

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

Aug. 27, 2023

“What Does God Think is Important in the Church?”

Revelation 1:10-2:7

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

Adult class:

Update on the Grace Mission ministry led by Eugene.

Today's Events

5:00 p.m. – *Jail Ministry*

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

Announcements

We welcome Eugene and Marsha Enns to our service today. Eugene will be bringing the message during the worship service, as well as sharing about the upcoming changes to the Grace Mission ministries.

There will be an important Awana volunteer meeting on September 10 at the church at 6:00 pm. We are hoping all Awana helpers can attend so we can all be informed and ready to start Awana on September 17.

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

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

Awana Begins – September 17 at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: *Ruth W. and JoEllen*

Sept. 3: Pat and Katie E.

Children's church workers today:

Teacher: *Becky*

Helpers: *Delma and Kaytee*

Children's church workers for Sept. 3:

Teacher: *Brenda*

Helpers: *the Wassoms*

Cleaning for Sept. 3: *Ruth W.*

Refreshments for Sept. 3: *Pat, Jodi, Janet, Ellen*

Legacy Retreat

Have you signed up at the table in the Narthex? The deadline to sign up is Sept. 10. Teen girls are also welcome to attend. 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.

Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

China - Pray for one Christian woman who has been instrumental in sharing the gospel with a highly restricted minority group. Though she has never received formal training, and despite the physical demands on her frail body, she has been a faithful witness to advance God's kingdom to this people group. Pray for strength as she faces physical illness and for encouragement that her obedience to Christ has not been in vain. Ask the Lord to strengthen her spirit as she sees others continue her work, teaching and equipping those she led to Christ.

Benin - Pastor Amadin leads a church in a Muslim community in northern Benin. Three Islamic extremists visited his house while he was away and his children were in school. The men attacked his wife with acid, pouring it into her eyes and forcing her to drink it. When neighbors heard her screaming, they rushed to the house, and the attackers fled. Pastor Amadin's wife was taken to the hospital but died three weeks later. Her funeral took place on May 19, 2023. Front-line workers ask for prayers for Pastor Amadin and his children as they grieve.



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Prayer requests

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

New Request

Monica and her family appreciate all the prayers from the church while her mother, **Gayle**, was in the hospital. She passed away this past Monday. The family plans on having a private service to celebrate her life. Cards can be sent to the family at 1406 Elm St., Marysville.

Updates

John Hula – pray the second shot reduces the pain in his lower back.

Jeremy Garrett – Carolyn’s nephew, is recovering at home from pneumonia and a bacterial infection in his lungs.

Jimmy Flowers – a biopsy has been scheduled next week for possible cancer on his vocal chords.

Samantha Ekstrum – is in PICU on the ventilator. Pray for healing of her lungs.

Ongoing Health Concerns

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

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

Mexico - Mateo and Elena are church planters advancing God’s kingdom in Central Mexico. Elena was diagnosed with a rare brain aneurysm that required surgery. However, in the most recent round of tests, the doctors found that the aneurysm had been healed. One even called it a miracle from God. Still, Elena and Mateo continue to face enormous pressure to stop their gospel outreach, including threatening phone calls, an unexplained fire in their house, and spiritual attacks on Elena and their two young daughters. The couple are worried for the safety of their children, even fearing that they could be kidnapped and trafficked. Pray for the physical and spiritual safety of this family and for comfort, wisdom, encouragement and healing as they continue to bear witness for Christ.

Ethiopia - On Sunday, April 3, 2022, militants from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church attacked a Protestant church in western Ethiopia, the second time in less than a month a Protestant church in that area had been attacked. The attackers injured many Christians and burned buildings. One church leader said, “We were hurt because of our faith in Jesus Christ. We are ready to accept any trial and persecution that comes to us because of our faith.” VOM helped this congregation rebuild as they continue to witness for Christ in their community. “Because we were hurt for the sake of the Lord, we lived believing that he would repay us. We never thought you would come all the way here to support us,” he said. “This showed us the solidarity of believers. We thank God for ensuring us that we have brothers and sisters who care for, pray for, and support us.”

Bangladesh - During an Islamist gathering denouncing Christianity and encouraging anti-Christian activity, Juhel stood up and shared his testimony about his faith in Christ. Some in the crowd listened with interest because of his reasonable and gentle approach, while others expressed opposition and anger. Some in the group invited Juhel to speak again in the mosque, planning to attack him there. When he turned them down, they planned an ambush instead. Eight men attacked him in the street with sticks and machetes but ran away when a crowd of witnesses gathered. Juhel needed several surgeries for the injuries inflicted in the attack. “I am cautious, but I’m not going to flee or hide,” Juhel said. “As followers of Jesus, we need to stand for what we believe.”

Sermon Notes

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