

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

September 17, 2023

“Finding Peace of Mind”

John 14:27-31

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

5:30 p.m. – Awana – Kick off Night

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group

Announcements

American Red Cross blood drive – Monday, Sept. 18 from 12 p.m.- 6 p.m at the Marysville American Legion.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets for Sept.-Nov. are in the tract rack at the back of the sanctuary.

Coming Up

Pro-Life Stand October 1- See more details on the next page.

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Nursery workers today: *Levi and Talysha*

Sept. 24: Fred and Donna

Children's church workers today:

Teacher: *Janet*

Helpers: *Delma and Ruth W.*

Children's church workers for Sept. 24:

Teacher: *Greg*

Helpers: *Brandi and Ava*

Cleaning for Sept. 24: *Connie*

Refreshments for Sept. 24: *Jolene, Diana, Lynette, Talysha*

Pro-Life Stand

Show your support for life by participating in the Pro-Life Stand on Sunday, October 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the intersection of Hwys 36 & 77. Signs will be available if you need one. Please park on Main Street (Broadway). Contact Ruth Wetter 785-562-2600 with any questions.



Specific Prayers for the Champlins

They ask prayers for the following as they transition back to Turkey:

*Praise! their residency permits have been approved

*New and deepening relationships and adjustments as Matt starts back to school

*The girls' US grades will be confirmed

*Bethany's preparation for fall Bible study training

*The men's disciple group Matt will be leading

Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

Nepal - Shiva and Kamleshor are leaders of a group of 20 Christians who have been meeting for fellowship in a Maithili-speaking region of Nepal. On June 24, a group of more than 40 Hindu radicals surrounded the home where they were meeting to threaten and mock them, live-streaming their abusive actions on social media for three hours. These brothers were discouraged but thankful for the body of Christ remembering them in prayer. Front-line workers recently distributed audio Bibles in the Maithili language to these believers, an encouragement to the church members, most of whom are illiterate. The church continues to meet regularly despite the threats.



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Prayer requests

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

Updates

Jimmy Flowers – will undergo surgery this week to remove his vocal chords.

John Hula – the second shot has given some relief from the pain in his lower back.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Samantha Ekstrum – remains in PICU on the ventilator. Thank you for your continued prayers for her and her family.

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: Frank Shoemaker; **Deacon:** Fred Edwards; **Family:** Dexter Spitsnogle

Our World

*Pray for our country's leadership.

*Pray for Christians to have discernment and wisdom in how we live in this fallen world.

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Morocco - Morocco is ruled by a monarch who is purportedly a direct descendant of the prophet Muhammad and intends to govern the nation with Islamic principles. The North African country has experienced over 1,100 years of Islamic oppression since Morocco's historic people group, the Berbers, were forced into Islam by invading Arabs in the eighth century. Today, only a fraction of one percent of the population is Christian. The growth of Christianity has been slow, with a major setback occurring in 2010 when hundreds of missionaries were forced to leave the country. With the rise of digital technology and social media, more Moroccans are coming to faith in Christ.

The government is the main persecutor. Family, friends and communities also persecute Christian converts.

There are no church buildings in Morocco. Bible distribution and missionary activity are not allowed in the country. Christians have difficulty finding fellowship, but networks of underground churches have developed. A number of Christians have been imprisoned on charges of apostasy and proselytizing.

About 35 million people live in Morocco, but few printed Bibles exist in the country. It is difficult to get a Bible, but believers access Scripture through creative methods such as digital files on SD cards, which they can use on their mobile phones and tablets.

On Aug. 16, a mob of 5,000 Muslim extremists rampaged through Jaranwala, a city in the Faisalabad district, reacting to allegations that two young Christian men had desecrated a copy of the Quran and insulted the prophet Muhammad. Rioters attacked Christian neighborhoods and churches throughout the city. The mob burned or severely damaged 25 churches and 89 homes; hundreds of Christians fled, either because their homes and belongings were destroyed, or in fear of further attacks. The mob dispersed hours later only after the government dispatched police and soldiers into the area. The young Christian men have been arrested and charged under the district's blasphemy laws. Blasphemy allegations are common in Pakistan and have often been used to persecute Christians. Anyone found guilty of blasphemy could be sentenced to death, and just the accusation of blasphemy can often incite mob violence.

Pray that Bibles will become more accessible throughout the country. Pray that believers will boldly share the gospel with their families. Pray for the wisdom of believers caught by secret police.

Sermon Notes

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