

May 12, 2017



# LAS NOTICIAS

## Inviting Evangelism The Gospel of Machiavelli

What does Machiavelli have to do with Jesus? Great question! Thanks for asking.

There is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more difficult to handle, than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all those who would profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new.

In the above quote, written in 1516, one of the great (if nefarious) managerial geniuses of the past millennium describes the condition of today's Church.

Today's Church lives between times, which has always been so in an eschatological sense - God's kingdom both here now and not yet fully arrived - but is now also true in a cultural sense: from "Christendom" to "post-Modernism," from needing to be "attractational" to becoming "missional." And, as Machiavelli astutely notes, transitions are difficult!

Bishop Leslie Newbigin's argued the need to reclaim our missionary zeal for the West and suggested creating a missionary encounter between a congregation and community. While retaining one's theological tradition - (no watered-down Gospel!) - Newbigin counseled congregations to learn the language of the culture in which they live and move and have their being, learning the inner working and outer expressions of that culture, and able to understand at a depth level the yearnings of their neighbors.

Newbigin's challenge to our congregations is to live deeper into our missional calling to reclaim a Gospel zeal for the West by moving away from consumeristic models of church and moving toward holistic, service-oriented models of being the Christ community. He listed several symptoms of a healthy, missional congregation:

- 1) The Sending of God - missional congregations understand, affirm and embrace (which are three, distinct, ever-deepening levels of Gospel engagement) that the God of heaven sends us into the world. How does your church cultivate a "sent-ness" among your people, or are folks mired in the quicksand of consumeristic religion?
- 2) Incarnational Models of Ministry - missional congregations dwell among their neighbors, communicating in ways that connect, that relate, that invite others into a deep engagement with the brokenness of the world. How does your church "dwell with" your neighbors, or are you a kind of religious ghetto?
- 3) Heightened Community - missional congregations are relationally rich, a richness which flows from our participation in the Trinitarian communion - it is who we are! How does your church express relationships that are "really real" and invite others to do life together, or are there aspects of your congregation's friendships that still swim in shallow waters?
- 4) Hospitality Abounding - missional congregations offer radical hospitality and cultivate with intentionality and perseverance a welcome of others. Being a welcoming presence is not the job of the pastor alone but of the entire faith community! How does your church practice hospitality - (what percentage of your members are trained in the art and expectations of offering welcome?) - or do you allow strangers in your midst to remain distance, unnamed and unknown?



What on earth are we doing for heaven's sake,  
Brad Munroe

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## CHURCH NEWS

### CHRIST

will be hosting the Montlure Traveling Day Camp the week of June 19th. The hours are 9-3 Monday-Friday and only cost \$75 for the week. It is an awesome opportunity for children in the Tucson area to spend a week growing in their faith with the amazing staff from Montlure. Interested families can contact CPC at 886-5535. The deadline for registering for the camp is May 28th

### TRINITY

Please join in celebration of Dr. Mack Sigmon's Installation Service and reception on Sunday May 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm. The service will be in the Sanctuary & the reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

### ST ANDREW'S

St. Andrew's Youth Ministry will be holding a Rummage Sale June 3 from 7:00am-12:00 pm and June 4 from 8:00 am-12:15 pm (in between services). Come support the Youth Ministry while also finding some new treasures for your home! If you would like to donate any items to the Rummage Sale please contact Katie Vidal at [kvidal@sapctucson.org](mailto:kvidal@sapctucson.org)

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BI- NATIONAL CONCERT WITHOUT BORDERS  
Saturday May 20th, 2017 6 - 9PM  
at the Douglas Border Point of Entry and Pan American Avenue, Aqua Prieta, MX  
Featuring artists on 2 Stages on either side of the Border!

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## PENTECOST OFFERING

We want to thank and celebrate those who have participated, and invite you to share with us in this journey. Contributions from the 2016 Pentecost Offering helped raise over \$717,000 for ministries for the younger members of our Church and world, and for that we are incredibly thankful! There are more stories and resources for you and your congregation at [www.presbyterianmission.org/pentecost](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/pentecost)

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It's time to register your kids for summer camp at Camp Colton, Flagstaff.

Sr Hi 1 6/19-6/24

Jr Hi 1 7/10- 7/15

Jr Hi 2 6/12 - 6/17

Juniors 6/25 -6/29

[www.montlure.org](http://www.montlure.org)

We are still hiring for multiple paid-staff positions for both Traveling Day Camps and Overnight Camps. Ages 18+. Please forward to any college students home for the summer, or anyone looking to make a difference in the lives of young people.

[Click here for more information/to apply](#) , or email [camp@montlure.org](mailto:camp@montlure.org) for questions.

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## PRAYERS

-for Janet Rowe whose father passed away this week

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

### AUGUST

12- The Big Event- Valley, Paradise Valley

### OCTOBER

28- Nov 4- [Border to Border Event- Frontera de Cristo](#)

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