

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

December 4, 2022

“Loved”

John 3:16-21

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

Adult class:

“Helping the Poor” led by Pastor Joel

Today's Events

5:00 p.m. – Jail Ministry

5:30 p.m. – AWANA – Regular Club Night

6:30 p.m. – Youth Group at the church

8-9 p.m. – Christmas Program practice for those involved.

Announcements

Wednesday evening Bible studies are cancelled due to the Ladies Christmas Party.

Pastor Joel will be away next Sunday on vacation and our missionary, Ken Heizer, will be preaching.

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

Tuesday – 7 p.m. – Elder Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – Ladies Christmas Party at the Lee Dam Art Center. See detailed information on the next page.

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.



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

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: *Ruth W. and Lisa*

Dec. 11: Bobby and Wendy

Children's church workers today:

Teacher: *Susan*

Helpers: *The Wassoms*

Children's church workers for Dec. 11:

Teacher: *Brenda*

Helpers: *Rubiel and Avery*

Cleaning for Dec. 11: *Ruth O.*

Refreshments for Dec. 11: *Sharon, Meg, Lynette, Ruth O.*

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.

Christmas Program Practice – Saturday, Dec. 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

December 18 – 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Program. Fellowship time will follow with appetizers and desserts.

Prayer requests

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

New Request

Pray for Doc Argo and his family as they grieve the passing of his wife, **Ella Mae**.

Update

Vince O'Toole Jr. – recovering from open heart surgery last Tuesday.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Toad Fragel – recovery from injuries sustained in a fall.

Keith Vacha – recovering from recent hospitalization with heart problems.

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

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: Frank Shoemaker; **Deacon:** Rick Boeschling; **Family:** Russ Breshears

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 - On Dec. 26, Pastor Jawahar was sitting in his home in western India, talking with members of his church, when Hindu fanatics—including police officers—burst in, accusing the Christians of trying to convert Hindus by fraud. After interrogation and intimidation in Jawahar's home, the police took him and two elders to the police station in a larger town. Pastor Jawahar was jailed without due legal process. He was released after 45 days and forced to pay a large fine with money his wife had to borrow at high interest. Pastor Jawahar was discouraged about finding himself in prison, but also confident that he would not lose his faith or stop his kingdom service. He is now receiving assistance to pay this debt and to provide for his family's needs.

China - On Aug. 17, police arrested six adults and one child from the Xi'an Church of Abundance, aggressively searched their homes, and interrogated them at the police station before sending them home. The next day, the six adults were rearrested and charged with illegal gathering and illegal fundraising. The charges were based on testimony obtained from church members who had been threatened and intimidated. The two pastors, Lian Changnian and Lian Xuliang, and an evangelist, Fu Juan, remained in custody after the others were released, their location still unknown when their families requested prayer two days later. There was also evidence that Lian Xuliang had suffered physical abuse while in custody. On Aug. 19, the Civil Affairs Bureau announced that the congregation was officially banned.

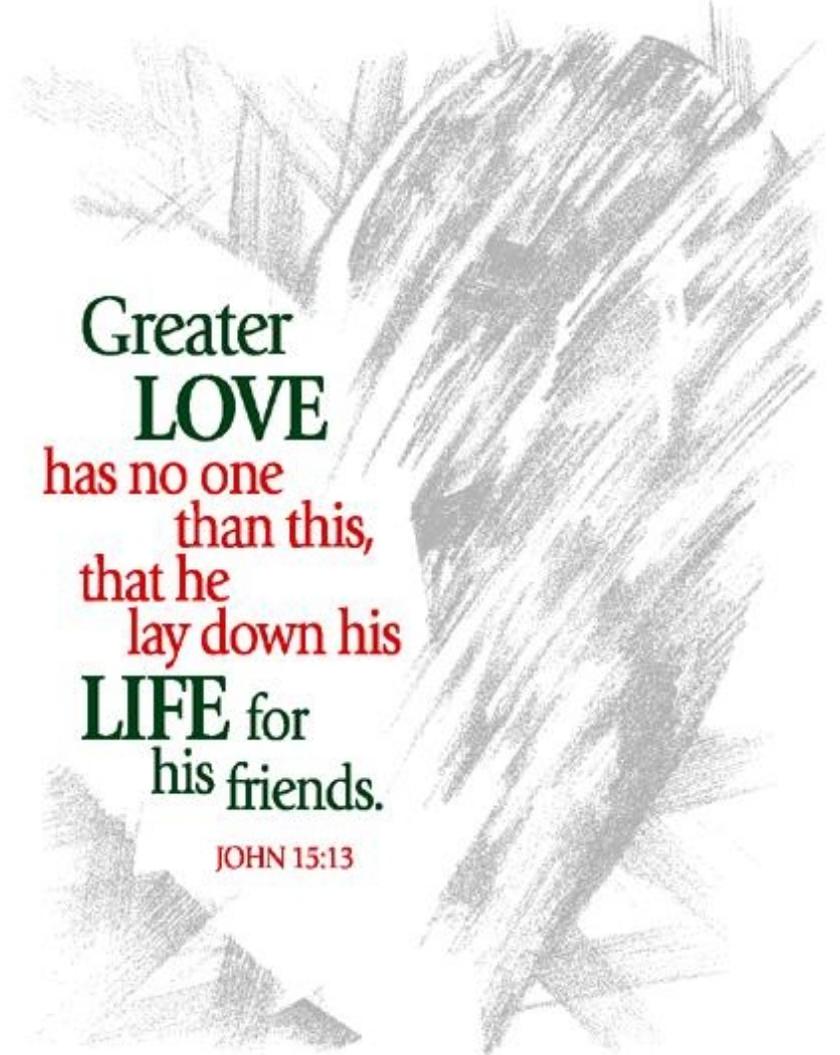
Cote d'Ivoire - Followers of local animist traditions in the village of Grahipla had planned an initiation ceremony on July 31, 2022, and told Christians not to worship that day. Local Christians decided the threat would not stop them. But on that day, animist initiates attacked five churches, three of which were holding services. The attackers looted buildings, destroyed three, and humiliated Christian men, women and children by stripping off their clothes and beating them. Many of the Christian men now struggle to take care of their farms because of their injuries, and police have yet to take any action. Front-line workers ask for prayer that the brothers and sisters will fully recover, mentally and physically, from the attacks, and for God's provision as they work to rebuild their churches.

Taken from <https://www.icommittoprayer.com>

Sermon Notes

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

JOHN 15:13