

# *Welcome to Marysville Berean Church*

January 29, 2023

“Faith in the Making”

*John 4:46-54*

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

**Adult class:**

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

## Today's Events

11:30 a.m. – *Annual Business Meeting*

5:00 p.m. – *Jail Ministry*

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

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

## Announcements

Several items of clothing have found their way into the church office. If you think any of them might belong to you, please check the table underneath the observation window.

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

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:** *Lisa and Simeon*

*Feb. 5: Brandi and Brynn*

**Children's church workers today:**

**Teacher:** *Brenda*

**Helpers:** *Brandi and Jonas*

**Children's church workers for Feb. 5:**

**Teacher:** *Susan*

**Helpers:** *Carolyn and Avery*

**Cleaning for Feb. 5:** *Boeschling*

**Refreshments for Feb. 5:** *Pat, Jodi, Janet, Ellen*

## Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

**India** - In Andhra Pradesh state, officials are conducting a survey to identify all Christians who have come from Hindu families, married a Hindu or are conducting Christian activities. Such surveys have generally led to increased persecution and discrimination. Front-line workers ask for prayer for Christians in India as violence against Christians grows and is expected to increase even more as the 2023 national elections approach.

**Sri Lanka** - In 2000, Ayesha Lambious started sharing the gospel in an unreached area of Sri Lanka. Soon 25 to 30 people gathered regularly with her, so she and her husband, Anura, planted two churches in majority Hindu areas. Persecution has been constant in their lives. Villagers threw stones at their house during the night, some of which would crash onto beds or tables. Ayesha and her family had to sleep under their beds, and her children slept with helmets on. During the pandemic, however, and later when the area experienced severe flooding, Ayesha continued to serve the community in Jesus' name by opening the church as shelter for displaced people, some of whom had thrown stones at her house. The churches Ayesha and Anura lead remain under attack, but they faithfully continue to meet.

**Niger** - Nigerien Christians are using motorcycles and audio Bibles to bring the gospel to people living in the desert. Only 35% of the population is literate, so audio Bibles are a particularly effective ministry tool. One Christian worker recently reported that after hearing a gospel presentation and receiving audio Bibles in their native language, an entire family of fourteen people living in an isolated, outlying area gave their lives to Christ. The front-line worker asks that Christians pray for the family to grow in faith, that more families in Niger will be receptive to the gospel, and for safety for him and other ministers as they drive their motorcycles through the desert.

*Sermon Notes*

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## ***Prayer requests***

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

### ***Update***

**Dennis Hiatt** – praise! he was approved to receive a device to be installed on his heart that will allow him to get off blood thinner meds and help prevent a stroke.

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

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

**Terri Krogman** – will undergo surgery January 25.

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

**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:** Frank Shoemaker; **Deacon:** Russ Breshears; **Family:** Benny Ekstrum

### ***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***

**Egypt** - Egypt has the fastest-growing population in the Middle East and also the largest Christian population among majority-Arab nations. It remains a base for Christian activity throughout North Africa and the Middle East. Many well-established evangelical churches and para-church ministries in Egypt are working to reach both cultural Christians and Muslims with the gospel. Several of these groups also send their own Egyptian missionaries throughout the region. While overt Christian activity results in persecution, church growth and the establishment of Egypt as a regional base of missionary activity are encouraging developments.

Various Islamic extremist groups operate in Egypt, including the Muslim Brotherhood and the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS).

Christians who are outspoken about their faith are often beaten or imprisoned. When Christians are attacked or kidnapped by Muslims, the government rarely provides protection or assistance. Christian converts from Islam face the most problems, including being expelled from their families, being divorced by their Muslim spouses, losing their children and losing their jobs.

Because a person’s religion is labeled on their national identification card, if someone decides to leave Islam and become a follower of Christ, they cannot change their ID card. This creates challenges for churches to minister to converts who are still officially Muslims. Churches in this region sometimes face extreme hostility from the Islamic community, and those who work among former Muslims regularly face death threats. Despite the risk, our Christian brothers and sisters in Egypt understand the need to shepherd and disciple new followers of Christ. Additionally, because their government-issued identity cards identify them as Muslim, it is difficult for them to attend church, to marry, to register their children in school, to get a job or to emigrate elsewhere. Christians charged with apostasy or proselytizing Muslims are generally imprisoned for a week or two, with a few notable exceptions.

Bibles are readily available at Bible societies, churches and book-stores in a variety of formats, translations and languages. However, not all Egyptian Christians can afford a Bible, and persecution and high illiteracy rates make Bible distribution an ongoing challenge.

VOM responds to widespread persecution needs, provides Bibles and Christian literature, distributes assistance, and trains pastors and other leaders.