

Missionary Update ... Dan & Nancy Thomas *servicing with New Tribes Mission Homes*



One of the busiest places at New Tribes Mission Homes is our chapel.

This is the place we host music groups, potlucks and other special events. These have included weddings, anniversary's and birthdays.

Every weekday morning at 8am for 30 minutes, our staff and residents have the opportunity to share the Word and worship together. We have guest speakers, often missionaries that are on

their way to the field or are on home assignment.

It is also, a time for announcements and sharing prayer requests for each other and for around the world. Once a month we have a chapel dedicated just to praying for our missionaries and countries around the world.

The chapel is more than just a building, it provides a place for us to share as a community.

This week we had a missionary couple give us an update on the ministry in Venezuela. Even with all the heartache and suffering, the Lord is building His church in South America.

Thank you for your generosity of time, finances and prayer for us and the ministry of NTM Homes. You make a difference to us and our community.

Prayer Requests:

1. For Dan as he directs and manages the retirement missionary home; for wisdom and discretion.
2. For Nancy as she oversees the health and needs of the residents.
3. For Dan & Nancy; for continued energy, strength and health in the Lord.

	June 2019	
	Offerings	Expenses
General Fund YTD	\$162,527	\$148,104
Missions Fund YTD	\$19,861	\$19,374

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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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 Cubbies 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 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.

Kids Club — We will be having Kids Club at the South Falls Apartments on Wednesdays, July 24-September 4, 3:00-4:30pm. Please pray about how you can help, then sign-up on the Kids Club insert that is in the bulletin. We need teen and adult helpers who can organize activities or come and help on Wednesdays. Put your completed insert on the table in the lobby.

This ministry is taking the place of VBS this year. Children and families can come any of the Wednesdays. If you have questions, see or call Lynn Peterson, 218-324-0508.

Pastoral Search Committee — Please continue to pray for our search committee. Members are:

- Carol Anderson
- Beth Nelson
- Eric Todd
- Rod Enns
- Kristy Hufnagle
- David Hebig
- Andy Hedlund

Prayer Meeting — Join others every Monday night at 6:30pm in the Sparky Room for a time of prayer.

Celebrate Recovery — every Tuesday at 7pm in Room 200. CR is open to anyone who struggles with hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Community Opportunities ...

Community Café — Tuesday, July 23 at 5pm at Backus Community Center. If you would like to help serve, please sign-up in the lobby.

Honoring God with Our Bodies

1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 18-20

The Old and New Testaments contain more than a dozen passages related to the sanctity of marriage as between one man and one woman, and the "abomination" of same-sex intimacy. Some significant passages are: Genesis 1-2; Genesis 19; Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-11, plus many references of marriage as between a man and a woman, which Jesus also affirms in Matthew 19:4-6 and Mark 10:6-9. No positive argument for homosexual practice can be made from the Bible.

Jesus is engaged in a "cosmic battle" against Satan as revealed in 1 John 3:8, which says, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." Key scriptures that track the progression of this struggle are:

1) Ezekiel 28:17 - "Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor, so I threw you to the earth."

2) Genesis 3 - "Did God really say, 'You must now eat from any tree in the garden?' You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of (the tree in the middle of the garden) your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

3) Romans 8:22-23 - "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly, as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons and the redemption of our bodies."

4) John 10:10 - "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

Finally, we continue to uphold our Evangelical Covenant's statement on human sexuality: "**Celibacy in singleness; faithfulness in heterosexual marriage.**"