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Newsletter—April 2025

Everyday Life?



Following our Bible reading plan I began in the book of James recently. James is so full of practical instruction on the Christian life that it is always a combination of inspiration and conviction. True to form, James begins with a verse most of us probably consider an enigma, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials," (James 1:2, *NASB95*). Even more than that verse, it was the long view James gave that caught my attention, "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12).

It's an exhortation with three benefits for perseverance amid trying circumstances. First, is to be called "blessed" which means happy. So, there is a deep-seated happiness, presumably over having maintained faith in God. Secondly, there's God's approval. Just as we appreciate an expression of approval from a parent, spouse, boss, customer, etc., knowing God's pleasure for faithfulness to Him through difficulty is a reward. Thirdly, there's the crown of life, which is eternal life, entering the Lord's presence in heaven at a future date. All of this is made possible because of the substitutionary sacrificial death of Christ, and resurrection three days later.

We will celebrate what Jesus did for us this month, Easter Sunday, as we do each year. However, I'm not sure that we think about what Christ did for us like we should all year long, whether we're going through trials or not. That's probably why the very end of James 1:12, cited above, caught my attention – "promised to those who love Him." I wondered if this isn't really the key to enduring in trials.

I was left asking myself, "What does loving Jesus look like, not only in trials but also in everyday life?" It also triggered part of an interview I heard on the radio a short time ago. The person being interviewed was an older man who radiated joy and was obviously influencing many people. When asked what kept him going, he simply said, "I focus on loving Jesus more every day." How did he do that?



A simple framework for loving Jesus every day would be to give thought to His life on earth, His going to the cross, and what He is doing now. How can we not love Jesus when we think about things He did, what He taught, and how He treated people while on earth? Each action we read and think about becomes a reason to not only love Him, but thank and praise Him. Furthermore, what He went through leading up to and during His crucifixion, are powerful declarations of His love for us, a love we don't deserve. His current intercession ministry for us, which is needed every single day, is also reason why we should love Him.

Do you have space for love of Jesus to grow, not only Easter Sunday, but every day?

For the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dan





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Baby Shower Drive Next Steps-Step 5 (s.1)— Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6 pm, NC Fusion—6-8 pm, NC	7 Forest Lakes District Spring Conference, Plover, WI Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	8	9 Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Women's Study— 6:15 pm, LL #106	10 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Prac- tice—6:30 pm, S	11 Homeschool Co-op— 8:45 am—3:30 pm, all church Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Iglesia Biblica Women's Study, 6-8 pm, LL# 101/102 Wounded Heart Study—6:15 pm, LL #106	12 Elder Enrichment— 6:30 am, LL #106 Men's Breakfast— 8-10 am, NC/K Iglesia Youth Service— 5-9 pm, NC/S
13 Palm Sunday Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Baby Shower Drive Next Steps-Step 5 (s.2)— Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4-6 pm, NC Fusion—6-8 pm, NC	14 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Elder Meeting—6 pm, LL #106 Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Men's Grp 7 pm, S	15	16 Awana: Trek/Journey—5:15 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Women's Study— 6:15 pm, LL #106	17  Blood Drive – Noon-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101 MBC Worship Prac- tice—7:00 pm, S	18  Combined Good Friday Service—6:30 pm, 18 & 8 th No Wounded Heart Study	19
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- 3 Steve Fowler
- Devin Long
- 4 Karen Brunner
- 5 Micah Brunner
- 6 Carson Eddy

- 7 Raelynn Hartwig
- Jesse Petersen
- 8 Walter Botteron
- 11 Tanner Ils
- Tonya Reed
- 12 Jaxon Covert
- Ed Demianiuk
- Tessa Hurlbert
- 13 Violet Ohlrich
- Chelsey Simler
- 14 Marlys Isely
- 15 Aaron Roidt
- 16 Neva Schultz

- 18 Luke Morris
- 19 Oliver Hardacre
- Sharon Kubly
- Olivia Witt
- 21 Preston Krauss
- Ray Wyss
- 22 Christian Ohlrich
- 25 Isaac Welsh
- 28 Libby Swenson
- 29 Ewan Miller
- 30 Jane Thoman



- 14 John & Dawn Jordan
- 19 Kevin & Angie Geiwitz
- 19 Randy & Lorna Schindler
- 22 Louis & Diane Piskur
- 25 Steve & LaRene Blunt

Congratulations to all who were
Baptized March 9, 2025!

Jackie Covert	Jovani McNett
Lauren Erdmann	Carson Montgomery
Levi Erdmann	Scarlett Reed
Liam Erdmann	Violet Schwindt
Gabrielle Gruber	Ellie Thoman



Marriage Ministry Mentor Couple of the Month Chris & Laura Holverson



We celebrated 46 years of marriage in 2024! God has given us our greatest blessings - five children and 15 grandchildren. We were young believers when we said our vows and God has been faithful to guide us all these years. We have experienced the typical highs and lows of navigating a long-term relationship. The results are so very sweet 46 years later.

