

Welcome to Marysville Berean Church

October 22, 2023

“Do You Live With Joy?”

John 16:16-24

Sunday school classes are offered for all ages.

Adult classes:

Discovery Class led by Pastor Barber meets in the room upstairs overlooking the sanctuary.

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

“Cultivating Holy Beauty” women’s study led by Kathleen Fincham

Today’s Events

5:00 p.m. – *Jail Ministry*

5:30 p.m. – *Awana – Cash In Night*

6:30-8:00 p.m. – *Youth Group*

This Week’s Events

“Cultivating Holy Beauty” study – Monday – 7 p.m. at the church led by Ruth Oehm

Every Man A Warrior - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. led by Pastor Joel

“Cultivating Holy Beauty” study – Thursday at 4 p.m. led by Ellen at the Barber’s home

Coming Up

Elder Meeting – October 26

Fall Fest – October 31, 6-8 p.m. – A volunteer sign up sheet is included in this week’s bulletin

Announcements

Victory Baptist Church is sponsoring an “Understanding Our Times” Prophecy Seminar Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28. A flyer with more details is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

November is our month to contribute items and assist recipients at the Food Pantry. A sign up sheet is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Also available are copies of a list of items you may take with you to help as you choose items to donate.

Diaper/Children’s Book Shower

For the remaining Sundays in October, a table is set up in the narthex for a “Diaper/Children’s Book Shower” for Baby Girl Fincham, daughter of Matt and JoEllen. Diaper preference: any size Pampers Pure Protection – fragrance free. A catalogue for Paper Pie Children’s Books will be available or you may choose to gift a favorite children’s book purchased elsewhere. Envelopes will also be available for monetary gifts.

Specific Prayers for our Missionary

Jon and Sherri Lunow, are with New Horizons Foundation, Cultivating Christ Communities in Indonesia. Their prayer requests are:

*Travel safety as Jon and Sherri will be traveling back and forth to Indonesia twice in the next two months.

*Plans are being made to begin a ministry in the Mairasi tribe. Pray that the way forward may be opened to them.

Necessary tools, like the Bible translation, etc., are presently being gathered. A national missionary is also preparing to go into that tribe.

*They are also working on plans for livelihood ‘investors’ to help with projects they hope to start in the Sougb tribe. Pray that the right people would be clearly known to the Lunows.



Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters

India - Lavanya’s whole family came to faith in Christ after she was miraculously healed from paralysis and other disabilities she had struggled with since birth. She loved to travel with her father, Prakash, when he would share the gospel with others. Prakash was warned by Hindu radicals to stop his evangelistic outreach. On Jan. 16, 2023, while Prakash and Lavanya were traveling home via bike from a neighboring village, some who had threatened Prakash followed them in a vehicle and caused the bike to crash, seriously injuring father and daughter. Months later, Lavanya, age 8, died from her injuries. The community has been greatly affected by this, and front-line workers report that many villagers have come to the church to repent and hear the gospel.

Prayer requests

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

Updates

Samantha Ekstrum – has been put on full life support and is presently in stable condition. Matthew has posted a more extensive report on his facebook page. If you wish to send notes of encouragement, you may do so at this address: Samantha Ekstrum, C/O Children's Mercy Hospital, 700 NW Argosy Pkwy, Riverside, MO 64150.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Jeremy Henderson – pastor of the Baptist church in Blue Rapids – pray that testing for neurological issues at the Mayo Clinic has resulted in a diagnosis. Pray for healing and for him to begin receiving disability benefits.

Charlie Oehm - healing from knee replacement surgery.

Beth Salmans – has recently received shots in her back. Pray they give her relief from pain.

Jimmy Flowers – healing from surgery to remove his vocal chords.

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.

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:** Rick Boeschling; **Family:** Mike Thomas

Our World

*Pray for our country's leadership.

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

*Pray for the conflict with Israel.

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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. Nearly all Moroccans are Sunni Muslims.

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 1 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.

A Christian in Morocco is experiencing regular pressure and intimidation by police authorities. "His moves are constantly monitored, and he is regularly questioned by police," a front-line worker shared. He is under gradual but increasing pressure from officials, and the continual surveillance and interrogations have negatively impacted his health. Through VOM, the global body of Christ has covered his medical bills so that he can afford to pay his regular living expenses and continue working on ministry projects. "I think the Lord still has something for me to do," he told the front-line worker.

Pray that Bibles will become more accessible. Pray that believers will boldly share the gospel with their families. Pray for King Mohammed VI and other government leaders. Pray for the wisdom of believers caught by secret police.

Sermon Notes

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