

First Baptist Communiqué

St. Johns, Michigan

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October November December Events



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Local Evangelism Month Events



Theme for Local Evangelism Month “Loving Kids, Reaching the Community”

Theme Verses

1 John 3:18 (ESV): Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19: You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Service Schedule During Local Evangelism Month

October 6th AM Service - Pastor Chad

1 John 3:18: Loving in Deed and Truth

PM Service-Pastor Tim

The Importance of Corporate (Church) Prayer

October 13th AM Service - Beacon of Hope Ministry Presentation

Karen Leif, Director

PM Service - Round Table

Community Involvement and Kids Outreach

October 20th AM & PM Services-Jeff Totten, SCORE Ministries

October 27th AM Service-Abraham Thomas, Director-Agape Royal Ministries

PM Service-Baptism/Membership Service

**UPCOMING CHURCH
ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE
END OF THE YEAR**

Be sure to mark your calendars.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Service -- Evening Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

No Wednesday Evening Activities



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Night of Christmas Music -- Evening Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Sunday School Christmas Program -- Evening Service

*Please note: The S.S. Christmas Program Practice
will be Saturday, Dec. 7th, 9-11AM.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

AM Service

No Sunday School & No Evening Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

AM Service

No Sunday School & No Evening Service



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service -- 6PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

AM Service

No Sunday School & No Evening Service



Ten Big Daily Reminders



Article by **Matt Reagan Modal**

Guest Contributor

I wake up lost every morning. At least that's what it feels like. Perhaps something similar is true of you.

Somehow during the night I've forgotten the big realities about God and the universe and myself and the gospel. I desperately need to steady myself with biblical truth rather than stumbling forward to live from unbelief.

I tend to forget the big realities during the day as well. I regularly catch myself living on the idiotic assumption that I will constantly remember the things that really matter — and that I will act in line with them. I assume that the realm of the seen and touched will not overwhelm the realm of the unseen and hoped for.

But in reality, whether it's night or day, I don't stay awake to what's truly important for very long. I am like that college kid who sits in church on Sunday morning trying to keep his eyes open after an irresponsibly late Saturday night. My eyelids droop by default, and my mind wanders from the glories of the Bible to superfluous, naturalistic daydreams (that may or may not end with an embarrassing full-body twitch that snaps me awake again).

So, I've learned over time to put structures in place that remind me of those unseen things, especially during my bleary-eyed, half-conscious mornings.

One effort is this list of ten truths. I hung it up next to our dining room rocking chair (my preferred spot for study and contemplation). It's developed over the years as a list of the daily reminders I need most. Many of them overlap substantially, but a double reminder only reinforces the original purpose.

I've added a short commentary for each in hopes that something here might help you in your pursuit of remembering the biggest truths that we can be prone to assume and forget.

“When I wake up, I
desperately need to
steady myself with truth
rather than stumble
forward to live from
unbelief.”

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1. God exists. (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58)

It seems so simple, so basic, but I tend to wake up a naturalist, and a narcissistic one at that. I assume that all there is in the world is what is in front of my face. My bed, my wife, my kids, and most importantly myself. The simple yet ultimate existence of God immediately clears my lens, makes me small, and infuses meaning into every step. God exists — and that changes everything.

2. God loves you. (Romans 5:8; John 16:27; Jeremiah 32:40–41)

Another massive biblical reality, this immediately counters my hesitation to embrace God's ultimate authority, reminding me that he has set his affections on this little speck of a person. He is far from indifferent toward me.

3. Jesus died for you, and the Father has now bound himself to give you only good things. (Romans 8:28, 32)

This draws me quickly to the central reality of all history: the cross. It is an objective truth set in time and space, so it immediately draws my gaze away from my own capacity to garner acceptance from God through my efforts. Furthermore, the outworkings of the cross make clear that even the harshest trials will come to me as blessing, for my ultimate good, no matter how bad I feel at the time.

4. God sees you as perfect. (Hebrews 10:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

My self-absorption, anxiety, and self-pity know no bounds. They must be beaten into submission by the beauty of imputed righteousness. The question "How am I doing?" is met head-on with the answer "Perfect." In that regard, every day is a good day.

