



# The eFree Press

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### Missionaries Serving Around the World

*Avant*  
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*Awana*  
Tim & Sherry Thomas  
*The Evangelical Alliance Mission*  
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*Fellowship International Mission*  
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*Global Serve International*  
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*Literacy and Evangelism Int'l*  
Bob & Mary Emily Mulloy

*Ethnos360*  
Rich & Karen Brown  
Derrick & LaShawn Dobbs  
Lloyd & Mary Wapp

*Pioneers International*  
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*ReachGlobal*  
Abraham & Maria Mudidi  
Howard & Marilynn Plucar  
Nubako & Claudine Selenga  
Lonnie & Debbie Smith  
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*Teachbeyond*  
Phil Baarendse

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*  
Jon & Stephanie Weiss

### Partner Missionary Organizations

*Anchor of Hope Medical Center*  
*Campus Life*  
*Evangelical Child & Family Agency*  
*Good News Jail & Prison Ministry*  
*The Family Radio*

**Check the church directory for contact info on all missionaries and their sending agencies.**



## Because He Lives!

On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word for commandment (*mandatum*), which Jesus talked about at the Last Supper when he told his disciples that he was leaving them *a new commandment*, that they *love one another* (John 13:31-35, ESV).



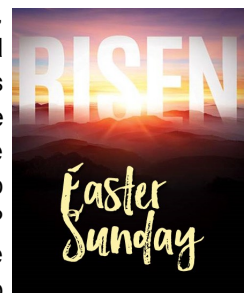
**Join us on April 18 at 7pm for a communion service in the MPR.**

As Holy Week continues, on Good Friday we commemorate Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins... "Behold, I have come to do Your will"... And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:4, 9-10, ESV).



Gather with Christians around the community at the combined Good Friday service held at Southside Church on April 19. Service options are 1pm & 4pm. Childcare will be available for birth through 4th grade.

Easter is the most important Sunday on the Christian calendar, but sometimes we forget some of the reasons why we should celebrate. The fact of the empty tomb can get pushed aside as other traditions crowd in. On Sunday, April 21, we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor and join us as we remind one another what Easter is really all about. Why did Jesus have to die? How do we know that Jesus really rose from the dead? And why do we place such importance on Easter Sunday? We will answer these questions and more, giving all of us reasons to celebrate our faithful God.



Preschool childcare will be available for all three services, and there will be special Easter programming for grades 1-6 during the 9:30 & 11am services. Between services, there will be opportunities to connect with old and new friends over coffee and light refreshments in the Welcome Center.

**Whichever service you attend, please invite a friend to join you (8am Traditional, 9:30 & 11am Contemporary).**

*For I know that my Redeemer lives.*  
Job 19:25, ESV

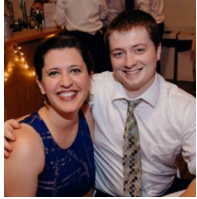
# eFree Hosts Empowered to Connect Live Simulcast

Our church will host a live simulcast of the 2019 Empowered to Connect Conference on April 5 and 6 from 9am-5pm. The cost is \$20/person; register now in the church office.



Featuring Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) methods developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross from the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, this conference helps bring attachment and connection in families. This year's focus points include: TBRI & Trauma, Connecting, Empowering, and Correcting.

## Transition Opens MA Position



Briana Ringel has served on staff as the Ministry Assistant since April 2013. In May, she will be getting married to Zac, and in August, they will be moving to Texas.

The change has been made easier administratively due to the advance notice of Briana's leaving – this has allowed us to spend the last few months preparing a transition plan for her position. The Ministry Assistant serves as an Administrative Assistant to the Church Administrator, the Family Life Pastor, and the Student Ministries Pastor. The M.A. also works closely with the Communications Coordinator, and backs up the secretaries. This is a full-time position with benefits.

Job descriptions and applications will be available in the church office as of April 28; completed applications and resumes will be accepted through May 20. Please pray for the next person to fill this position.

Congratulations, Briana and Zac! We look forward to seeing how God will work through your lives together!

## Facility Staffer Retires

Teri Ertel, on staff since February 2015, is retiring Friday, April 12. As our Facility Assistant, she has helped with set-up and tear-down of the MPR for not only the Sunday services, but for a multitude of special events. She has planted flowers in the spring and weeded in the summer, cleaned toys for the preschool department throughout the year, and assisted the Head Custodian as needed. For the last year and a half, she has concentrated on the cleaning (vacuuming and shampooing) of all carpeted spaces and upholstered furniture in the entire church building.



This position, in the short-term, will be part-time and seasonal. Interested applicants for this position can pick up a job description and application in the church office. In the long-term, this position will become full-time.

We will miss Teri's ready smile and sweet spirit around the building during the week, but are thankful she will remain part of our church family.

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary in April

Names omitted.



# This and That

On Easter **Monday, April 22, the church office will open at 11am.**

Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, May 19, as we gather for the **Spring Body Life Update**. Watch the May eFree Press and upcoming bulletins for an important celebration!

