

## Missionary Highlight



**Tim & Mary Sue Austin** –  
Converge

In our anticipation of returning to Senegal, we have been waiting for what seems like a very long time. Waiting can be good though. Drawing comfort and encouragement from many of the Psalms that remind us to wait on the Lord. We have been learning how to wait well, I believe.

We have used this season of waiting to rest, recover, reflect, receive therapy and grow in our reliance on the Lord.

And now that we have heard the words, “green light” from our leadership in Converge, we are excited to go! We have purchased tickets and will fly out on March 15.

Many have been asking, “How about your heart?” I just had an appointment with my cardiologist last week. She said everything is looking great. The medications are working, my heart is healthy, and I am in the best shape I have been in over 10 years. Needless to say this leaves us praising God for my restored health.

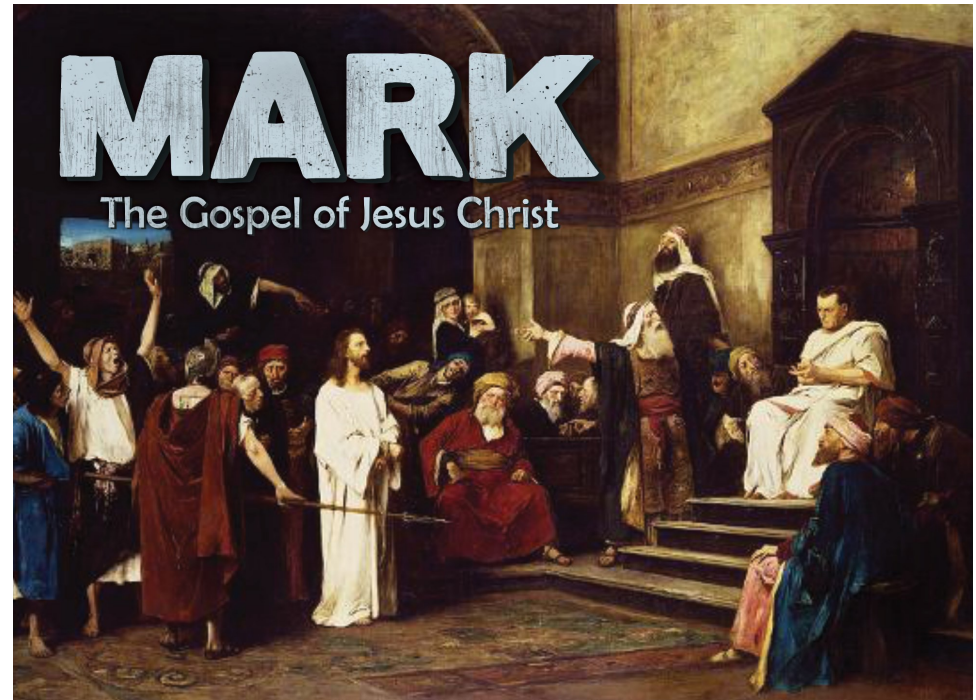
### Prayer Requests:

1. For adjustment at our new workplace and with our new staff; ‘to go with the flow’.
2. For our needed support; we have a short-fall of \$500/month.

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## Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children.**
- **Prayer Time** – Beginning March 19 and going through April 9; Room 200 at 9:30am.
- Please continue to pray about your part in the **Faith Promises.** Pray and ask God how much He would like you to give, then trust Him to provide during the year. We would like to have a total amount by the end of March, so write your amount on the Faith Promise card and put it in the offering plate. Pray, Trust, Give.
- **Missions Trip 2024** – If you would like to go on the next missions trip in 2024, there will be a meeting Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm in Pastor Seth's office. We will be exploring where and when to go. If you have suggestions, bring them along.
- **Adoption Celebration** – We would like to invite you to celebrate with Zach, Erika & Chloe Scofield on the adoption of Emma Kate to their family. There will be a lunch after the service on Sunday, March 26.
- **Ladies Springtime Luncheon** – Ladies are invited to attend a luncheon at the Baptist Church of Littlefork on Saturday, March 25, at 11am.
- **Our Condolences** – are extended to Myrtle Wardlaw in the recent loss of her husband, Keith. You may send a card to: Myrtle Wardlaw; C/O Nathan & Lorraine Graves; 450 Schmitt Road; Rossville, GA, 30741.
- **Thank you** to the many, many people who helped with the Missions Conference. If you helped with the meals, or provided the treats for different activities, thank you so much!

## Journey to the Cross: Jesus on Trial

Mark 14.53-72

<sup>53</sup> And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup> And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup> Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>61</sup> But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

<sup>66</sup> And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup> and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." <sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup> And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup> But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup> But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." <sup>72</sup> And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.