We like trying new cuisines, fishing, reading, gardening, helping family, going for walks, and enjoying the sunsets. Spending time with our kids and grandkids tops the list of things we like to do. Having a passion to help nurture marriages and families is what led us to involvement in this marriage ministry. We enjoy the interactions with couples we have been paired with greatly. The relationships that have been created continue long after the last formal meeting has ended. We treasure these experiences. Whether it's sharing a snack or a meal or just a conversation, we are honored to be invited into your lives to share what we can about how to create a marriage that lasts a lifetime.



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Men & Boys

This month we have the exciting opportunity to share breakfast and engaging discussion with author Dave Worn! Please join us!

April 12th

8:00-10:00 AM, Nehemiah Center

Dave Worn is the author of the 2024 Amazon bestseller *Called to Contend: America's Conflict with God and What to Do*. Dave and his wife, Renae, were part of a deep move of God at the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1995, where they ministered 1993-2002. Upon moving to Michigan, Dave served as the director of *Collegiate Impact* until 2014, preaching God's Word across the nation to see college students' hearts ignited for Christ. This season prepared Dave and Renae to launch *Forerunners of America* in 2014, a ministry to warn the nation of America's dangerous position before a holy God and to challenge God's people to respond in faith. Dave and Renae have lived in Monticello, Wisconsin since 2023.



With Our Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to
Jeff and Marie Wunschel and their family.
Jeff's sister, Barb Ziltner,
passed away Wednesday, March 5th.*

*May God bless you with
His comfort and peace.*



NEXT STEPS

**Are you looking to be more involved?
Would you like to be better equipped?**

Following the Next Steps at the Bible Church is not only a way to enable you to become more involved, but will also be valuable to your personal growth. Each session is 1-hour long and designed to be completed in order.

- Step 1: Our Mission & Vision
- Step 2: Our Core Beliefs
- Step 3: Our Commitments
- Step 4: Our Equipping
- Step 5: On Mission

Please Note:
Steps 1, 2, & 3
are required for
church membership.

Upcoming Sessions:
Step 5: April 6 & April 13 — Noon
(required for mission trips)

Please sign up for all Next Steps classes at the Welcome Center, or on our website under Events. Pick up a 2025 Next Steps brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of all classes for the 2025 calendar year.

The Women's ministry is hosting:

Baby Shower Drive

April 6th and 13th

At a table in the foyer

Bring gifts for local mothers and babies in need, such as...

Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), pull ups, baby wash, ointment
Vitamin D, baby wipes, sippy cups, safety kits
(medical and outlet), car seats, and strollers.

All donations will be brought to Carenet to be distributed to mothers and their babies.

Questions? Contact Gabi Gruber, Amanda Ohlrich, Mia Kelley, Tabitha Thostenson

Silent Sanctuary: A Sunday Without AV Ministry

Imagine walking into our sanctuary, ready to worship, only to find **no microphones, no lyrics on the screen, and no livestream for those at home**. Pastor Dan/Kevin/Troy's voice strains to reach the back of the room, the worship team sings unamplified, and you find yourself struggling to remember the words to your favorite worship songs.




Without our AV Ministry team, **scripture readings and sermon points wouldn't be projected**, making it difficult to follow along. Announcements would be limited to printed bulletins, and those unable to attend in person would **miss the service altogether**.

Our AV Ministry is the **unseen but essential heartbeat of our worship experience**. They work behind the scenes to ensure the gospel reaches **not just those in the sanctuary, but also those tuning in from afar**. They **amplify voices, enhance worship, light up faces, and bring visual clarity** to every service.

Next time you see an AV team member adjusting a microphone, adjusting the sound, or chasing down a cable problem, take a moment to say, **"Thank you!"** Their dedication makes a huge impact on how we experience worship together.

Join the AV Ministry Team – We Need You!

Our AV Ministry **needs volunteers!** Each Sunday, our team works with leadership to ensure a smooth and engaging worship experience by covering three key positions:

-  **Computer Graphics (CG)/Projection** – Displaying lyrics, scriptures, and visuals.
-  **Video Switching/Streaming** – Managing camera feeds and live streaming.
-  **Sound Mixing** – Balancing audio for in-person and online worshippers.

Ideally, we also have a **floaters** to handle unexpected needs, allowing others to stay focused. Our goal is for team members to serve at **both services no more than once a month**, but right now, we don't have enough volunteers to make that possible.

Is God calling you to serve?

