

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

July 24, 2022

“Seven Deadly Sins”

Psalm 19:13

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

Adult class:

“The Believer and Persecution” led by Don Fincham

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all who donated to the Kansans for Life baby bottle project. \$900 was raised.

This Week's Events

Celebrate Recovery – Thursday at the church at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: *Rubiel and Carolyn*

July 31: Rick and Lisa

Children's church workers today:

Teacher: *Brenda*

Helpers: *Mona and Brynn*

Children's church workers for July 31:

Teacher: *Susan*

Helpers: *Wassom boys*

Cleaning for July 31: *Boeschling*

Refreshments for July 31: *Jolene, Diana, Delma, Talysha*

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COMING EVENTS

Matt and JoEllen Fincham will be taking the youth group high schoolers (students going into 9th grade through students 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 student will need to bring money to pay for lunch and supper. Please let JoEllen know by **TODAY** if you are planning to go.

Elder Meeting – Thursday, August 4 at 7.p.m.

All Church Potluck at Lion's Park August 21.

Camp Dates

Junior High Camp (7th-9th 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.

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Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

Guinea - Soulayman is a Fulani painter who came to faith in Christ through the witness of a missionary who had hired Soulayman. When his family discovered his newfound faith, they forced him to marry a Muslim woman to try to reconvert him. When a son was born to Soulayman, the family tried to force him to perform an Islamic ceremony on the boy. After Soulayman refused, the family sent his wife to attack him; she stabbed him with a knife. When Soulayman returned home from the hospital after receiving treatment for his wounds, his family wouldn't let him see his children and attacked him again. Soulayman eventually escaped with his children and reached out to a local missionary who helped him find refuge with a local pastor. Pray that Soulayman and his children will be safe, and pray his family comes to faith in Christ.

Our Church Mission

Our **purpose** is to present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to our community and the world, and teach His followers from the Bible how to love, serve, and glorify Him. (Matt. 28:19-20) *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Prayer requests

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

Updates

Deb Chapman – Praise! – she has recovered from Covid.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Benny Ekstrum – Pray for renewed strength.

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.

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

Other Requests

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: Frank Shoemaker; **Deacon:** Dan Argo; **Family:** Kevin Throm

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 loved ones in the various shootings across the country.

*Pray for our country's leadership.

*Pray for Christians to have discernment and wisdom in how we live in this fallen world.

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Sri Lanka - The island nation of Sri Lanka, off the eastern coast of India, is still rebuilding from a civil war between Buddhist and Hindu factions that ended in 2009. The government has put significant efforts into resettling those displaced during the conflict between the majority-Buddhist Sinhalese population and the Hindu Tamil separatists. There are strong churches in the country as well as parachurch organizations that provide Bible training, theological education and missions training. Churches in Sri Lanka are actively sending missionaries to other countries in South Asia.

Christians can openly gather and worship in Sri Lanka, but the government is now pressuring all churches to officially register. Local governments sometimes participate in attacks on pastors and churches. Despite the threats and attacks, Sri Lankan churches are strongly engaged in church-planting and missionary-sending activities.

There is a Bible Society in Sri Lanka, and Bibles are readily available except in the most difficult areas.

Reliable statistics are unavailable, but roughly 70 percent of Sri Lankans are Buddhist, 10 percent Hindu, 10 percent Muslim and 10 percent Christian. The north of the country is majority Hindu and the south majority Buddhist. Christians are a persecuted minority in both areas. Buddhists are the primary persecutors, sometimes led by Buddhist monks who openly stir up communities against the Christians who live among them. Hindus also oppose evangelism and conversion to Christianity.

After a woman named Malamma led a Hindu priest and his family to faith in Jesus Christ, the former priest urged her to raise funds to build a new worship hall next to his home. When a local Buddhist leader learned of the project, he quickly opposed it. One Sunday, as Malamma led a worship service at the Christian man's home with other new believers, several Buddhist monks arrived. They stole everyone's Bibles, chased the worshipers away and threatened to kill Malamma if she didn't leave that night. She and other believers prayed through the night for God to protect them. The next day, local authorities learned of the threats and assured Malamma that she would be protected. Pray that these believers remain safe, and pray their persecutors find faith in Christ.

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Sermon Notes

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