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Missionaries Serving Around the World

Avant

Awana
Tim & Sherry Thomas

The Evangelical Alliance Mission

Fellowship International Mission

Global Serve International

Literacy and Evangelism Int'l
Bob & Mary Emily Mulloy

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

Pioneers International

ReachGlobal
Abraham & Maria Mudidi
Howard & Marilyn Plucar
Nubako & Claudine Selenga
Lonnie & Debbie Smith

Teachbeyond

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.



Fall Body Life Update: God is at Work!

At the November 17 Body Life Update, we'll get an inside look at how God is using the people and ministries of this church body to bless, grow, and meet the needs of those within the congregation, as well as those in our various neighborhoods. We'll also get updated on our Master Plan – financial commitments, design enhancements, and more.



We'll begin at 5:15pm with a soup supper (choice of 3, one of which will be gluten-free), followed by the program at 5:50pm. Childcare for preschoolers through 1st grade will be provided during the program, which should conclude around 7:15pm.

If you call Sheboygan eFree your church home, you are encouraged to attend. If you are newly attending, come find out more about what's going on in the life of our church. An agenda will be posted on the office window wall, as well as at the other three entrances, two weeks prior to the event.

GriefShare is Here to Help

How do you handle the holidays after the loss of a loved one when day-to-day challenges seem overwhelming? GriefShare will host a Surviving the Holidays seminar on Saturday, November 2 from 9-11am. Come receive some excellent advice and practical tips from experts and those who have gone through loss themselves. The seminar is free of charge. For more information, visit griefshare.org/holidays.

The Effect of Gratitude By Larry W., Treasurer

A few weeks ago I asked an assembled group of 1st—4th graders what they'd consider to be a blessing from God in their lives. The question clearly baffled them, and no one could think of anything. After I began to list all of the good things in their lives, they began to understand. Everything good comes from God!

Our world struggles with gratitude and thankfulness, having eliminated God as a source of good things, and instead focusing on every good thing we have as something we deserve. There are many circumstances where this breaks down.

As Christians, we must take care to begin each day by thanking God for every good thing in our life; they are gifts from a loving Heavenly Father (James 1:17).

We would do well, as we approach this "season of thanksgiving", to read Psalm 100, which tells us Who to thank (vv. 1-3), why He deserves thanks (vv. 3 & 5), and how to thank Him (vv. 2 & 4). Then our gratitude will overflow into our attitude, which will change our thoughts, words, and actions.

God blesses every day . . . It is up to us to notice!



Final Deadline - November 6
Visit the church website for more details.

Gathering in Thanks to our Lord

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service, held on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30pm, will focus on expressions of thanks to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness. The service will include a time of corporate worship accompanied by an acoustic band and a time for open sharing.

An offering designated for Love in Action (our church's benevolence ministry) will be received. Please also consider bringing box mixes and packaged items to stock our church's food pantry.



Ladies' Christmas Brunch



We extend a warm invitation to women of all ages to join us for the 2019 Ladies' Christmas Brunch which will be held on Saturday morning, December 7 at 9am. It's a beautiful, festive morning to slow down and enter into

the joy of the Christmas season. Additionally, this is a perfect opportunity to invite friends and family to hear the hope we have in Jesus.

Our guest speaker will be Janet Aucoin. Janet is the Director of Women's Ministries at Faith Church in LaFayette, IN. Her message will encourage and challenge your heart. Following the program, women will be invited to peruse and take in the beauty of more than 50 decorated tables that will both delight and inspire. Our delicious brunch will feature berry & cream cheese French toast, Christmas sausage, and cherry yogurt parfaits. Tickets are just \$10 and go on sale for the general public on Sunday, November 3. Visit the Guest Services counter in the Welcome Center between services to purchase tickets.



Please pray for all those who are preparing for this outreach. Our desire is that we make much of Jesus!

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in November

Names omitted.



This and That

Daylight savings time ends at 1am on Sunday, November 3. Remember to set your clocks back (so 10pm becomes 9pm) before going to bed on November 2.

Awana, Youth Group, and evening Bible studies will not meet on Wednesday, November 27. Join us for the Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30pm.

The **church office will be closed** for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28. Regular office hours (9am-5pm) will resume on Friday, November 29.



November 6

Operation Christmas Child continues

November 13

Operation Christmas Child concludes

November 20

*Orange You Glad
Jesus Loves You?*

November 27

NO CLUB (join us at the Thanksgiving Eve Service tonight at 6:30pm!)

Winter Weather Plan

If weather would cause an event delay, downsizing or cancellation, announcements will be posted on our church website homepage, as well as at the following:

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



Decisions on Sunday events will be made at 6am that day with announcements to the media shortly thereafter. Ministry leaders will be called by their overseeing program staff. Decisions on weekday evening events will be made by 3pm that day, with calls to media and ministries thereafter.

Forever Faithful Tackles the Topic of Fraud

Fraud! From phone calls, emails and social media, to someone knocking on our doors, beware: we're all targets . . . young and old!. Learn how to arm yourself against fraud at the Thursday, November 14 Forever Faithful potluck and program from 6-8pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Retired Sheboygan detective and Sheboygan eFree member Brad A. and community counselor Lisa A. will present an evening you won't want to miss. Sign up sheets are on the Forever Faithful bulletin board and in Sunday morning *Equip* classes.