Common Misconceptions About AV Ministry

- ⊗ **"I'm not tech-savvy—I don't know how to do all that!"**
 - ◇ Truth: While some roles, like sound mixing, require advanced skills, **many positions don't require technical knowledge**—and we'll provide the training you need!
- ⊗ **"AV Ministry is for young people—they understand tech better."**
 - ◇ Truth: While younger people may be more familiar with technology, AV Ministry is for everyone! Having a mix of ages helps maintain a strong and reliable team, especially when younger members are unavailable due to school, work, or youth events. Plus, **retired individuals** can often serve at weekday events, including weddings, funerals, Bible studies, and conferences outside of Sunday services.
- ⊗ **"It's a huge time commitment—I don't have that kind of availability."**
 - ◇ Truth: We try to schedule AV volunteers on a rotation, often only once a month. Plus, there are non-Sunday opportunities like weddings, funerals, Bible studies, and special events for those who prefer flexible service.
- ⊗ **"If I mess up, it will ruin the whole service!"**
 - ◇ Truth: Mistakes happen, even to experienced team members! The team works together, and training and backup systems are in place to help minimize errors. Everyone learns over time, and grace is always given.
- ⊗ **"I'll be stuck in the booth and won't feel like I'm part of the service."**
 - ◇ Truth: Serving in AV Ministry is a unique form of worship. You are actively engaged in every part of the service—ensuring the message reaches people clearly and effectively. Plus, you still get to worship while serving!
- ⊗ **"It's just pushing buttons—it's not really that important."**
 - ◇ Truth: AV Ministry is critical to the worship experience. Without it, there would be no amplified sound, no song lyrics on screen, no livestream for home viewers, and no visual support for sermons. You help enhance worship for the entire congregation.
- ⊗ **"I have to be a professional or have a background in AV work."**
 - ◇ Truth: Absolutely not! Many volunteers start with zero experience. Churches provide training and mentoring, and teamwork makes it all easier.
- ⊗ **"It's too stressful—there's too much pressure."**
 - ◇ Truth: While AV Ministry has moments of urgency, it's a team effort with guidance and support. As you gain confidence and experience, it becomes second nature!

If you're willing to serve, we'll help you find the right fit. **Join us and make an impact!**

Contact Darryl Wheeler to learn more:

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☎ Cell: 815-979-6129





The KATW One Meal Food Packing Event is April 5th at 18 & 8th from 9:00-11:30 AM and we hope to see you there, even if you didn't get signed up! It is so rewarding to make a difference in the lives of those in need both physically and spiritually AND have fun doing it! We can accept funds toward the \$9,500 needed up to March 30th. Remember checks need to be made out to KATW and are tax deductible.

As the AWANA year comes to an end this month, we are welcoming a new AWANA Child Discipleship Missionary, Brenda Cole, as she assumes the Wisconsin area that Tim and Cheryl Gilley served before their retirement. Brenda is also responsible for areas of Iowa and Minnesota along with her husband Brian. The support that the Gilleys received from MBC has been transferred to Brenda. AWANA missionaries rely on individuals and churches for their full support as they help local clubs reach and disciple kids. If you would like a prayer card for the Coles, look in the rack with our other missionary prayer cards. Please remember to pray for our missionaries, especially those serving under difficult circumstances which can't be shared in a public space like this newsletter. Consider getting on the mailing list for one or two so that you get their prayer requests and know how hard they work for the Lord, all the while living by faith that their needs will be met by those of us back home. Check your Missions booklet or contact a member of the Missions Ministry for how to sign up for a missionary newsletter.

Last fall a group traveled to Union Grove to tour Shepherds College and were amazed at the ministry and campus facilities. One very impressive building was their beautiful large greenhouse where students with intellectual and developmental disabilities learn the skills needed to pursue a vocation in horticulture. There was interest in attending their greenhouse sale this spring and the time has arrived! The Spring Greenhouse Sale begins April 25th and is each weekend up to Memorial Weekend. Hours are 1-5 PM on Fridays and 10 AM- 2 PM on Saturdays, but it would be wise to call to verify these times (262-878-5620). The sale of their lush beautiful plants helps provide funds for the ministry as well as beautify your spaces at home. It is well worth the road trip.



Congratulations are in order for not one, but two, of our single men serving God overseas! It can be especially lonely for singles serving on foreign soil in a culture very different from ours, and is such a blessing when God brings a partner into their life. T.S. serves in a closed country so we can't use his name for security reasons, but he was here at MBC last fall and did mention his engagement at that time. We now have word that Daniel Jezowski in Papua New Guinea has plans to marry this year as well. We are thrilled for both men and hope to meet their brides in the future.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



In prayer meeting on Monday evenings we're reading through and discussing each chapter of "A Journey to Victorious Praying". One chapter is "Learning to Pray Scripture". Please read the following Scripture passages: Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12. After reading these Scripture passages several times, begin to pray these Scriptures for yourself and for other

believers. It will be profitable for you and other believers that you are praying the Scriptures for. I John 5:14-15 tells us, "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." (NASB95). Pray with humility and confidence.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

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HE IS RISEN

Word Search

Find and the hidden words in the puzzle.

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Word Bank

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| BOTTOM | FORSAKEN | RISEN |
| COMMANDED | GOLGOTHA | TORE |
| EARTHQUAKE | MARY | JESUS |



THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 15:4

[Christ] was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.



Family Devotional

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