5. That is because of Jesus's perfection, not yours. You deserve hell. (Romans 3:10; 1 Timothy 1:15)

There are two main purposes here: first, to counterpunch when my flesh looks for a way to subtly claim credit for the perfection that is mine only in Jesus; second, to maintain a sense of trembling gratitude for my salvation. While I enjoy the glory of the gospel, there should always be an awestruck voice in the back of my mind that is whispering, "I shouldn't be here."

6. You will die. (James 4:14; Hebrews 9:27)

Nothing brings clarity to me like this simple and straightforward reminder. How quickly I assume my earthly immortality, and how often I need to think of myself as a terminal cancer patient.

7. You will live forever in the new heavens and new earth. (Romans 8:18; Hebrews 10:34)

I don't want to be a clearheaded *fearer* of death, like some atheistic poet. I want to glory in the guarantee of indescribable bliss that is just around the corner. And I want to live like it's real — because it is.

8. For now, you are an exile on the earth. (Hebrews 11:13–16)

This keeps me from feeling at home when I'm not at home (especially in my own home). It prepares me for not fitting in, for weird looks when I speak with conviction about Jesus, and for holding loosely to every bit of earthly life.

9. Nothing on earth is truly worth putting your hope in. (Jeremiah 2:13; Galatians 6:14)

This is a practical specification of #8. It is right for me to remember that I will inevitably be disappointed by every earthly pursuit or relationship or emotional experience. It runs me back to my true Home and the true Bridegroom.

10. You have no right to be unhappy. (Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 1:8–9)

This is a summarizing application of all the previous reminders, but it merits its own slot. How quick I am to become “blah” when there is a treasure trove of happy reality at my disposal! I must beat this into my discontent little brain. I can be plenty unhappy, but I have no right to be.

These reminders flee from my mind like stray socks in an armful of laundry. Every time I pick one up, another falls. By the time I read #10, #1 is beckoning again. What a grace that #4 is still true!

Matt Reagan is the director for Campus Outreach Charleston.

“BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON.....”

Contacting the Church Office When Someone is in the Hospital

If you know of a member or regular attendee of First Baptist Church that is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Sometimes, a person is in the hospital for a number of days before the pastoral staff is contacted. If you are not sure whether or not the church office knows, go ahead and contact us. We would appreciate your assistance as we seek to minister to families in need.

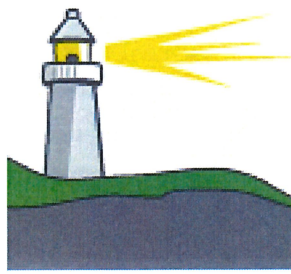


Missionary Christmas Offering **Sunday, October 13th**

Every year we take an offering to give to our missionaries as a Christmas gift. The money collected will be divided equally among our supported missionaries to encourage them during the Christmas season.

A gift-wrapped box will be at the Information Area all day for you to give your gift.

Reminder: This is a non-taxable gift and cannot be claimed on your income tax.



BEACON OF HOPE

FAMILY CARE CENTER

Beacon of Hope Update

Calling all deer hunters – Bag a Buck for Beacon!

Are you a hunter who needs to make space in your freezer for this year's hunt? Then Beacon of Hope can help! Beacon accepts donations of professionally-processed venison. Need an excuse to bag another buck? Consider hunting one just for Beacon! Contact Karen Leif to make arrangements to deliver venison to Beacon.

Local Evangelism Month

How does Beacon of Hope minister to children? Come and find out on Sunday, October 13, during the morning service. Learn how the Lord is working through the Beacon ministry and about ways that you can get involved at Beacon.

Food Drive

Beacon of Hope is in need of non-perishable food! **Beacon needs:** Pasta and pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soup, rice, oil, and baking supplies (flour, sugar, baking soda & powder). **There will be a bin outside of the church offices the entire month of October** for you to leave your donations. Thank you!

Community Conversation on Homelessness will be held Monday, November 4 at AgroLiquid from 6:30 – 8 p.m. No RSVP required! Just come!

Critical Need for Women Advisors

If you are an adult member of First Baptist you can

- ◆ Impact your community for Christ!
- ◆ Experience the blessing of helping someone understand the Bible!
- ◆ Help women become committed disciples of Jesus!