The next **Parent/Child Dedication service** is scheduled for May 12. If you would like your child(ren) dedicated to the Lord on that day, please contact the church office (452.6520).

Remember to vote in the non-partisan **Spring Election on April 2**. Offices to be voted for include: Justice Of the Supreme Court, Court Of Appeals Judge District 2, City Attorney, City Clerk, Municipal Court Judge, and District 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9 Alderpersons.

The next **Equip series begins on Sunday, April 28**. Watch for class details in the bulletin and on the website ([www.e-free-family.com](http://www.e-free-family.com)).

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 2 as we gather at 7pm for a **National Day of Prayer service**.



## MISSIONS RESOURCES TO IGNITE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

After coming to faith, God intends to transform our character into the image of His Son, while He calls us to make disciples. So, we follow Jesus while we call others to follow Jesus. We treasure Jesus above everything while we call the world around us to do the same. And one of the ways that we become more like Jesus is to pray for the people around us. Everywhere we look, Jesus models prayer! He prays alone (Matthew 14:23), He prays with disciples (Matthew 26:36), and He prays for the future ministry of those He sends into the world (John 17).

As a follow up to Missions Conference last month, let us commit ourselves to pray for our missions family. Let us pray as they war against their flesh, and lust, and pride. Let us pray that God provides for their every need. Let us pray for them to have great wisdom and courage in their calling. And let us pray for great and eternal fruit!

As we pray for them, here are some resources that can be very helpful . . .

**Operation World** (<http://www.operationworld.org>)

This up-to-the-minute website will give you the latest information about what is happening in Christian missions throughout the world. You can sign up for regular email updates, download their prayer app, watch videos or print out their *60 Days of Prayer* for missionaries.

They publish a book, *Operation World*, now in it's 7th Edition, which is the definitive guide for praying for World Missions.



**Open Doors USA** (<https://www.opendoorsusa.org>) This website will keep you informed and help you pray with regard to Christian persecution around the world. Christian missionaries experience dangers and trials of many kinds. Open Doors USA provides a "World Watch List," whereby they keep us up-to-date about the most dangerous countries in which to be a Christian, provide prayer alerts, and volunteer opportunities. They also publish an online magazine called, *Presence*, offering stories from around the world.

**Voice of the Martyrs** (<https://www.persecution.com>) Similar to Open Doors USA.

**Our Missions Team** Did you know that our Missions Team is in direct contact with our missionaries? You can sign up for emails from most of our church missionaries, thereby getting regular updates with timely and necessary prayer requests, and stories about how God is on the move. Our 2019 Missions Team (Juan Engels, Steve Ertel, Cory Kelley, Lyn Neave, Jon MacDonald, Stan Miller, Denny Runge, Heather Tempas, and Brenda Vinson) would love to get you the information you need to pray for our missions family.

**Prioritize prayer.** All the helps and coaching in the world are not going to help us if we do not pray. First and foremost, prayer is seeking God, and crying out to Him to do the things that only He can do. Each of us needs to develop a growing dependency on God, evidenced by our growing pursuit of Him. Ask your Life Group Leader to help. Ask a friend to join you on a weekly missions prayer walk. Get in touch with one missions family, and begin to bring their needs to our Father.



April 3

*Appreciate Your Leader Night*

April 10

*Day at the Beach Night*

April 17

*NO CLUB*

April 24

*Chocolate Lovers Night  
(final night of Cubbies)*

*Let us truly learn to pray together.*

# Listening Sessions Scheduled for New Budget

Have you ever wondered how the church decides to fund various programs, or what the cost is of various items, or if it really matters that you give faithfully to church?



Come and ask those very questions, and more, at one of the scheduled Budget Listening Sessions. All sessions will be held in the church library. Watch upcoming publications for dates and times.

Copies of the FY2020 Category Budget will be available for pick up in each *Equip* room and in the church office, beginning Sunday, May 5.

# Accounting Software Switch Now Complete

Over the course of several months, Ann Tuneberg, our church bookkeeper, has been moving from Logos, a church-specific software that was no longer supported as of this past December, to a different system called ParishSOFT. In spite of help from online tip sheets and over-the-phone guidance, it's been an arduous process!

Not only has much of the terminology been different, the switch was complicated by the fact that our fiscal year begins in July, which meant that six months of financial information (payables, vendors, payroll, balance sheets, etc.) had to be entered manually to the new system. And, the switch occurred at calendar year-end, a time when Ann prepares new giving envelopes, files tax info, and provides more than 350 giving statements!

About the new system according to Ann, "I love it; this streamlines everything!" Thank you, Ann, for your patience and persistence through the switchover.

Check out some of the new Children's Ministries décor . . .  
It's sure to encourage little and big hearts alike!



Babies & Toddlers



4's & 5's



2's & 3's



Demolition of the Annex property begins the week of March 25!

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