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MONTHLY NEWS & EVENTS AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE MAIN THING

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These days demonstrate a brutal war on the gospel. The attack is not only from an adversary, but also from individuals and churches who distort the gospel. Ignoring the biblical lordship of Christ, surrender of the will, repentance from sin, and obedience to God principles of repentance, obedience, and submission are erased. We must be challenged to

take earthly thoughts captive and put on the main thing.

What is the the main thing?

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)

First Importance: The Gospel is not the signature on a piece of art, a home run to win the game or a post script to a love letter. It is the revolutionary means by which God reconciles man unto Himself and takes people from death to life. **Christ:** Jesus is the only sacrifice sufficient to make all of mankind right with God. While retaining the perfect nature of God (Isaiah 9:6) he was sent by God to die on the cross for every one of our acts of disobedience, complete our redemption and thus bring Him glory. **Died for our sins:** The Son allowed the Father to take His death for our debt (2 Corinthians 5:21). Substitutionary atonement removed from the Gospel, forgets our sinfulness and the greatness of God's love is removed from the Gospel. **Sin:** With Good News there is also Bad News. A person who does not believe he is a sinner will see no need for a Savior and spend eternity in eternal torment. We all have broken relationship with God (Isaiah 53:6). The just result of our sin is to be cut off from God in everlasting punishment. (Romans 6:23, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Luke 16:4, Revelation 20:14-15, 1 Peter 3:19, Jude 1:13). **Resurrection:** This is essential because it proves that Jesus has overcome sin and death (Psalm 16:10). Jesus would still be dead if He was not full payment my sin.

The Gospel is that we are all guilty criminals and we deserved to be condemned by God. Instead, because of his love for us, God sacrificed his perfect son on our behalf. Jesus took God's wrath and died on our behalf. His body was placed in a tomb, and on the third day he came back from the dead, never to die again. God overcame our disobedience and deserved punishment. Those who believe on Jesus Christ will repent of their sin being made right with God.

Painfully incarcerated, Paul wrote that he was "not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). Do we believe the Gospel enough to share it with our family and neighbors? Paul recognized the Gospel is the main thing. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) †

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS:

visit ncc-stl.org call the church office lobby or information center registration required

FEBRUARY 12-15

LOGAN VALLEY CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER

ASCEND WINTER RETREAT   

Ascend students will head off to Roach, MO for the annual Winter Retreat.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 // 8:00 AM

EAST ST. LOUIS, IL

R3 SECOND SATURDAY   

Serve as we seek to change the narrative of East St. Louis for the sake of the gospel.

 Paul DeYoung paul@ncc-stl.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 // 6:00 PM

TBD

FFM TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

Teachers enjoy a dinner together as a show of thanks for serving our children.

 Church Office admin@ncc-stl.org



R3 Second Saturday
Saturday, February 13
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Please Sign Up Online

Teacher Appreciation Dinner



February 26
6:30 PM

Contact the church office with any questions.

PRAYER MEETING & BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Please plan to join us on Sunday, March 28 for a church-wide prayer meeting & baptism celebration.
6:00 pm | New Community Church



FEBRUARY EVENTS

THE BULLETIN BOARD

NEED TO CONNECT AT NCC?

We send out a weekly newsletter, prayer requests and special announcements through email and the app. Stop by the Information Center or the website to sign up for our communications.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Lost items are waiting to be found at the Information Center. Items are purged once a month so be sure to stop by and see if your items are there!

LOOKING TO SERVE?

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." How are you serving the body of Christ? Stop by the Information Center to discuss service opportunities that best utilize your gifts.



to glorify God // to make disciples // to share God's love

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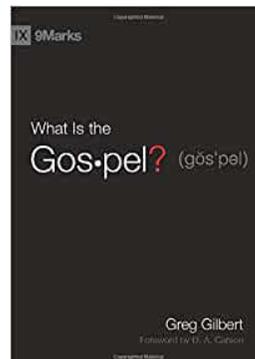
Book of the Month

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Greg Gilbert

What is the gospel? It seems like a simple question, yet it has been known to incite some heated responses, even in the church. How are we to formulate a clear, biblical understanding of the gospel? Tradition, reason, and experience all leave us ultimately disappointed. If we want answers, we must turn to the Word of God.

Greg Gilbert does so in *What Is the Gospel?* Beginning with Paul's systematic presentation of the gospel in Romans and moving through the sermons in Acts, Gilbert argues that the central structure of the gospel consists of four main subjects: God, man, Christ, and a response. The book carefully examines each and then explores the effects the gospel can have in individuals, churches, and the world. Both Christian and non-Christian readers will gain a clearer understanding of the gospel in this valuable resource.



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