If the Lord is working on your heart about becoming an Advisor, stop by Beacon any Tuesday evening to learn more or contact Karen Leif.

Christmas at Beacon

Beacon no longer does a special Christmas shopping program for participants. However, you can bless participants by buying these items for the Learn & Earn store: coffee pots, crockpots, pot and pan sets, men's gloves, bath towels, and queen-size bedding.

COLLEGE (AND) CAREER

College & Career Ministry

If you're post high school, 20's- 30's and desire to grow with a community of believers, College & Career Ministry is for you!

Supper/Bible Study Fellowships:

- Thurs. Oct. 10
- Thurs. Oct. 24
- Thurs. Nov. 14
- Thurs. Dec. 12

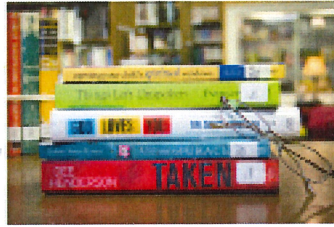
Enjoy supper, be challenged and encouraged as we worship and study the book of Colossians together, along with Bible teacher Matt Chandler.

Followed by games & snacks late!

7:00 pm

2141 W. Centerline Rd., St. Johns (Davis home)

???'s: call/txt: Jim: 517.515.7042, Debi: 517.974.7648, or Elizabeth: 517.974.7649



Library News Check it Out!

Check your church library catalog from nearly anywhere!

Go to: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FBCSaintJohns>

Many new fiction titles are now available in the adult fiction section , including science fiction:

The Chronicles of Sarco series (YA Joh)

The Space Drivers series (YA Reg)

The Face of the Deep series (F Rza)

Shivering World (F Tye)

Otherworld (F Wil)

Plus some new fantasy titles:

The Ravenwood Saga by Morgan L. Busse (JF Rav)

Fawkes by Nadine Brandes (F Bra)

Prince Warriors series by Priscilla Evans Shirer (JF Pri)

Check your library's catalog for 3,207 great books, ebooks, videos and audiobooks!



Mighty O.A.K.S.
Events for
October - December

Tuesday, October 8th

The Mighty O.A.K.S. will be going to Cliff & Kay Zehr's home, 1212 S. Chandler Rd., St. Johns at 12 Noon. We will have a Carry-In Lunch and enjoy life in the Orchard. Pastor Ron Sischo (former Pastor at FBC) will bring the devotional. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and sign up at the Information Area.

Tuesday, November 12th

Our November 12th, gathering at noon in the church gym for a Carry-In Lunch. Steve Bricker will be sharing with us in song. Watch the Information Area to sign up.

Tuesday, December 10th

For our Christmas Mighty O.A.K.S. Celebration we will meet at noon on Tuesday, December 10th. We will get to enjoy a catered meal. There will be Special Music performed by Danielle & Derek Eilert. Watch the bulletin for more information, cost of the catered meal, and when to sign up at the Information Area.

FIRST BAPTIST THIS 'N' THAT

The new 2020 Phone Directories will be available by the end of October. Be sure to watch the bulletin!



Births in the Church Family



Congratulations to Andrew & Elizabeth(Liz) Davis on the birth of their Son, Judah Steven. Judah was born on Saturday, August 31, 2019. He weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces. His Grandparents are Jim & Debi Davis and Steve & Eileen Feldpausch.

Congratulations to Ethan & Kim Painter on the birth of their Son, Ronin Justice. Ronin was born on Sunday, September 8, 2019. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. His Grandparents are Al & Mindy Miller and Darrell & Cindy Painter. His Great Grandparents are Ted & Donna Herig.



Thank You Notes



Hey First Baptist Church Family!
(Received in August)

We just wanted to take the time once again, to thank you for your continued prayers and support for us! God is good and still leading us

back to the Kora! Building is underway and we are excited to have the team come over here to help us finish it off!

Love you all so much and thank God for you!

Craig, Shelly, Jade, Kale, Hali, and Rone Schafer

Thank you very much for furnishing sandwiches for our Blood Drive in August.

The donors just love them!

Jane Sira & Mary Faloon



Looking Ahead . . .

