

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

January 22, 2023

“Overcome or Overcoming?”

John 4:1-42

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 – Silly Socks Night

6:30 p.m. – Youth Group at the church

Announcements

Are you interested in helping provide meals when needed? If so, contact Jodi O'Neil (785-799-7644) or the church office.

Sunday School students who meet upstairs are asked to remain downstairs during fellowship time.

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. – “Foundations” study (biblical apologetics teaching from Ken Ham from the book of Genesis) from Answers in Genesis at Mike Fincham's home.

Coming Events

Annual Business Meeting – January 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Zoomerang VBS – June 5-9



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

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: *Russ and Regina*

Jan. 29: Russ and Regina

Children's church workers today:

Teacher: *Pat*

Helpers: *The Wassoms*

Children's church workers for Jan. 29:

Teacher: *Brenda*

Helpers: *Brandi and Jonas*

Cleaning for Jan. 29: *Sheri*

Refreshments for Jan. 29: *Pam, Marabeth, Rubiel, Sharon K.*

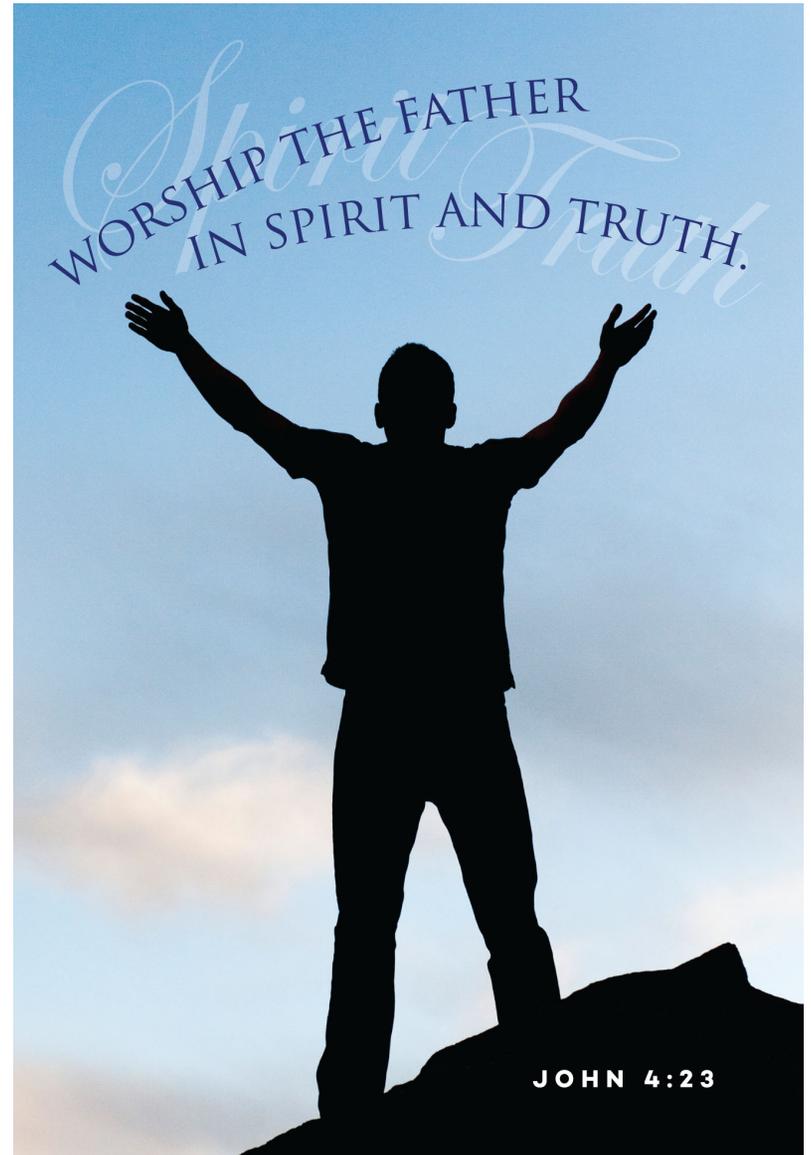
Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

Nepal - Bimala Thokar came to faith in Christ in 2021 through the witness of her daughter. The Buddhist people of their Nepalese village disapproved of Bimala and her family becoming Christians and sharing the gospel with others. Local Buddhist monks called the police to accuse Bimala of “evil practices” and illegally spreading the Christian religion. At the police station, Bimala answered the charges by explaining her Christian faith. The police officer in charge identified himself as Christian and encouraged Bimala in her faith. No charges were filed. Instead, villagers who had previously shunned Bimala and verbally abused her slowly began to accept her and ask her to pray with them. Bimala remains strong in her faith and desires that a fellowship of Christians would be started in her village.

