

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
September 16, 2018

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Sunday Morning 09-16-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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PREACHING WITHOUT A NET!

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Some people say, "YOU CAN'T ASK QUESTIONS IN CHURCH."

But we say, "OH YES, YOU CAN!"

You can start the new school year asking those questions on Fresh Start Sunday, September 16th at 10:45 am. No sermon to sit through. Just a Live Q & A session.

What questions would you like to ask? You'll be able to text them anonymously. Our pastor, Mark Haines will not see them until they go live on the screen. He'll be preaching without a net.

Psalm 103:1-22 MSG

<font color="#999999">1-2</font></small> O my soul, bless God . From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name! O my soul, bless God , don't forget a single blessing! <font color="#999999">3-5</font></small> He forgives your sins—every one. He heals your diseases—every one. He redeems you from hell—saves your life! He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown. He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal. He renews your youth—you're always young in his presence. <font color="#999999">6-18</font></small> God makes everything come out right; he puts victims back on their feet. He showed Moses how

he went about his work, opened up his plans to all Israel. God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love. He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs. As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is his love to those who fear him. And as far as sunrise is from sunset, he has separated us from our sins. As parents feel for their children, God feels for those who fear him. He knows us inside and out, keeps in mind that we're made of mud. Men and women don't live very long; like wildflowers they spring up and blossom, But a storm snuffs them out just as quickly, leaving nothing to show they were here. God 's love, though, is ever and always, eternally present to all who fear him, Making everything right for them and their children as they follow his Covenant ways and remember to do whatever he said.

<font color="#999999">19-22</font></small> God has set his throne in heaven; he rules over us all. He's the King! So bless God , you angels, ready and able to fly at his bidding, quick to hear and do what he says. Bless God, all you armies of angels, alert to respond to whatever he wills. Bless God , all creatures, wherever you are— everything and everyone made by God . And you, O my soul, bless God !

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John 3:16-18 MSG

<font color="#999999">16-18</font></small> "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

<https://bible.com/bible/97/jhn.3.16-18.msg>

Psalm 104:33-35 MSG

<font color="#999999">33-35</font></small> Oh, let me sing to God all my life long, sing hymns to my God as long as I live! Oh, let my song please him; I'm so pleased to be singing to God . But clear the ground of sinners— no more godless men and women! O my soul, bless God !

<https://bible.com/bible/97/psa.104.33-35.msg>

Why are we having a Live Question and Answer time in place of the sermon today?

Thanks for asking.

Our pastor, Mark Haines has interacted with several people over the years who were told not to ask questions in church. They no longer participate in a congregation or worse yet they have become atheists and agnostics. Some of the questions they've asked are easily addressed while others are very difficult. A few questions cannot be answered to anyone's satisfaction. Mark's heart aches for these people.

Mark grew up in a home where questions were always welcomed and answered as best they could be. He still asks questions and even questions some of his answers. He deeply appreciates the freedom to question and debate his parents gave to him.

We want this church to be a place where questions are welcomed. We will admit it and join the search for answers when we don't know them.

So, feel free to ask your questions about life with Jesus and how to live according to his teaching.

Text your question today between 11:15 and 11:45 am.