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 3rd

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday Night, November 2nd!!!



TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Pamalie Jean Nichols

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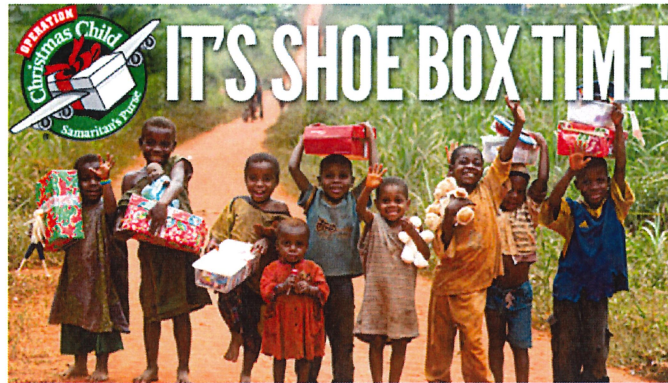
Jameson David Hufnagel

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE RECEPTION CELEBRATING THEIR MARRIAGE
SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN
TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON

First Baptist Church of St. Johns

512 S WHITTEMORE ST, ST JOHNS, MI 48879

There will be a sign up Sheet at the Information Area beginning Sunday, October 27th, for you to sign up. Deadline to Sign up is Sunday, November 10th.



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Information

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a simple way to share the love of Christ with a child. It's far more than just a shoebox, it's sharing the hope the Gospel provides with someone who may never have the opportunity to hear it again while meeting some of their physical needs. Please pray for OCC and 2019's worldwide collection of shoeboxes. Please also prayerfully consider what to include in your box, and pray for your shoebox recipient that they will be open to the Gospel.

Once again we will be offering a church wide participation with Operation Christmas Child, the Shoebox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with new items for children which may include school supplies, clothing, hygiene items, and of course toys. Once collected the shoe boxes are sent to Ministry partners, often churches, in 116 countries around the world, and offered to children thru outreach events. At each event recipients hear a Gospel presentation and also receive a booklet titled, *The Greatest Gift*, written in their own language that again clearly presents the Gospel. In 2018, First Baptist members provided 135 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse.

Shoe boxes will be available in the library beginning October 20th, along with more details on what can and cannot be included in a shoebox and costs associated with shipping. We will need to have all shoeboxes filled and returned to the kitchen by Sunday November 17th, and they will be taken to the closest drop off location that week. For more information or other questions regarding Operation Christmas Child can be directed to Jim Rosbury, jrosbury@outlook.com or find him in the library after services beginning October 20th.



**Released Time Bible Class
Begins Friday, October 25th
at 12:30pm
First Baptist Ministries Building
In the Youth Wing
Sr. High Room**

Do You Know What Released Time Bible Class Is?

Released Time - a Michigan law that requires public schools to release children, who have written parental permissions, for up to two hours per week to attend religious instruction classes at a nearby location.

Bible - The oldest book in the world that millions of people still read every day! RBM Ministries is non-denominational in its teaching.

Classes - Not just “fun and games” - but vital spiritual and character-building education in a happy, enjoyable setting.

History - We represent over 75 years of service to school-age children - one of America’s oldest Christian ministries, designed to reach and serve boys and girls of all ages. RBM Ministries serves many churches in your area.

First Baptist Church provides transportation from the town elementary schools to our church once a month on the 3rd Friday of each month during the school year. Debbie Price, our supported missionary from RBM Ministries teaches the class. (She also does our Vacation Bible School!). If you would like your child(ren) to attend this class, you must fill out one of their permission slips that are at the Children’s Check in Desk or Oakview and Gateway Elementary have them also. You must return the form to the school your child attends, or if you home school, you may turn in the form to the Church office or bring it with you to the first class. If your children attend any of the rural Elementary schools in the St. Johns School District, please check with the school office to see if they have a class and when it meets.

Beauty for Ashes



*"To all who mourn, he will give
a crown of beauty for ashes."*
Isaiah 61:3

Please Join Us
for the Forgotten Man
Ministries Fundraising
Banquet in Clinton County!

