## Welcome to Marysville Berean Church July 10, 2022

"Revival Prayer" 2 Chronicles 7:14

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages. Adult class:

"So You Yearn for Heaven and to be with Jesus?" led by Doug Argo

### Today's Events

5:00 p.m. – Jail Ministry

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group at Mike Fincham's home

7:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Service - study of Revelation

## This Week's Events

Amendment informational meting at Blue Rapids – Mon. 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery – Thursday at the church at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

Letters have been received from our sister church in Carmathe, Haiti and from the Bejanaros serving the Hispanic community in Tennessee. They are posted on the bulletin board.

#### **SUNDAY SERVANTS:**

Nursery workers today: Becky and Allison

July 17: Becky and Allison Children's church workers today:

Teacher: Beth

**Helpers:** Delma and Anna

Children's church workers for July 17:

**Teacher:** Pat

**Helpers:** Dominic and Brynn

**Cleaning for July 17:** Pam

Refreshments for July 17: Mary, Regina, Sheri, Deb V.

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#### **COMING EVENTS**

An informational meeting regarding the Value Them Both Amendment will be held Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Blue Rapids Community Center. You will have an opportunity to learn how a recent Kansas Supreme court ruling removed the legal foundation for all existing laws that permit basic regulations on abortion in Kansas and how the Value Them Both Amendment could affect that ruling and future regulatory decisions. You will also learn what the amendment does and what it does not do.

Matt and JoEllen Fincham will be taking the youth group high schoolers (kids going into 9th grade through kids who have graduated this year) to Worlds of Fun on August 3rd. Please meet at the church at 7:45 am. We plan to be back to the church by 11:30 pm. Each kid will need to bring money to pay for lunch and supper. Please let JoEllen know by July 24 if you are planning to go.

## **Camp Dates**

Junior Camp (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades): July 11-16 High School Camp (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades): July 18-23 Junior High Camp (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades): July 25-30 Please let Kathleen know if you have registered so transportation can be arranged. A driver will be needed the week of Jr. High Camp. Contact Kathleen (785-562-1152) with questions.

## Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

Kenya - When Muslims denied water access to the only Christian church in town, front-line workers helped church members drill a borehole to access water. During a severe drought in Kenya, the community borehole dried up, but the church borehole remained strong. The Muslim community then requested water for their livestock. Rather than turn their oppressors away, the church embraced them and provided water for thousands of animals. "Through water, the church which used to be despised found acceptance from the community," a front-line worker said. "One of the Muslim leaders told the pastor of the church, 'We used to call you enemy, but now we call you brother.'" Pray the church can share Christ with their Muslim community as they show God's love to them. Pray the Muslims in this community will repent and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

## Prayer requests

Pray that our church would use our resources and opportunities to make disciples.

## <u>Updates</u>

**Benny Ekstrum** – was released from the hospital. Pray for his recovery, especially for renewed strength.

## Ongoing Health Concerns

**Kevin Throm** – pray for his recovery from knee surgery. **Samantha Ekstrum** – Pray for a speedy recovery from hip surgery.

Regina Breshears - healing from surgery.

**Lee Papes** – Praise! His cancer count is down – now undergoing chemo treatments every two weeks and blood treatments once a week.

Rae McCranie - pray her health issues will be resolved.

**Laykin O'Toole** -Vince and Phyllis' grandson - pray for healing for his eyes and strength in his legs.

**Ken Argo** – Arlan's brother – recovering from a spinal cord injury. He has no use of his legs and very little movement with his hands.

## Other Requests

Pray for **Sarah Roberts** who is serving on a short-term ministry trip with Christian Challenge in Central Asia.

Please pray for Marvin and Erica Steinfort and their family as they begin their new ministry in Tbilisi (country of Georgia). Pray they will find permanent lodging and know what school would be best for their boys.

## Our Church

Shut-ins: Mary Stillwell

Pray for those in the military:

Nick Boeschling: now stationed at Ft. Stewart, GA.

Taylor Fahey: Tim and Lana Stevenson's son - stationed at

Canon Air force Base in Clovis, NM.

Elder: Doug Argo; Deacon: Dave Vogelsberg; Family: Tim Stevenson

### Our World

- \*Pray the Value Them Both Amendment passes in August.
- \*Praise the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade.
- \*Pray for the families who lost children in the school shootings.
- \*Pray for our country's leadership.
- \*Pray for Christians to have discernment and wisdom in how we live in this fallen world.

#### Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

Iran - The Islamic Revolution of 1979, led by Ayatollah Khomeini, created the world's only Shiite Islamic theocracy and profoundly changed every aspect of life in Iran. Today, many of those who committed their lives to Islam and Islamic rule are filled with despair. This disillusionment has opened new doors for the gospel, which is sweeping across the nation via Christian media and bold evangelists in Iran's growing house church movements. However, the government continues its attempts to thwart this move of God. Christian leaders and pastors are often arrested, tortured and imprisoned, and their families are harassed. Some, left with no other options, choose to flee the country.

More than 97 percent of Iranians are identified by the government as Muslims, but a significant segment of the population has abandoned Islam, and many have come to faith in Christ.

Christians are persecuted by government authorities, which have a network of informants in each city. Family, friends and community members also persecute Christians, especially when news of a conversion becomes public.

The Iranian government is among the most oppressive regimes in the world. It is illegal to leave Islam, and Christians face the constant threat of imprisonment and being falsely charged with "acting against national security" for owning Bibles or even talking about Christ. Christians are routinely fired from their jobs, and it is difficult for a known believer to find a job or rent a home. Many Christians gather in secret fellowships and receive teaching through Christian media smuggled into the country and through broadcast media. Several Christians are currently imprisoned, and many others are under house arrest awaiting sentencing.

It is illegal to own, print, import or distribute Bibles. Since they are so difficult to obtain, Bibles are treasured by Iranian believers. Few have their own copy of God's Word.

In the past, the Islamic government of Iran banned Christian seminaries from operating within the country. The lack of formal training centers prevents most local pastors from receiving practical, hands-on theological instruction. Recently, some Iranian Christians who lead a network of house churches in Iran traveled to a nearby country where they learned how to conduct baptisms and communion services. Those leaders have since returned to Iran to model these essential Christian ordinances to other house church leaders. Pray that Iranian pastors receive the necessary training they need to lead their flocks. Pray that many in Iran will trust Christ through the faithful witness of these church leaders.

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If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV