



# The eFree Press

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## Missionaries Serving Around the World

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*Awana*  
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*The Evangelical Alliance Mission*  
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*Fellowship International Mission*  
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*Global Serve International*  
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Rich & Karen Brown  
Derrick & LaShawn Dobbs  
Lloyd & Mary Wapp

*Pioneers International*  
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*ReachGlobal*  
Abraham & Maria Mudidi  
Howard & Marilyn Plucar  
Nubako & Claudine Selenga  
Lonnie & Debbie Smith  
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*Teachbeyond*  
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*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.**

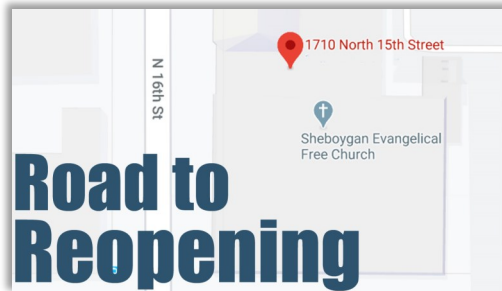


## Preparing to Gather Together Again!

As leadership considers a target date of June 14 for returning to worship onsite, there are several important factors to consider, including:

- ▶ What is medically wise for various age groups and health conditions
- ▶ How to prepare the building for a healthy return

First, what is legally permissible isn't always medically wise. We are developing a plan that includes both traditional and contemporary services, social distancing, availability of sanitizing materials for congregational use, a guided flow of foot traffic, provision of masks for those who wish to use them but don't have their own, and continued live streaming of the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.



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Above all, we want to honor God and give grace to each other. As the body of Christ, we have an opportunity to model love that places the interests of others above the self. We don't want our individual beliefs about government mandates or acceptable health risks to divide us. Let us practice Ephesians 4:1-3: *Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (ESV).*

## VBS Anticipates a Fun Week in July!

With the possibility of some summer events returning to our schedules, and yet still exercising caution in how quickly events resume, we have moved Vacation Bible School to July 27-31.

Kids who have completed grades 5K-6 are invited to join us for **TIME LAB** as we travel through time and discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future.

We're planning for a great week, including **Bible stories**, **exciting music**, **awesome crafts**, **delicious snacks**, **game times**, and more!



Online registration via the church website is available now under the Children's Ministries page or Upcoming Events.

Interested in volunteering at VBS? Contact Children's Ministries director Gwen MacDonald (gwen.m@e-free-family.com).

## Thank You for Giving Faithfully

Despite the Safer at Home quarantine, eFree worshippers have continued to give faithfully, in obedience and gratefulness to God for His provision. While the month of March caught many people off guard and giving plummeted, the month of April saw a rebound, with many more people giving online—about 31% of donations. Many started mailing in their gifts while still others chose to purposefully drop off their tithes at church. April ended with giving slightly higher than the budgeted amount.



*Thank you for your faithfulness!*

## Honoring our High School Seniors!

As the school year comes to a close, take time to reach out to our 2020 high school graduates and let them know we are celebrating with and praying for them! We look forward to honoring our 2020 graduates together on Sunday, July 17.



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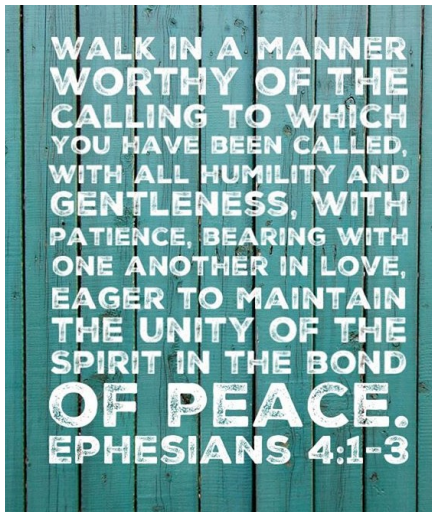
## Happy Birthday/Anniversary in June

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# This and That

Welcome home college students! **Get involved with our Young Adults Ministry this summer!** For more information, contact Rich Brown (rich\_brown@ntm.org).

On Sunday, July 19, we will **honor our 2020 high school graduates!**



## Forever Faithful Events

Forever Faithful is looking forward to being able to gather again together to share some good food, great fellowship, and encouragement in the Lord! Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events and watch the church website and church publications for more details!

- ▶ July 23 from 12-3pm – Annual summer picnic at Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls
- ▶ September 17, from 6-8pm – A Guest speaker from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from Detroit will discuss the Lake Michigan shoreline erosion

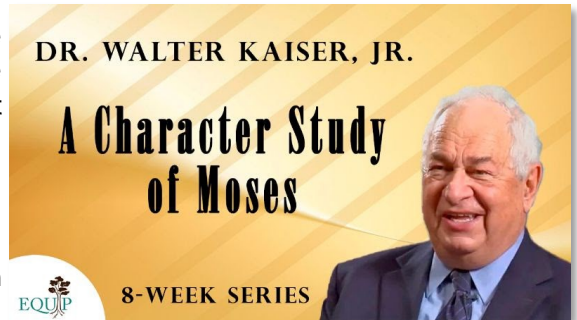


## Equip Video Series Presented by Dr. Kaiser

Our plans to return to face-to-face *Equip* meetings are being developed. For now, we are pleased to announce a short-term plan for *the equipping of saints for the work of the ministry* (Eph. 4:12, ESV) which includes a weekly devotional from Dr. Walter Kaiser.

The hour-long videos will be available on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 11am for the next several weeks. We hope you will enjoy them as an additional resource to feed your soul and encourage your joy in Jesus Christ. In this series,

Dr. Kaiser will draw insights from a character study of the life of Moses. We anticipate these videos being our *Equip* option at least through June.



(NOTE: Even when we begin to gather together as a church for worship on Sunday mornings, it is likely that our in-person *Equip* options will be phased-in over several weeks. As we write this, we are hopeful for our in-person *Equip* classes to resume some time in mid-July.)

Below are three different ways to consider watching these videos throughout the week:

- ▶ Watch them when they are released (Sundays at 11am). You might consider watching at the same time as a friend or with your family. What a great addition to your Sunday morning worship time.
- ▶ Watch them in three 20-minute segments before bed. This could be a great way to enhance/encourage family devotions.
- ▶ Watch the video individually, but then focus your Life Group meetings on the content.

## Onsite Voting through June 10

A reminder to members – voting on the FY2021 Budget as well as on the Treasurer position will continue onsite through Wednesday, June 10, and your vote is important!

We'll provide a circular flow of traffic and frequent disinfecting of door handles and countertops throughout the day. Also, a limited supply of disposable masks will be available for those who want to wear one but don't have their own.



Please call the office if you have questions about the budget or the voting process. We look forward to seeing you.

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