Thursday, October 17

Event
Details

6:00 pm Fellowship
6:30 pm Dinner

Grove Bible Church
Activity Center
6990 East Price Road
St. Johns, MI 48879



Celebrate With Us

Amanda has experienced transformation...
the kind that only Jesus can provide. Your
generous support has helped Amanda and
many others in Michigan county jails start
a new life. Come celebrate the amazing
work of Christ among us!

Registration is required.

Please reserve your seat online at
www.forgottenman.org or contact
your table host.

(No children please)

RSVP by October 13

Chaplain Carl Hyzer
989.640.1665
clintoncounty@forgottenman.org

Inquiries

 **Forgotten Man
Ministries**

**There is a sign up Sheet at the Information Area for you to sign up. If you have any other questions,
please contact Chris Bouck or Dave Purchase. Deadline to Sign up is Sunday, October 13th.**

MISSIONS NEWS:



BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

We can always use washcloths, toothbrushes, and combs to put in the ditty bags for Youth Haven Ranch, as well as people to sew them. Thank you for all the donated fabric! If you would like to do sewing at home, please contact Dee Chapman.

Our next meetings will be October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd, at 9:30 AM. Bring your lunch and stay for the fellowship after the work is done.

MISSIONS CLOSET

The Missions closet needs the following items:

- Sheet sets (cotton is preferred)
- Towel sets
- Dish cloths and Towels
- Candles

MAILINGS THIS MONTH

Birthday boxes mailed: Rowena Barnes, Beth and Nina Buser, Sue Mayo, Beverly Levy, Peggy Marsh, and Eleanor Brittain

Magazines mailed: Patty Zemmer to share with their Brazilian missionary grandchildren

College Care packages mailed Missionary Kids: Katrina and Anne Wiebe

Christmas box mailed: Kent and Jenny Schafer

Other Mailings: Wiebe's, Barnes', Sewing notions to a Ladies Missionary Group in Flagstaff, AZ, Flat Sheets donated to Voice of the Martyrs

Visiting missionaries: Chose items from the missions closet

Thank you again to all who provide items for the closet and Busy Hands for the lovely aprons.

LANSING CITY RESCUE MISSION

Below is a list of needs for the Mission that was in their September Newsletter. If you would like to donate any of these items, please place them in the yellow barrel located outside of Room #13 in the lower level.

- Hairbrushes
- Men's New Underwear, Size M
- Women's New Underwear, Size 5
- Men's Deodorant

- Shampoo, Full Size
- Conditioner, Full Size
- Razors
- Body Wash, Full Size



Missionary of the Month

October

Debbie Price

Address: 235 Smith Street, Portland, MI 48875

Telephone number: 517.526.9016

E-mail: debgp@sbcglobal.net

Mission Agency: RBM Ministries 5325 West F Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009-9089

Began ministry: September 12, 2008

Home Church: First Baptist of Portland, MI

Birthday: 09/12

Debbie was born in Pontiac, Michigan. She was the fourth out of the five kids born to Chuck and Lois Price. The family moved to Lansing when Debbie was about two years old and moved again to a farm in the St. Johns area when she was about six. Until this move, they attended a church that did not preach the Gospel. Pastor Bob Prange was the pastor at Grove Bible Church at that time. He was one of their first friends and helped them move in. He invited them to visit the church which was just down the road. The first Sunday, the family stayed home because they were working on the drainage ditch so the indoor restroom could be used instead of the outhouse. On Monday, Pastor Prange came over and helped with the digging while Chuck was at work in Lansing. The next Sunday the family attended Grove Bible Church and heard the Gospel for the first time. Chuck and Lois both trusted in Christ that first Sunday. Debbie made this decision a year later. She was seven years old and her older sister, Kathy, led her to the Lord at home one night just before bed.

Debbie attended Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for four years, receiving a Bachelor of Religious Education. She then taught in Christian schools for several years, including seven years in Papua New Guinea. Debbie taught third and fourth grade at Numonohi, which is the New Tribes School for Missionary kids near Goroka.

