

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

April 2, 2023

“Was Jesus Soft on Sin?”

John 8:1-11

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

Adult class:

Study of “The Pilgrim’s Progress” led by Pastor Joel.

Today’s Events

5:00 p.m. – Jail Ministry

5:30 p.m. – AWANA – Dodge Ball Night

6:30 p.m. – Youth Group at the church

Announcements

Invite a friend to join you for worship at our Easter service next Sunday. A gospel message will be shared. Special music is planned for our Easter worship with an extended worship time. There will be no Sunday school following the Easter service.

A baptism will take place next Sunday. Those who wish to be baptized can contact Pastor Joel.

Decorations the decorating committee no longer need are free to those who want them. They are located in the new addition where the kitchen expansion will be.

The Dan family, church planters to Hungary, have been approved to be part of our missionary family. We will begin supporting them at \$375 per month beginning in April.

This Week’s Events

Tuesday at Noon - Senior Luncheon – see more details on opposite page.

The study in 1 & 2 Thessalonians will not meet this week.

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 from Answers in Genesis at Mike Fincham’s home.

Friday – 7 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Saturday – 10:30-Noon – Easter Egg Hunt at Lions Park – flyers with details are on the back table.

Coming Events

Elder Meeting – April 18 at 7 p.m.

Zoomerang VBS – June 5-9

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: Fred and Donna

Apr. 9: JoEllen and Jodi

Children’s church workers today:

Teacher: Brenda

Helpers: Ruth w. and Carolyn

Children’s church workers for Apr. 9:

Teacher: Brenda

Helpers: Delma and Dominic

Cleaning for Apr. 9: Pam

Refreshments for Apr. 9: Pam, Marabeth, Rubiel, Sharon K.



Seniors’ Luncheon

Tuesday, April 4

for those age 60 and older

Fellowship following luncheon.

Please RSVP to Susan (785-927-0528) today.



Easter Egg Hunt

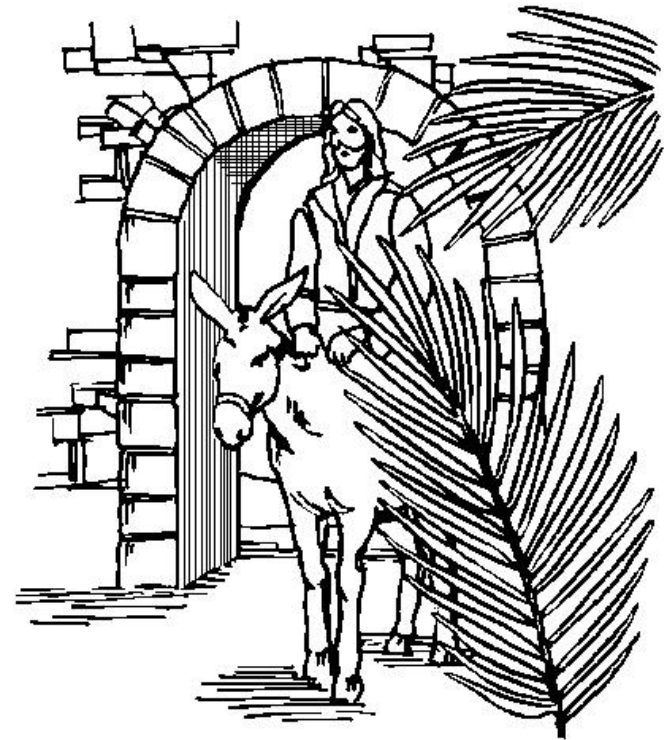
Saturday, April 8

At Lions Park

10:30-Noon – Registration at 10
Contact Deb Vacha at 785-268-0344
if you can help with this outreach.

Sermon Notes

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*Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. — Matthew 21:9*



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Prayer requests

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

New Request

Pray for comfort for the **Pinnick** family as they mourn **Caleb's** passing.

Updates

John Hula – due to an ear infection, his spinal canal surgery is postponed until this clears up.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Lana Stevenson – she has 3 more chemotherapy infusions.

Samantha Ekstrum – recovery from surgery.

Helen Richards – Carolyn's sister – pray for healing; she broke her hip in a fall.

Benny Ekstrum – recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Sharon Kabriel – is waiting on heart test results.

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

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

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:** Dave Vogelsberg; **Family:** John Hula

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

Central African Republic (CAR) - Christians have suffered greatly from the civil war that began in 2012. They are targeted and attacked by Muslim rebels and their sympathizers, who accuse them of assisting militias that have carried out revenge killings against Muslims.

Christians are among the most vulnerable in the country's conflict, at times being driven from their towns and villages as attackers loot and destroy their homes and churches. More than half a million people have fled their homes. In one town, 58,000 Christians who have been displaced by repeated attacks since 2011 are still living in refugee camps, and all churches within a 60-mile radius of the town have been destroyed. Rebels continue to shoot into the camp at night, and those who wander outside the town to tend their farms — their only means of livelihood — are sometimes killed. Front-line workers say most refugees fear returning to their land due to ongoing lack of security. "There is nothing to return to," said a front-line worker. "Houses, schools, churches, clinics were destroyed, and gardens no longer exist and would have to be restarted." In addition to the challenge of daily survival facing these Christians, many are also severely traumatized by the horrors they have survived. VOM is helping our brothers and sisters heal by supporting trauma care ministry throughout the country.

Churches are often the only ones caring for the hundreds of thousands who have been displaced in the conflict. While the CAR's civil war has presented opportunities for Christians to display Christ's love to a ravaged nation, indigenous churches need support from the larger body of Christ.

Because of the civil war between rebel groups that publicly identify themselves as "Muslim" or "Christian," some have struggled to distinguish between political violence and religious persecution. However, attacks targeting churches, Christian families and pastors because of their Christian witness and other activities of biblical faith have become common. Christians who actively share their faith suffer intense violence at the hands of Muslim rebels.

In a four-week period in 2017, five pastors were murdered by Islamist Seleka rebels in targeted attacks to eliminate their witness for Christ.

Bibles are routinely destroyed by Islamist rebels. While they can be purchased in the capital, most people cannot afford them.

VOM is serving more than 80,000 Christians who have been driven from their homes and villages.