

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

November 6, 2022

“Taking Care of God’s House”

John 2:12-22

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

Adult class:

“Seven threats to our culture” led by Don Fincham.

Today’s Events

5:00 p.m. – *Jail Ministry*

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

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

Announcements

Vote on Tuesday! A voter guide is available on the back table. It shows the different issues of the candidates for Governor and the U.S. Senate.

This Week’s Events

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

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

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: *Ruth W. and Brynn*

Nov. 13: Dave and Lisa

Children’s church workers today:

Teacher: *Becky*

Helpers: *Carolyn and Avery*

Children’s church workers for Nov. 13:

Teacher: *Becky*

Helpers: *Brandi and Jonas*

Cleaning for Nov. 13: *Connie*

Refreshments for Nov. 13: *Jolene, Diana, Delma, Talysha*

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. A sign up sheet for volunteers to help at the pantry is on the back table in the sanctuary. Information about serving is also included at the top of the sign up sheet.

Coming Events

Elm Street Outreach – Monday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. If you want to help contact Pat Olson (785-353-2424 or 785-410-3501.)

Bible Study at the home of Frank Shoemaker begins November 16 at 7 p.m. The study is “The World of the End . . . How Jesus’ prophesy shapes our priorities” by David Jeremiah on the Olivet discourse from Matthew 24. If you have not already done so, please let Frank or Lynette know if you plan to attend so they can plan accordingly. Call or text Frank (785-562-7215) with any questions.

Ladies Christmas Party – Wed., Dec. 7 – More details will be forthcoming as the event approaches.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone that helped in any way (physically, in prayer or donations) with Black Squirrel Fest and our own Fall Fest. Both events were a success and it was due to all of you and your willingness to help out where needed!!

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.”*



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Church secretary’s office hours: Mon. & Fri. 9 a.m.-noon.

Prayer requests

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

New Request

Jolene Ekstrum – recovering at home from surgery.

Vince O’Toole Jr. – has a leak in his aortic heart valve. Please pray for wisdom as the doctors decide on treatment.

Update

Lila Hula – recovering at home from another surgery.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Lana Stevenson – recovery from surgery.

Benny Ekstrum – is waiting 6 months to determine status of cancer.

Deb Chapman – pray for healing and relief from terrible headaches. She was scheduled to see a specialist on Nov. 3.

Laykin O’Toole –Vince and Phyllis’ grandson - praise! he is gaining strength in his legs.

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: Frank Shoemaker; **Deacon:** Fred Edwards **Family:** Jared Argo

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

Cote d’Ivoire - Flora struggled with illness that caused erratic behavior and insomnia. During a Christian meeting in her village, she received prayer and was healed. She also became a follower of Jesus. This decision infuriated her father, who told her she must choose family or Christ. She remained firm in her faith and was kicked out. Though her living conditions are difficult, she remains committed to Christ. “She consistently goes to church,” a front-line worker said. “She prays that she has strength to continue living faithfully for God.”

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Afghanistan - Cultural and religious opposition to the gospel as well as significant security issues remain great challenges for all missions efforts in this Central Asian nation. And sadly, most Afghans have never heard the gospel, do not know a Christian and have been indoctrinated to follow Muhammad’s teachings without question. Radical Islam and violent tribal political activity make the nation a difficult and dangerous place for Christians to practice their faith. Both local and national governments are highly antagonistic toward Christians. Extremist groups, including the Taliban and ISIS are active, and believers are also persecuted by their families, friends and communities.

Afghan Christians cannot worship openly. They must worship in homes or other small venues, and evangelism is forbidden. Christians and seekers are highly secretive about their faith or interest in Christianity, especially since the resurgence of the Taliban. Beatings, torture and kidnappings are routine for Christians in Afghanistan. Although waves of Christians have fled the country to worship openly, some Afghan Christians have stayed to maintain a witness for Christ. A small number of Christians are martyred every year in Afghanistan, but their deaths generally occur without public knowledge. A few are also in prison, but imprisonment is not common. Christian converts from Islam are often killed by family members or other radicalized Muslims before any legal proceedings can begin.

Bibles are available only through underground ministry networks or in digital formats. There is little access to printed Bibles, and owning one is extremely dangerous. Most believers do not have their own Bible, but online Bibles and other digital formats are available and extremely helpful to believers and seekers. Bible translation efforts are underway for the languages of some people groups who do not have a Bible in their native language.

Ali rejected Islam and had been searching for the one true God since he was 15. A friend provided him with a Bible, and through God’s Word, Ali found what he was looking for: “I don’t know very much about Jesus, but I enjoy His presence every day, and I won’t give Him up for anything in the world!” The Taliban have since identified Ali as a convert, which they consider a crime worthy of death, and have started searching for him. When Ali learned this, he fled. Neighbors told him that shortly after he left, armed Taliban soldiers arrived looking for him. Ali says he has had many opportunities to flee to a safer country but that he will remain because he wants to be a witness to his fellow Afghans. “I believe Jesus is alive and can protect me from all danger and hardships,” Ali said.

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Sermon Notes

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