Kenya - A church in a Kenyan town with a significant Muslim population has met for years underneath a tree, and the group desperately needs a building. The church was founded in 2017 by a Kenyan missionary in the yard of his first convert. Front-line workers said, “The Kenyan missionary who started the church received a lot of intimidation and mockery. He was marked to be killed, called a fool, and accused of misleading others because of sharing the gospel.” The first church member came to Christ when she was healed of a prolonged sickness after the missionary prayed for her. The woman had spent much seeking a cure, including paying seven goats to local magicians and visiting Islamic sheikhs who recited the Quran over her. After she was healed, the church grew and now has nearly 50 members.

Sermon Notes

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Prayer requests

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

New Requests

Deb Chapman – pray for healing from surgery on her hands.

Update

Lila Hula – has completed radiation treatment.

Toad Fragel – has recovered well from injuries sustained in a fall.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Terri Krogman – will undergo surgery January 25.

Doug Argo – Pray medication will dissolve the blood clots in his lungs and thigh.

Dennis Hiatt – pray his heart stays in rhythm and that testing on the 24th gives him some good options.

Vince O'Toole Jr. – pray for complete recovery from surgery.

JoEllen Anderson – Chuck Anderson's wife – broke her left shoulder and fractured her pelvis in a fall. Pray for healing and pain relief. Cards can be sent to her at 102 Joshua Rd, Divide, CO 80814

Lee Papes – is now undergoing chemo treatments every two weeks.

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.

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

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:** Dave Vogelsberg; **Family:** Rockey Edwards

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

Uganda - Uganda is a majority-Christian nation with many active churches. Eighty-four percent of Ugandans are Christians, including 34 percent evangelicals. However, Uganda's history has made it particularly vulnerable to the influence of Islam. During the 1970s, Uganda was ruled by the dictator Idi Amin, who was inspired by Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi to join the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and to begin Islamization of the country. Many of Amin's policies continue to influence society and government today. Arab countries invest significant resources into furthering Muslim interests in the country. Radical Islam's influence has grown steadily, and many Christians within the majority-Muslim border regions are facing severe persecution, especially those who convert from Islam. Despite the risks, evangelical churches in Uganda have responded by reaching out to their neighbors; many churches are training leaders how to share the gospel with Muslims and care for those who are persecuted after they become Christians.

Local Islamists persecute Christians, especially along the eastern, southwestern and northern borders, where radicals have been steadily encroaching.

Christian converts from Islam face pressure from family members and harassment in Muslim communities. Several young people who converted to Christianity have been severely beaten and injured by parents or community members. Pastors and churches have been attacked, and some converts have been killed after their faith became known. The children of families who leave Islam are no longer welcome at school. In some areas, local laws are passed to limit the spread of Christianity or seize church land.

Bibles are available in urban areas, but most people in rural areas do not have access to them or cannot afford them. In addition, many tribal dialects are spoken in rural areas of Uganda, and literacy rates are low among older members of the population.

VOM supports the distribution of print and audio Bibles in areas with a heavy Muslim influence and helps believers who have been attacked, threatened or ostracized because of their Christian faith. VOM also sponsors conferences in central Uganda to inform Christians of encroaching Islamization and to empower churches and pastors to continue standing for Christ in the face of radical Islamic activity while caring for Christian converts from Islam.

VOM is helping front-line workers provide job training and equipment to support Christian converts who have been shunned by their communities. Two hundred former Muslims recently completed vocational training in sewing, cooking, barbering and metalworking. Upon graduation, they were also given equipment to launch businesses. One of the graduates, trained in welding and metal fabrication, said, "Since I converted to Christianity, Muslims have been mocking me and belittling me for forsaking family and its benefits. Thank you so much for equipping us."