

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

February 5, 2023

“Jesus, the Healer”

John 5:1-18

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 – Scooter 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: *Brandi and Brynn*

Feb. 12: Dave and Lisa

Children's church workers today:

Teacher: *Susan*

Helpers: *Carolyn and Avery*

Children's church workers for Feb. 12:

Teacher: *Brenda*

Helpers: *Brynn and Mona*

Cleaning for Feb. 12: *Ruth O.*

Refreshments for Feb. 12: *Mary, Regina, Sheri, Deb*

Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

Sri Lanka - On Sept. 21, Pastor Tony Benjamin of Anuradhapura province in Sri Lanka investigated a noise outside his gate and was assaulted by two men with a shovel, demanding that he stop his religious activities. He was able to crawl back into the house before the men began breaking windows and causing other damage. When the pastor's son heard the commotion and responded, he too was knocked down and beaten, then hospitalized for three days for his injuries. During the initial investigation, the police promised to arrest the two attackers, but six days later they instead filed charges against Pastor Tony for inciting the attack. Though the charges were proved false, local officials sealed the family's home and confiscated church property. The family and church members ask for prayers that they would be strengthened in their faith and be bold witnesses for Christ amid this persecution.

Nepal - Anu Dani earned money by predicting people's future as a seer. When her young daughter grew very ill and no other efforts healed her, she took the girl to a Christian church. The pastor prayed, her daughter was healed and Anu immediately put her faith in Christ, turning away from her occult practices. Anu's husband, Prakash, suffered from mental illness and tried to kill the pastor, but was eventually healed by prayer and then became a believer. When Prakash's family found out about their conversion, the couple were forced out of the family home. The young family stayed temporarily in the church building but want to build a small home where they can continue to follow Jesus. Anu and Prakash were both baptized in August.

Sermon Notes

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Prayer requests

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

Update

Terri Krogman – recovering from surgery.

Ongoing Health Concerns

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

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: Don Fincham; **Deacon:** Dan Argo; **Family:** Matthew 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

Somalia - Most Somalis believe that to be Somali is to be Muslim, so those who come to faith in Christ are accused of rejecting not only their religion but also their nationality. Nearly all Somalis are Sunni Muslims, with especially radicalized Islamist views.

After years of drought and civil war, more Somalis live outside Somalia than within its borders, and Somalis often take their Islamist cultural norms with them wherever they go. Therefore, those who faithfully serve Christ or convert from Islam in Somali communities throughout the world face severe persecution regardless of national laws. Even so, the dispersion of Somali people has also created unique opportunities to reach them with the gospel. Somalis are more reachable and open than ever before, and many have chosen to follow Christ, including some who are willing to reach out to other Somalis at any cost.

The al-Shabab terrorist organization and other Islamist groups persecute Christians, as do the government, communities and families.

There are no church buildings in Somalia, and Christians must exercise extreme care when meeting in groups. It is strictly illegal to convert or evangelize. Christians are actively pursued, and when discovered they are immediately killed. Christians are more likely to be killed by al-Shabab or family members than to be imprisoned by the government. The autonomous region of Somaliland has seen a recent increase in the number of underground Christians being arrested.

Bibles are illegal and extremely dangerous to own. Most believers access digital versions on their phones or other digital devices.

VOM equips believers and supports those who share their faith inside Somalia. VOM also supports media efforts that reach inside the country.

The radical Islamic group al-Shabab has increased its attacks in Somalia. Early in 2023, more than thirty people were killed, and several homes were burned after a car bombing in a small village north of Mogadishu. On October 30, 2022, two massive car bombs exploded in downtown Mogadishu, killing around a hundred people and injuring more than 300. One front-line worker shared, "Tonight, I survived a huge explosion. I was coming back from a meeting when there was an explosion at an upcoming checkpoint. If I had passed there a few minutes earlier, I would have been killed. I am grateful for God's protection." Another front-line worker reported, "The encouraging news we are hearing is that due to these attacks, many youths in Somalia are becoming disenchanted with Islam." These workers ask for prayer for Christians growing in their faith amid the ongoing violence.