

# The eFree Press

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#### Missionaries Serving Around the World

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## 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.



## Read Through the Bible Event

Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Psalm 119:97 (ESV)

You are invited to participate in a first-ever event at our church. From June 11-14, we will read the Bible through--out loud! Why? We read the Scriptures out loud in order to affirm God's authority over us, to see/speak/hear His Word, and to rejoice in our great God! We will read the entire Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21,



which should take us about 72 hours. We'll finish with a celebration service on Thursday, June 14 at 7pm, which will include singing, prayer, and a devotional from God's Word.

You can sign up for 30-minute shifts (25 minutes of reading followed by

5 minute breaks), which will begin on Monday, June 11 at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. We encourage families, friends and/or LifeGroups to sign up together. For example, a group of four might sign up for a two-hour shift, allowing for each person to take a 30-minute shift. Or you might sign up in blocks with friends or serve one 30-minute shift as an individual. The room will always have a host on duty, making sure that we read consecutively and stay on pace. Hosts are asked to volunteer for 3-hour shifts. You can sign-up to be both host and reader, but we always want at least two people (hopefully more!) present. And yes, we will need people to fill shifts throughout each evening and the wee hours of the morning!

You can sign up via the church office or the church website. It is our privilege to celebrate our great God and His faithfulness to give us His Word. Please join us for the reading of His Word and for the Celebration Service!

## Lights! Camera! Action! It's VBS Time!

Big Picture Studios is putting out a casting call for children all over town to come to Follywood, our fun and exciting Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 25-29

from 9am–12noon. Participate in games, snacks, craft projects, and more as you learn how to be superstars for Jesus through Bible teaching, fun drama skits, and music. You won't want to miss this blockbuster production! Children who have completed grades 5K-6, and their friends, are welcome!





Registration can be done online under the children's section of the church website (www.e-free-family.com) or by scanning the QR code.

Volunteers and props are needed! See page 2 for how you can help!

#### **VBS Needs You!**

- Help us minister to children by creating a fun and exciting atmosphere in which to learn the truths of God's Word! Age Group Leaders are needed to oversee a specific small group and travel with the children to the various VBS activities, building relationships, tending to their needs, and maintaining discipline.
- Numerous "director's chairs" are needed to use as props during VBS from Friday morning, June 22 until Friday afternoon, June 29.
- Teens or adults are needed to help with decorating the building

You can make a difference in the lives of children this summer! If you are able to help in any of these ways, please contact Yvonne Mooney (yvonne.m@e-free-family.com or 452.6520).



## Happy Birthday/Anniversary in June

Names omitted.



# This and That

Welcome home college students!

Get involved with our College & Career Ministry this summer! Join us for weekly LifeGroup gatherings on Sunday evenings and the Second Saturdays events. Contact Pastor Bennett for more info.

We're looking for volunteers willing to remove old nametags from our Awana bags, wash them, and sew on new nametags. If you would be willing to lend a helping hand, please contact Yvonne at 452.6520 or yvonne.m@e-free-family.com.

#### CHeer on our home team!



Summer softball is underway! Come cheer on our team on Monday nights:

June 4

6:55pm, Kiwanis Park, SW

June 11

5:45pm, Kiwanis Park, SW

June 18

5:45pm, Kiwanis Park, SW

June 25

6:55pm, Wildwood #2

Equip classes are Sunday morning electives designed to build up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16). Over the summer, two tracks will be offered. Rather than lasting 5 weeks, each option will begin June 3 and continue until fall. The options are as follows:

- Bring It to Life: 9:30am, room 108
- Second Chances. 9:30 & 11am, North Fellowship Hall

Visit the church website for more information.



#### **Summer Choir**

Have you ever listened to a choir anthem on Sunday morning and wondered if you would fit into this music ministry? Do you enjoy choral singing but don't know if being part of the choir is going to fit into your busy schedule? You have

an opportunity to give it a try this summer!



"Summer Choir" will be held every Sunday in August, with rehearsals beginning on August 1. There will be rehearsal each Wednesday for the following Sunday. If you would like to give choir a try during this period, you are welcome to join us at 8pm in room 109.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Z., Choir Director.



## Approved Budget Helps New Programs

Since the congregation approved the FY2019 budget, several new programs can be funded and we are able to provide first-time financial support to some on-going programs.

- In Worship Ministries: Our long-time, dedicated choir director will now receive a stipend for her many hours of faithful work each week, and the organ will get its first maintenance check.
- In Adult Ministries: We will develop/publish our first Welcome Brochure and purchase a new GriefShare program on surviving the loss of a spouse. Also, Hand-in-Hand (adoption ministry) and LifeGroups will now be funded to expand their influence.
- In College & Career Ministries: We'll now be budgeting postage for the popular care packages to college students and funding costs associated with the new Second Saturdays program (room rental, promotional materials, childcare, etc.).
- In Student Ministries: We'll be able to help with costs associated with a domestic missions trip planned for June 2019, purchase of curriculum for D-Group plus Sunday, Wednesday youth gatherings, and cover an expected increase in Bible Quizzing costs due to an anticipated increase in participation.

Thank you for your faithful giving to God, which is allowing these ministries to thrive!

## **Graduation Sunday**

On Sunday morning, June 3, we will honor our 2018 high school graduates. Their pictures will appear in a special bulletin insert, there will be special mention in each service, and the 11am service will feature the graduates themselves dressed in cap and gown.



Seniors — your church family celebrates with you, is here to encourage and support you, and looks forward to seeing how the Lord will use you in new and powerful ways!

## Bike Safety Rodeo



On Saturday, June 16, the Sheboygan Police Department is once again sponsoring a free half-hour bike safety course for area kids. All elementary school children plus

children going into 6th grade are invited (ALL children MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian at least 18 years of age AT ALL TIMES). This event will be held from 9am-1pm in our church parking lot.

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn safe bicycling practices. This event is free, though advanced registration via the Sheboygan Police Department is encouraged. Free helmets will be given (while supplies last) to children who do not have one.

### Student Ministries Summer Fun

Middle and high school students — mark your calendars for some summer fun!

- June 13 Mini Golf & Ice Cream
- June 20 Beach Volleyball
- June 27 Ultimate Frisbee



Contact Pastor Aaron (aaron.b@e-free-family.com or 452.6520) with any questions.

### Remember to Cancell

It's summer, and . . . most people in your group are on vacation and can't make the meeting OR the weather's so nice you decide to meet in someone's backyard OR . . . did you remember to call the office to cancel your meeting?



When you have a meeting, practice or social event at church, we plan ahead to have staff on duty to unlock the building, put up any needed signage, turn on the air conditioning and lights, etc. That means we pay staff and utilities. Help us spend God's resources wisely by notifying the office if you need to cancel or make any changes to your planned time here. Thank you!

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