

# *Welcome to Marysville Berean Church*

November 27, 2022

“Loved”

*John 3:16-21*

**Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.**

We welcome the Champlins to our service this morning. They will be sharing about their ministry during the Sunday school hour.

## **Today's Events**

5:00 p.m. – *Jail Ministry*

5:30 p.m. – *AWANA – Ice Cream Sundae Night*

6:30 p.m. – *Youth Group at the church*

## **Announcements**

The Dec.-Feb. “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional booklets are in the tract rack at the back of the sanctuary.

A small group for parents meets on Friday nights every other week. Check with Pastor Joel for more details.

## **This Week's Events**

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** – “Trusting God” study at the church led by Doug Argo.

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** – “The World of the End,” study on the Olivet discourse by David Jeremiah at the Frank Shoemaker home.

**Thursday – 7 p.m.** – Men’s Bible study (“Stepping Up”) – Mike Fincham home (1427 Quail Rd.)

**Thursday – 7 p.m.** – Women’s Bible study – same place as men’s study.

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS:**

**Nursery workers today:** *Susan and Elaini*

*Dec. 4: Ruth W. and Lisa*

**Children’s church workers today:**

**Teacher:** *Brenda*

**Helpers:** *Mona and Dominic*

**Children’s church workers for Dec. 4:**

**Teacher:** *Susan*

**Helpers:** *The Wassoms*

**Cleaning for Dec. 4:** *Boeschlings*

**Refreshments for Dec. 4:** *Mary, Regina, Sheri, Deb V.*

**November** is our church’s turn for assisting at the Food Pantry and donating items. A box for donated items is by the church office door. Thanks to those who have signed up to help. A list of needed items is on the back table and an email was sent out last Sunday listing desperately needed items.

## **Coming Events**

**Ladies Christmas Party** – Wed., Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lee Dam Art Center (south of Marysville Post Office). Hostesses are Pam W. and Sharon V. Bring finger food to share and a \$15 gift to exchange. (*A gift is not required to attend – attendees can opt out of the gift exchange.*) A sign up sheet is on a table in the narthex. When you sign up, pick up a recipe card to complete with a favorite holiday recipe. These can be given to Pam or Sharon before or at the party and these will be put into a recipe book. The recipe does not need to be what you bring to the party. These parties are always FUN so sign up ASAP!

The Marshall County Arts Cooperative and the Memorial Presbyterian Church are presenting "Organ Classics and Christmas Carols" Sunday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m. at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Marysville. The concert features Dr. David Pickering, professor of music and chair of the keyboard division at Kansas State University. The public is invited to enjoy the sounds of the season at this free concert; a reception will follow.

## **Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters**

**Nigeria** - In recent years, Fulani militants have been attacking Christian areas of northern Nigeria, regularly kidnapping, injuring, and killing thousands of people. To protect their town, Pastor Ibrahim Isa and a group of men guarded it throughout the night. Pastor Ibrahim was born in the predominately Muslim Fulani tribe but was considered a traitor to that group because he had converted to Christianity. On the morning of April 15, 2022, as Pastor Ibrahim was walking home alone after a night of guarding his village, a group of radical Fulani men ambushed him. He tried to run away, but they shot him multiple times and killed him. He is survived by his wife and five children.



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## ***Prayer requests***

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

### ***New Request***

**Toad Fragel** – recovery from injuries sustained in a fall.

**Keith Vacha** – recovering from recent hospitalization with heart problems.

### ***Update***

**Jolene Ekstrum** – has sufficiently recovered from surgery. Thank you for your prayers.

### ***Ongoing Health Concerns***

**Keith** – Carolyn's son's boss – has stage 4 bone cancer.

**Vince O'Toole Jr.** – heart surgery is scheduled for Nov. 29.

**Lana Stevenson** – is recovering well from surgery – has begun chemotherapy.

**Deb Chapman** – Is getting partial relief through treatment for her headaches. Please continue to pray for complete relief.

**Lila Hula** – recovering at home from another surgery.

**Benny Ekstrum** – is waiting awhile to determine status of cancer.

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

### ***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:** Mike Fincham; **Deacon:** Dan Argo; **Family:** Rick Boeschling

### ***Our World***

\*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***

**India** - In Gujarat, India, an unfamiliar man stopped a group of Christians walking home from a prayer fellowship meeting at a fellow Christian woman's house. He accused them of doing "conversion business" and warned them not to continue. Front-line workers asked for prayer for the Christians and also for the salvation of that stranger.

### ***Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters***

**Nigeria** - Nigeria is geographically divided along religious lines, with a Muslim-dominated north and a majority-Christian south. There are more than 80 million professing Christians in Africa's most populous nation, the fruit of both pioneer mission work and freed slaves who returned to the continent from Europe with the gospel following the 1833 abolition of slavery in England. Foreign missionary activity in the north has declined significantly since 2008 as a result of the emergence of the Islamic militant group Boko Haram. Based in the north, Boko Haram is affiliated with al-Qaida and has also aligned itself with ISIS. Although Boko Haram has weakened somewhat in the northeast, it still carries out devastating attacks in the Christian communities and on army units in the region.

The Boko Haram Islamic extremist group and Fulani Islamic militants work together to attack Christian villages throughout northern Nigeria. Terrorist groups and other Muslims in the north want to drive Christians out of the region and continue their push to create a separate Islamist nation governed by Islamic law.

Nearly all Christians in northeastern Nigeria have lost family members or friends in attacks by Boko Haram or Fulani Islamic militants. Entire congregations have been displaced, and many pastors have been forced to leave the region. Being active in church looks much different than it did at the beginning of the 21st century. It now takes great courage and faith to openly worship and serve Christ.

Thousands of Christians remain in camps designated for internally displaced people. With few schools able to function because of the violence, families are concerned about their children's education. Life is a constant struggle, and in some places it is difficult for Christians to find food. Famine threatens farms in the north as a result of ongoing Islamist violence; Fulani Islamic militants kill farmers when they attempt to return to their farms. In addition, many villages and farmlands have been taken over by the Islamist militias.

While Bibles are plentiful in the south, there is a great need for them in the north. Many Bibles have been lost in attacks and as people have been displaced. Most Christians in the north do not own a Bible, and even if they were available, few in the north could afford them.

VOM supports widows who have lost their husbands in Islamist attacks, and trains and equips pastors in the north. They also provide study Bibles, New Testaments and Christian discipleship literature to believers.

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*Sermon Notes*

*Marysville Berean Church*

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Greater  
**LOVE**  
has no one  
than this,  
that he  
lay down his  
**LIFE** for  
his friends.

JOHN 15:13