

**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.

**Compassion Offering**—will be received today to be used for emergencies or other unforeseen needs of those in our congregation or community. The collection plate will be at the rear of the church. You may use your offering envelope and mark the section "other" as Compassion Fund.

#### **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.

**Save the Date** — Missions Conference is scheduled for March 9-17.

**Our Sincere Sympathies** — are extended to the family of Ed Peterson who recently passed away. His funeral will be held on February 11 at 1pm.

**Waffles & Widows** — Saturday, February 23, at 10am in the gym. Questions? Contact Tucky Dill at 218.742.6040.

**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!

#### **Community Opportunities ...**

**Community Café**—will be held on Tuesday, February 26, at 5pm at Backus Community Center. If you would like to help serve, please sign-up on the table in the lobby.

**NOW** — Would you be willing to make a difference in the lives of women, men and their babies? Northern Options is looking for Board Members. Please contact Vickie Bernard at 283-8599 or stop by the center Monday-Thursday from 1-4 to pick up an application and learn more!

**Valentine Luncheon** — All ladies are welcome to a free luncheon at Littlefork Baptist Church on Saturday, February 9 at 11am. Bobbie Heller from Baudette will be sharing about 'How Deep is the Father's Love for Us.'

## **Encountering Our Shepherd**

John 10:1-10

**The Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.**

John 10:7–9, 11 (NIV)

*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

*...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Romans 3:23 (NIV)

*For the wages of sin is death.* Romans 6:23 (NIV)

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.* Acts 4:12 (NIV)

**The Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.**

John 10:3–4, 14 (NIV)

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.* Philippians 2:9-11

Jesus is our Savior.

*'Come, follow me, 'Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.'*

Mark 1:17 (NIV)

**The Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.**

John 10:9, 10 (NIV)

*The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.* Psalm 23:1 (NLT)

John 10:27–29 (NIV)

*No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the power of hell can separate us from God's love. ... nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:37–39 (NLT)

## Pray for .... Galen Johnson *servicing with Wycliffe*



Greetings fellow sojourners in this mixed-up complicated world. Yes, I mean all of you who are going about life. Some days you sort of cruise through and other days it is a herculean effort to make it to noon ... and those are the days without major crises!

I am writing from Bangui, Central African Republic. (CAR) It is the dry season, so it's dusty. The electricity is 8 hours on, then 24 hours off. So it's dark and hot, and that's the 'norm'.

What was not normal was receiving a letter from the administrative council of our

national partner in Bangui as I was heading to the airport Thursday, January 10. This letter brought big issues and questionable dealings, accusations and suspicions many of which cannot be proven one way or another between Bible translators.

This situation has taken up much of my time listening and encouraging reconciliation. Please pray with me that the crisis here will in some way glorify our Lord. Lots of problems will arise if trust is lost between national partners and funding partners. Thanks

### Prayer Requests:

1. That this situation would be resolved and trust will be renewed between the national translators and the international funding colleagues.
2. For the African countries experiencing unrelenting rebel attacks.

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### 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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