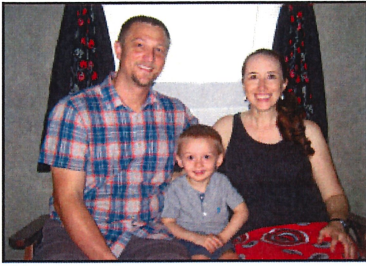
Debbie went back to school for four summers at Pensacola Christian College and earned her Master's in Sacred Music in 2000.

In 2007, Debbie's hours were cut at the Christian School where she had been teaching music and she began looking for something else. As she prayed and considered what the Lord wanted her to do, she was impressed with the urgency to reach children for Christ in an increasingly anti-Christian world. Her attention was drawn to RBM Ministries and she pursued this possibility. In September of 2008 she became a field worker with RBM.

RBM was originally called Rural Bible Mission because they worked in one-room country schools. When the government ruled to take the Bible out of public schools, RBM switched to doing Released Time Bible Classes. This is a class taught to public school children during school hours, but off campus at a nearby church. Parents sign their children up for this program at the beginning of the year and they attend one class per month from October through April. During the summer, the field workers teach Vacation Bible School at different churches each week.

Debbie took over the ministry in Clinton, Ionia, and Shiawassee Counties in May of 2009. This year she will teach 27 Released Time Bible Classes each month in this area. During the summer, she averages eight or nine Vacation Bible Schools.

Prayer needs for this ministry include travel safety, continued good health, finding suitable transportation for the children, getting enough helpers for the classes, tender hearts, clarity when teaching, and working with school personnel. A big concern is that it has become increasingly difficult to get flyers out to the parents with information about classes and the opportunity to sign their children up. Please pray for these requests.



Missionary of the Month December Kent & Jenny Schafer

Address: CP 201 • Quelimane, Mozambique

Email: kent_schafer@ntm.org, jenny_schafer@ntm.org, j.l.schafer80@gmail.com

Phone: 989.634.1235 (skype)

Mission Board: Ethnos360(formerly New Tribes Mission)

Home church: First Baptist Church, St. Johns (primary sending church)

Ministry: Church planting among the Maindo people of Mozambique

Kent: born 07/26/84 **Jenny:** born 07/15/80 **Samuel:** born 05/19/17 **Anniversary:** 06/23/07

Kent was raised in a Christian home but did not want to give up his sin or be held accountable to God for it. At the age of nine, he was scared to go to hell and prayed that Christ would save him. It was not until Kent was thirteen that he started to read the Bible and finally understood that Christ did not die just to save him from hell but to have a relationship with him. From that point, he wanted to share the hope he has with those he meets. Tribal church planting had never crossed his mind before he entered the New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson, Michigan. His initial reason for attending the Bible school was to get grounded in the scriptures before starting a ministry with homeless people. There, he began to hear about how there are thousands of language groups who have never heard the Gospel in their own language. As he became aware of the need, God started to work in his heart and gave him the desire to plant a church among one of these unreached people groups.

Jenny grew up in rural Missouri and was raised in a Christian family. As a child, she realized her need of salvation and asked God to save her, but she never had assurance of her salvation. At age 15, she admitted her sin, affirmed her belief in Christ's death as payment for her sins, and asked God to save her. When she attended college, she was involved in Campus Crusade for Christ and became aware of the great need for the Gospel around the world. God started directing her heart towards missions. After college, Jenny entered New Tribes Bible Institute. Bible School was a life-changing experience as her background had been very legalistic. She came to understand God's grace and her new nature in Christ. She became even more excited about God's heart for a lost world.

God has led Kent and Jenny to do church planting among the Maindo people group in the Zambezia province of Mozambique. The Maindo consists of 50,000-70,000 people who mostly live in the district of Micaune, in the northern part of the Zambezi River Delta. In anticipation of ministry among the Maindo people, Kent and Jenny moved to Portugal in 2008 to begin learning Portuguese. In August of 2009, they moved to Nampula, Mozambique and in April of 2010 to Quelimane (capital of the province where the Maindo are located) to continue with Portuguese language/culture study. They are partnering with Arnie Johnson, an American Ethnos360 Missionary, and his wife Rubenita (Rubi), a Brazilian Ethnos360 Missionary. The Johnsons have a daughter, Joana, who is 5 months younger than Samuel.

