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The Family Radio

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



Today I Will . . . Pray for MC19!

Please cover in prayer each event, each speaker, each participant in the 70th annual Missions Conference, March 1-3. Main prayer points are listed below:

Friday, March 1

- Speaker - Rich Brown, Ethnos360

Saturday, March 2

- Men's Breakfast speaker – Derrick Dobbs, Ethnos360
- Women's Brunch speaker – LaShawn Dobbs, Ethnos360
- Family outreach projects – that families will sign up/show up to:
 - Decorate and plant flowerpots for church family members in nursing homes
 - Fill backpacks for Sheboygan County foster care kids
 - Make knotted blankets for the Salvation Army and foster care kids
- Brat fry fundraiser – donations will be used to cover the outreach projects costs
- Saturday evening speaker – Phil Baarendse, Teachbeyond

Sunday, March 3

- Sunday services speaker – Dr. Timothy Sisk, Moody Bible Institute
- 9:30 and 11am Combined Adult Gathering speaker – Derrick Dobbs, Ethnos360

Please check your MC19 program, distributed in the February 24 bulletin, for speaker bios, activity times, event costs, and more.



Miami Mission Trip Fundraiser

In July, a group of our high school students and leaders will head to Miami, Florida to help lead a children's summer camp ministry coordinated by Apex Missions. This is an opportunity for our students to live and minister in an ethnically-diverse and culturally-rich community, while partnering with local Christians and churches.



To help assist with the cost involved, the students are hosting a Miami-themed evening, which will include an authentic Cuban dinner followed by the ever-popular cake auction. The event will take place on Friday, March 22. Dinner will begin at 6pm,

followed by the auction at 6:45pm. Tickets are just \$5 per person (\$20 per family cap) and are available between Sunday morning services at the Guest Services Counter, or Monday-Friday through the church office. Plan now to attend this family-friendly, fellowship-focused event!

If you are interested in making a cake for the auction, please contact Kim Buhr at kim.b@e-free-family.com.



Take a Virtual Trip to Israel!

Plan to join all ages at the Forever Faithful potluck/program on Thursday, March 21, from 6-8pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, as Dr. Hylander uses a combination of Scriptural texts, pictures, and maps to present a virtual tour of the Holy Land! Please sign up in your *Equip* class or on the Forever Faithful bulletin board near the Gathering Grounds coffee bar. The presentation will provide an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the land of Israel. We will follow the itinerary used by Pastor Gary when he and Pam traveled the Promised Land last October.

We will begin with the beautifully restored ancient port of Jaffa, where Jonah attempted to flee God's direction.



From there, we will travel up the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, where Paul prepared to embark for Rome. Heading inward, we

will reflect upon such settings as Megiddo, Mount Carmel, and of course, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, and Capernaum will be noted. Making our way south along the Jordan River, we will head toward Jerusalem, and begin with a panoramic view of this majestic city. We will ponder such settings as the Mount of Olives, the Garden Tomb, and the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll follow the Via Dolorosa, and Golgotha, and reflect upon the significance of the Western wall.

By the time we are finished, we will sense not only the grandeur of the Holy Land, but also how it fits into the plan of redemption established by God through the cross of Jesus Christ.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in March

Names omitted.



This and That

Beginning on Sunday, March 3, the **Spring Directory Update** will be available in the church office.

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks ahead (so that 10pm becomes 11pm) before going to bed on Saturday night!

The next **Hand-in-Hand Adoption Ministry** gathering is Friday, March 8 at 6:30pm in Café 19.

In the event of **inclement weather**, cancellation announcements will be posted on our website homepage, as well as at the following:

- WHBL 1330AM radio/website
- WTMJ Channel 4
- 620TMJ radio/website
- WITI Channel 6 (Fox 6)



March 6

Dr. Seuss Night

March 13

*Parents Night #3**

March 20

Paper Airplane Night

March 27

Chicken Pox Night

**Moms and dads are invited to Awana Parents Night on Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30-8pm. Get to know your child's leader and enjoy being a clubber for a night through the flag ceremony, games, handbook time, and council time.*

Get Equipped!

Looking for a way to connect on Sunday mornings? Come to the 6-week *Equip* series, beginning Sunday, March 10. We'd love to have you!

Topics include:

- *This We Believe (Membership Class)*
- *Becoming a Leader, Part 2*
- *Read Through the Bible*
- *Bring It to Life*
- *... and more!*



Budgeting In Process for FY2020

Staff and ministry leaders are now in the process of budgeting for our next fiscal year, July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. They welcome suggestions from the congregation on new ministry ideas, repairs and upgrades to equipment and facility, kitchen supplies, etc. Ideas for the first budget draft should be submitted by mid-March.

West Property Update

The west property known as the Annex is now undergoing asbestos abatement – the safe, clean removal of asbestos-containing materials by a licensed contractor, SAFE, Inc. from Sturtevant. After that 3-week process is over, demolition of the property will begin.

We are thankful for the group of young people (Paul B., Drew M., Doug R. & family, and Nate C.), led by deacons Craig S. and Doug R., who spent time and energy salvaging numerous items from the buildings prior to demo. Craig was also instrumental in finding buyers for some fairly new overhead garage doors and large timbers.

Awana Grand Prix

Get ready for the annual Awana Grand Prix, where clubbers race their uniquely-designed cars along the track. There will be supper-like concessions and snacks for sale. Bring the whole family on Friday, March 15 for an evening of fun competition and fellowship!

Registration and weigh-in is from 5-6pm. The races will begin at 6:30pm.

Car kits (\$6-\$7) will be available for sale in the Welcome Center on Wednesday nights through March 13.



Empowered to Connect Live Simulcast Returns to eFree



Our church will once again host a live simulcast of this year's Empowered to Connect Conference on April 5 and 6 from 9am to 5pm. The cost is \$20/person; registration can be completed via the church office.

Featuring Trust-Based Relational Intervention® 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. Conference topics will help you better understand how to connect with children from hard places in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be.

DivorceCare Ministry Brings Hope

Healing from divorce is not easy. At DivorceCare groups, people in separation and divorce find tools, teaching, and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future.

Most people will say separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever had. If you are facing this, you know it's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never encountered before.

DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. This 13-week Christ-centered program includes three main parts – video, group discussion, and personal Bible study. The videos feature teaching from over 50 leading Christian counselors, teachers, and pastors who speak on topics important to people in separation or divorce. The videos also contain real-life stories of people who've been through a marital breakup, as they share their pain, challenges, and path to healing.

There will be a time to discuss the concepts presented in the videos and relate these concepts to practical situations. Each participant will receive a workbook that contains a daily Bible study for personal reflection and application throughout the following week.

The DivorceCare sessions address divorce-related concerns, such as: How long is this pain going to last? Will I survive? Are these feelings I'm having normal? Where is God in all this? You'll gain insights on how to handle tough emotions, such as anger, depression, and loneliness. Other DivorceCare session topics include:

- What to do about sexual temptation
- How to get out of debt
- What the Bible says about your situation
- How to know if you're ready for a new relationship
- How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children
- Reconciliation



DivorceCare will be held Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm starting March 6 and will meet at Compass for Christ Resources (1921 North Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53083). The registration fee is \$15/person. If you have any questions or if you would like to register, contact the church office (452.6520). Please note: registration is not required - you are welcome to join at any point!



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