Brad spent 30 years in law enforcement and retired as a Detective with the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department. During his career, Brad worked in the patrol division, which included being both a K9 and criminal interdiction officer. He investigated hundreds of fraud/theft complaints ranging from several dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Lisa has thirteen years' experience as a Director of Counseling and Development. She is a Credit and Housing Counselor as well as Educator and Student Loan Counselor. She has received numerous awards including the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy Award. She appeared on Jean Chatzky's segment of the Today Show Showcasing Housing Counseling. Lisa is a member of Rotary and serves on the board of the Tee Box and the Family Selection Committee of Habitat for Humanity. She also serves on the Economics Wisconsin Council.

We look forward to hearing from both Brad and Lisa! If you plan to attend the program only, please also indicate that on the sign-up sheets so we can plan seating accordingly. Donations collected in the offering baskets this evening will be given to the Master Plan fund.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD

Psalm 100:1 ESV



Concert Choir Is Preparing!

Rehearsals are underway for the Christmas choir concert *A Thrill of Hope*. If you are not singing in the choir, there are still numerous ways to participate in this wonderful event:

- Volunteer to help host the post-concert refreshment reception
- Volunteer to watch children during rehearsals
- Pray about who you can invite to the concert



Contact Lynne Z.

A Testimony of God's Work: Joan Rothwell

At our REACH kickoff on September 15th, we shared the testimony of Joan R. For those of you who weren't able to join us, we want this story to encourage your heart because of the faithfulness of God in Joan's life and in each of our lives.

As a child, I was taught to go to Sunday School and church. I went through catechism and the Lord's Supper, and baby baptism, but there was always something missing. I was never satisfied.

One day a man named Jess Ernisee paid a call on us. I was 21 years old with a husband just back from Korea and an eight month old baby. Jess told us about the EV Free Church on Spring Avenue and 9th Street, which I had visited one time when I was 20 years old with the man I married. Ray, my husband, had received Christ at 14 years old in a Southern Baptist Church in southern Illinois, but when Jess visited us, he only told us about the EV Free Church. So about two weeks later, a man by the name of Pastor Mooney paid a call on us. He told us how Christ died for us and asked if we wanted to receive the crucified living Christ. Of course, my husband already knew this all.

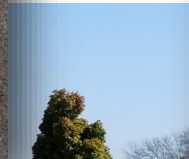
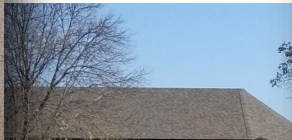


So for years, I tried to live the Christian life with the little I knew. Then in 1959, after living in southern Illinois for three years with the Southern Baptists trying to be the best Christian I knew how, we came back to Sheboygan, and I bravely came back to the EV Free Church with my three children, Paul, Jeff, and Cindy, who have all gone home to their Lord.

In 1962, Pastor Mooney started preaching the most Holy Spirit message I ever heard. People ran forward and I saw a revival - a Holy Spirit revival. That is when I truly made a total commitment at home by my bedside.

Years of Mrs. Mooney's good ETA courses and Old Testament studies, as well as Pastor Mooney's good preaching, took me through the death roller coaster of my husband and my three children and the many trials of life.

Praise the Lord and the story goes on.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony as we dedicated the new parking lot to the Lord's work and service!

LET'S GET CREATIVE

about the REACH campaign!

As we dive into this project, it's the sacrificial giving of many that makes the difference. We all come from different places, stages, and capacities. It's not just one type of gift that will make this campaign a success.

Here are some ideas on ways you can give!

YOUR TIME

There are some great fundraising ideas like events, cookie sales, bake sales and car washes, just to name a few, that need the energy and time of people to help make them a success!

BUCKET LIST (DELAY)

Is there a thing you've been wanting to do (vacation, toy, experience, etc) that can be prayerfully delayed and those funds given to make this project happen?

ENTREPRENEUR

We've already seen some of our students catch the vision and do something that raises money that's special to them! Can you bake cookies, sell crafts, give a percentage of your business sales, or create something totally new to raise funds?

FRIEND-RAISE

Dedicate a race, a challenge, or simply put the ask out to friends and family who believe in the mission of disciples who make disciples. Your excitement for what God is doing is the best "ask" out there!

BUY/SELL/TRADE

That guest room closet need a clean out? Have you become the master of the marketplace? What can you do to think outside the box?

FINANCIAL COUNSEL

Need help thinking creatively about assets, stocks, bonds, and other financial opportunities? Get in touch with our finance team at masterplan@e-free-family.com

THE IMPACT OF CONSISTENT GIVING

| Weekly | Monthly | 3 Year Total |
|---------|---------|--------------|
| \$1,000 | \$4,333 | \$156,000 |
| \$500 | \$2,167 | \$78,000 |
| \$400 | \$1,733 | \$62,400 |
| \$300 | \$1,300 | \$46,800 |
| \$250 | \$1,083 | \$39,000 |
| \$200 | \$758 | \$27,300 |
| \$150 | \$650 | \$23,400 |
| \$125 | \$542 | \$19,500 |
| \$100 | \$433 | \$15,600 |
| \$75 | \$325 | \$11,700 |
| \$50 | \$217 | \$7,800 |
| \$40 | \$173 | \$6,240 |
| \$30 | \$130 | \$4,680 |
| \$25 | \$108 | \$3,900 |
| \$20 | \$87 | \$3,120 |
| \$15 | \$65 | \$2,340 |
| \$10 | \$43 | \$1,560 |
| \$5 | \$22 | \$780 |

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