

Welcome to Worship!—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbie's Room downstairs after the announcements are given.

Communion Sunday — Today is Communion Sunday and all who have accepted Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate. The bread that is being served is gluten-free for the convenience of all participants.

Compassion Offering—will be received today as you leave the worship center or you may mark the "other" section on your envelope as 'Compassion Fund.' The gifts received will be used for emergencies or other unforeseen needs of those in our congregation or community.



Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 27 at 11:45am

Dig out your crock-pot, casserole dish, cookie sheet or salad bowl and make a tasty dish or sweet treat! If your last name begins with an A-N, please bring a main dish; O-Z bring a salad or sweet treat.

Ministry Leaders — please have reports in by January 21.

Sunday School — Room 200 at 9am • The Redemptive Plan

— Cubbie Room at 9am • PreK-6 — Confirmation at 9am • 7 & 8th

Grief Share — Saturdays at 10:30am in Room 200.

Waffles & Widows — Saturday, January 19 at 10am in the gym.

Women Growing Together — Monday, January 28, at 6:30pm.

Heart for Missions? — The Missions Committee is looking for 1-2 people to join them. Contact Carol Hauge or Lynn Peterson if you're interested.

Our Sincere Sympathies — are extended to Andy & Laurie Hedlund and family on the recent loss of Laurie's brother, Bernard Gordon 'Spike' Woods.

Prayer Warriors — If you would like to be added to the prayer team during the services, please contact Roger & Betty Williams. Also, anyone is welcome to come pray at 8:30am on Sunday mornings in the Pastor's Office!

Mailings — • Psalm FM — January 24 • Family Messenger — January 30

Community Opportunities ...

Community Café — will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 5pm at Backus Community Center. If you would like to help serve, please sign-up in the lobby.

Is There Absolute Truth

John 8:31-36; Romans 1:28-32

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
"What is truth?" Pilate asked. John 18:37-38a

What you _____ determines how you _____.

(The devil) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44b

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness... Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie... Romans 1:18, 22, 25

What is Truth?

Truth is not just a _____ but a _____.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-2, 14

Truth is not just a _____ but a _____.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

Pray for Lorraine Green *servicing in South Africa*



The Dawn of a New Year — I remember how each term of service in Chad was unique for various reasons. Major events left their memories, different colleagues painted a varied atmosphere and stages in spiritual growth and cultural understanding marked progress.

I have served six terms in Chad as a Bible teacher and now this is my sixth year as Senior Director. Each year has been unique. As a senior director, I usually spend half the year traveling to different conferences, meetings and visiting the ministry areas that I am responsible for.

My trip to Chad in February, Mozambique in April and hosting my leader in May are three trips that are particularly challenging for me and strategic.

On Christmas Eve, one team serving in a Muslim community showed the Jesus film to over 1,000 people. That team has labored there for nearly 20 years. The first believers, infants in the faith, are proving to be bold in their witness and effective in their prayers for the sick and for demon possession.

Zimbabwe is again in the throes of an economic meltdown. The nationals are bearing up under low wages and high prices. Supplies to run hospitals and schools are scarce. My colleagues report that the Christians are cheerfully doing their best by sharing what they have.

Prayer Requests:

1. For her three strategic trips that are challenging.
2. For health in her travels; especially from head colds.
3. For Zimbabwe's economic situation.

The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

A — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.
"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

B — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.
"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

C — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.
"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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