

# Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

Aug. 20, 2023

“Through Christ, You Will Do Greater Things”

*John 14:4-14*

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

**Adult class:**

“Neighborhood Apologetics” series from Del Tackett on reaching our neighbors for Christ led by Don Fincham

## Today's Events

5:00 p.m. – Jail Ministry

7:30 p.m. – Bible study in Psalm 119 and prayer

## Announcements

Doc Argo is considering starting up a pickle ball night on Thursdays at 7 p.m. here in the new addition. This activity is open to all ages. Those who do not know how to play can come and learn this fun sport. If you'd like to be involved or have questions, contact Doc at 785-562-8366.

## Coming Up

Eugene Enns will bring the message next Sunday and give an update on the Grace Mission ministry.

Scott and Di Mathis will be our guests on Sept. 10.

## SUNDAY SERVANTS:

**Nursery workers today:** Rick and Lisa

*Aug. 27: Ruth W. and JoEllen*

**Children's church workers today:**

**Teacher:** Brenda

**Helpers:** Dominic and Carolyn

**Children's church workers for Aug. 27:**

**Teacher:** Becky

**Helpers:** Delma and Kaytee

**Cleaning for Aug. 27:** Lucy

**Refreshments for Aug. 27:** Pam, Marabeth, Rubiel, Sharon K. Monica



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## Legacy Retreat

Have you signed up at the table in the Narthex? There are flyers on the back table in the sanctuary to hand out to invite others.



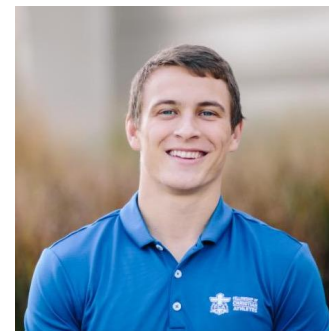
**Potluck Picnic Planned**  
September 10 at noon at Lion's Park. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service.



## Specific Prayers for our Missionary

LaMar Whitson ministers with Game Breakers Academy in Kansas City. He works with young men training them to live a life that embodies Kingdom principles, while focusing on athletics, education and spiritual growth.

He asks for prayer for all the Game Breaker players, that they be blessed with good health and a sound mind as they prepare to showcase their skills and passion in their respective fields. As they kick off training camp and enter their ninth season, LaMar and Bebe ask for your prayers for guidance and strength as they serve coaches and players. Their focus remains on fostering a team spirit, building new relationships and nurturing the growth of the Game Breakers ministry. They are determined to make a positive impact on the lives of those they serve.



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## ***Prayer requests***

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

### ***New Request***

**Jeremy Garrett** – Carolyn’s nephew, is hospitalized with pneumonia and a bacterial infection in his lungs.

**Gayle** – Monica Friend’s mother, is hospitalized with kidney failure and has decided to move to Hospice.

**Martha Smith** – Talysha’s grandmother, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for healing as she undergoes chemotherapy treatment.

### ***Updates***

**Gary Gordon** – his neck issues have improved and is not looking at doing neck surgery.

**John Hula** – recovering from carpal tunnel surgery. Has received another shot for his lower back.

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

**Jimmy Flowers** – one of his vocal chords is paralyzed – is waiting on more testing for his throat.

**Samantha Ekstrum** – is recovering at home. Pray for complete healing.

**Arlan Argo** – pray for healing from melanoma.

**Beth Salmans** – shots have helped with her back pain, but it is not providing a permanent solution. Her legs are starting to go numb. Pray for healing and if surgery is required, God would direct her to get the help she needs.

**Joel** – Marabeth’s friend – has cancer and is very sick from chemo treatments.

**Lee Papes** – is continuing chemo treatments every two weeks.

### ***Our Church***

**Shut-ins:** Mary Stillwell

**Pray for those in the military:**

**Nick Boeschling:** stationed at Ft. Stewart, GA.

**Elder:** Don Fincham; **Deacon:** Dave Vogelsberg; **Family:** Brandi Plante

### ***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** is a majority-Christian nation with many active churches. 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. Uganda’s parliament has passed Islamic banking laws, which provide zero-interest loans to Islamic projects. Arab countries also continue to 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.

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.

*On June 16, shortly before midnight, Islamic militants believed to be part of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) attacked a boarding school in the western Ugandan town of Mpondwe, located on the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The militants killed 37 students with machetes and through arson of dormitories. They also killed four adults and abducted six students, forcing them across the border into the DRC where the ADF is based.*

*Pray for the courage and stability of Molly and Shanita, whose mother was killed for her faith.*

*Pray for Betty Musani, whose children took away her property after she became a believer.*

*Pray for Ali Mukisa, persecuted by his brothers for leaving Islam.*

*Sermon Notes*

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