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October Campaign: Immersed In Jesus!

The options are very limited when it comes to rooting for a local NFL team while living in Toledo, Ohio. Just to the north, are the Detroit Lions who have won 3 out of their last 43 games. One of those wins came against our other somewhat local team, the Cleveland Browns. As a die-

hard Browns fan, I watch my boys play every week, which starts with a new-found sense of optimism and ends with my wife reminding me, "its only a game." I am not the only one who loves those Brownies despite their ineptitude. Each week a crowd of sixty plus thousand people shell out big bucks to endure the tough lake-side weather watching a hapless team. Grown men, such as the one shown here, arrive to the stadium in their customized Cleveland Brown cars, vans, and busses, and step out wearing their ridiculous costumes. Thousands of Cleveland fans are immersed into the culture of the Cleveland Browns.

This month, we'll be joining with the Ohio Valley family of churches to partake in our campaign: "Immersed in Jesus." The idea is very simple, we will saturate ourselves (and ideally others) with teachings, character and life of Jesus. Together, we'll be reading a series of sermons that have been placed together in the book, "Jesus The Same," which talks much about the character of Jesus, taking specific looks at some aspects that we often overlook. Each sermon, lesson, and Bible Talk will revolve around a different aspect of the character of Jesus character. Here are some more details of the campaign:

Weekly Fasts: Each Monday, we will be calling

each disciple to fast from sunrise to sunset. Jesus taught that fasting was a means to draw near to our Beloved Bridegroom— Jesus (Matthew 9:15). Fasting is a spiritual discipline that is to be regularly practiced by Jesus' disciples.



Saturated in the Gospels: This month, in addition to your regular reading, we will all be reading the gospels. We'll read the book of Matthew the first week, Mark the second week, Luke the third, and John the fourth. If you finish a few days early, read it again! The idea is that the words of Jesus will be resonating through our minds everyday.

The Walk Like Jesus Challenge: Devote an entire day of your choosing (from the time you wake until you go to sleep) to worship, reading, prayer, service and evangelism. Want to take it to another level? Try doing all of this without electricity and

other modern conveniences that the disciples in the first century lived without! Be creative and have fun drawing close to God.

Other Ideas: Here are some other ideas to help you to immerse yourself in Jesus. Turn that radio to a Christian radio station, or better yet a sermon or a Bible on CD. Take the month to memorize a large chunk of Scripture. Plan family devotionals from the gospels every week. Write down Scriptures and place them in your home, your car, and/or your place of work. Write a Scripture from your quiet time as your facebook status. Ask members of your Bible Talk if they are continuing Operation Meditation by reading and praying daily.

It will be a great month immersing ourselves in Jesus. And lets be praying to immerse some new believers into the life-saving waters of baptism!

October Church Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Gene's B-day! |
| 3 <u>Sunday Service</u> Leaders Meeting | 4 <u>Week 1: Matthew</u> <u>Fast #1</u> God Works | 5 | 6 Midweek Service | 7 | 8 Preteen Event | 9 OV Marriage Retreat |
| 10 OV Marriage <u>Retreat</u> Evening Service | 11 <u>Week 2: Mark</u> Fast #2 | 12 | 13 Family Group Midweek Service | 14 | 15 Heather's B-day! | 16 Song Practice |
| 17 <u>Sunday Service</u> Leaders Meeting | 18 <u>Week 3: Luke</u> <u>Fast #3</u> Josh's B-day! | 19 Rob's B-day! | 20 Midweek Service | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 <u>Sunday Service</u> Coupon & College Fund Class | 25 <u>Week 4: John</u> Fast #4 | 26 | 27 Midweek Service | 28 | 29 | 30 Song Practice |
| 31 <u>Sunday Service</u> Leaders Meeting | | | | | | |

Coupon & College Fund Class!

Over the years, I have learned the fine art of saving and making easy money while investing very little time. After church on October 24th, I'd like to share with anyone interested a brief tutorial of coupon clipping, and other quick saving skills that I have accumulated. While this won't go down as my finest moment as a man, I do still believe that these money saving tips are too good not to share!



September Membership:

59 disciples and counting!

September & YTD Finances:

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| September Contribution: | \$7,034.00 |
| September Budget: | \$6,830.76 |
| YTD Contribution: | \$65,023.45 |
| YTD Budget: | \$66,599.91 |