made the sun stand still

- a) Joshua
- b) Moses
- c) Abraham
- d) Gideon

**Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 10<sup>th</sup> – Grayson Howard
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Beckky Livengood
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Logan Ehlers, Dennis McLaren
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Sloan Tackett
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Keven & Becky Livengood

**\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)**

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Services are now on our Youtube  
channel only. <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: **Terry Stafford**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: Friends, what do you see?**

**People: We see that God has set a path before us.**

**L: What else do you see?**

**P: We see that God is among us.**

**L: And what else do you see?**

**P: We see that God calls us to the prophets**

**All: Together, we will speak God's truth to injustice. AMEN!**

**"Into the Wilderness"**

Old Testament Scripture: Exodus 3:1-10

New Testament Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-13

**Songs**

**Come Now is the Time to Worship #3176 (Green Book)**

**Be Thou My Vision #451 (Hymnal)**

**Holy Ground #2272 (Black Book)**

**My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock) #368 (Hymnal)**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 75**

**Online Worship – Youtube 9**

**Our Mission:**

**"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."**

**Our Vision:**

**"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."**

**Answers for July 3<sup>rd</sup> are d) Restorer of life c) Fig tree a) Elijah**

**Quiz Hints – Q1 Isaiah, Q2 2 Samuel, Q3 no hint, sorry**



These are the last words of David:

*“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,  
the hero of Israel’s songs:*

*“The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me;  
his word was on my tongue.*

*The God of Israel spoke,  
the Rock of Israel said to me:*

*‘When one rules over people in righteousness,  
when he rules in the fear of God,  
he is like the light of morning at sunrise  
on a cloudless morning,  
like the brightness after rain  
that brings grass from the earth.’*

*“If my house were not right with God,  
surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant,  
arranged and secured in every part;  
surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation  
and grant me my every desire.*

*But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns,  
which are not gathered with the hand.*

*Whoever touches thorns  
uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear;  
they are burned up where they lie.”*

[2 Samuel 23:1–7](#)

These are among the last words David spoke before he breathed his last. These are words of hope—that God would continue to bless Israel. It was David’s dying wish that the leaders of the people would continue to kindle the people’s hope in God.

Most of the metaphors David uses in this passage are agricultural—rock, sunrise, rain, grass, fruition, thorns—and they apply to both leaders and followers.

Hope grows when good people lead others toward God. Hope is cut off when bad leaders harm the people they lead.

As followers of Christ, we are tasked with bearing fruit and helping others to grow as well. We are called to pursue God, who is faithful to us. He wants us to be wise, understanding that there will be people who are like thorns, opposing us.

But we always have the potential to grow. Each day blossoms with the possibility of closeness to God because we are loved. We have been invited into a relationship with the God of the universe. He sacrificed his Son for us, and the resurrection of Jesus solidifies our hope.

### Reflect & Pray

Look back over your life as a Christian. When did you grow the most? What circumstances were happening in your life at that time? How did God infuse you with hope?

*Lord, I want to understand what it means to hope, particularly as I lead others today. Thank you for the growth I experience when I study the Bible. Teach me how to continue to grow and become even closer to you. Amen.*

*The article is drawn from NIV News, HarperCollins Christian Publishing, 501 Nelson Place, Nashville, TN 37214.*



One of my hobbies is nature photography. My love for photography started as a child when my grandmother gave me a subscription to the World Wildlife Federation's magazine. It has always given me such joy to immerse myself in the natural world. This Sunday morning I am preaching about being in the wilderness and you might just get to see some of my photographs. Grace and peace, Pastor David B. Clark, 308-258-7749.



It is hard to believe but next Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, is the third Sunday of the month. The Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome! Come and enjoy devotion, fellowship, and breakfast.





*July 10, 2022 – Psalm 145:18- "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."*

### Health and Healing Concerns

Sue Kinney, Richard Perkins, Shirley Braymen (mother-in-law of Tammy Braymen),  
Alan Hutchison, Gloria Mauer, Jeanne Williams, Don Allely (health),  
Joyce Baldwin –If you would like to mail her a card, send it to 507 Church Street, Shenandoah, IA 51601,  
Ethel (Isaacson) Gentes (health issues) 21757 East – 2450 N Road Lexington, IL 61753

### Other Challenges

Mac with challenges related to a car accident last month

### Families Dealing with Loss

The Family of Don Allely (Memorial Service for Phyllis & Don will be Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 p.m.,  
Shenandoah Elks Lodge, Hwy 59)

### Accura Health Care Center - 1203 S Elm, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Louise Beery, Dorothy Hensen, Barbara Teachout

### Homestead of Shenandoah- 601 Harrison, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Loy Beach, Orville Keep, Rex & Lu Hickman, Jane Foster

### The Kensington - 2210 Ave H. Rm. 220, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Katherine Smidt

### Linnwood Estates – 700 N. Linn St Apt 143, Glenwood, IA 51534

Karen Gourley