In July of 2012, the Schafers and Johnsons moved to the community of Micaune Sede (the administrative post for all of Micaune). For 6 months, they lived with a Maindo family as they were in the process of obtaining land and building a traditional house in the Alfane neighborhood (about a 10-minute motorcycle ride from Micaune Sede). In January 2013, the Schafers moved to Alfane and, in February, they officially started Maindo language studies. In June 2015, their team began developing primers for the Maindo literacy program and, in June 2016, the Schafers returned to the US for furlough. After the birth of their son, Samuel, they returned to Mozambique in October 2017 and continued Maindo language and culture study. They and their co-worker, Arnie, hope to be finish up language and culture study in late 2019. When they finish language study, the Maindo team plans to finish developing materials for the Maindo literacy program and to begin translating the Bible and developing Chronological Bible lessons in the Maindo language. Jenny will be developing the literacy materials, Arnie will be translating the Bible, and Kent will be developing Chronological Bible lessons. Their goal is to share the Gospel with the Maindo people in a way that clearly communicates their sin and need of a Savior in order to see the Maindo people come to a saving knowledge of Christ, grow in their relationship with Him, and develop into a maturing local body of believers who God will use to reach out to other Maindo people and, hopefully, even to neighboring people groups and other countries.

In Micaune, the Schafers have cell phone coverage and slow internet. They can receive email attachments (up to 2MB) and can usually access Facebook, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, and Skype.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| Tues., October 1 | Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Classroom #15) |
| Wed., October 2 | AWANA -- 6:30pm (Children's Wing) 24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1) Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing) |
| Thurs., October 3 | Mentoring Moms -- 6:30pm (Watch Bulletin for meeting place) |
| Fri., October 4 | Elders Meeting -- 7:00am (Office Level-Conference Room) |
| Sun., October 6 | LOCAL EVANGELISM MONTH, Communion AM Pastor Chad Konieczny -- AM Service Pastor Tim Knaus -- PM Service Special Business Meeting -- After the PM Service |
| Mon., October 7 | Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym) |
| Tues., October 8 | Mighty O.A.K.S. Luncheon -- 12 Noon (Church Gym) |
| Wed., October 9 | AWANA -- 6:30pm (Children's Wing) 24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1) Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing) |
| Thurs., October 10 | Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30 pm (Office Level-Room #2) College & Career Supper/Bible Study Fellowship -- 7pm (Jim & Debi Davis' Home) |
| Sun., October 13 | LOCAL EVANGELISM MONTH-Missionary Christmas Offering -- All Day Beacon of Hope Presentation, Karen Leif, Director -- AM Service Round Table - Community Involvement and Kids Outreach -- PM Service World Missions Prayer Meeting--After the PM Service (Lower Level-Room #13) |
| Mon., October 14 | Same as October 7th |
| Wed., October 16 | AWANA -- 6:30pm (Children's Wing) 24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Quarterly Business/Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1) Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing) |
| Thurs., October 17 | Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Lower Level-Room #8) |
| Sun., October 20 | LOCAL EVANGELISM MONTH Jeff Totten, SCORE Ministries -- AM & PM Services |
| Mon., October 21 | Same As October 7th |
| Wed., October 23 | Same as October 3 |
| Thurs., October 24 | College & Career Supper/Bible Study Fellowship -- 7pm (Jim & Debi Davis' Home) |
| Fri., October 25 | Released Time Class -- 12:30pm (Youth Wing) Usually meets on the 3rd Friday |
| Sun., October 27 | LOCAL EVANGELISM MONTH Abraham Thomas, Director - Agape Royal Ministries -- AM Service Baptism/Membership -- PM Service (Fellowship after the service) |
| Mon., October 28 | Same As October 7th |
| Wed., October 30 | Same as October 9th |

OCTOBER

Birthdays

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| 03 | Nancy Cashen Amber Keilen | 14 | June Hopkins Michael Knaus | 23 | William Garlick Ayla Holben |
| 04 | Dan Halstead | 15 | Trisha Feldpausch | 24 | Caden Fore |
| 05 | Barb Case Monte Ely Nathan Hoard | 16 | Nita Carpenter Melvin Crowell Bill Garlick Kaydence Geer | 25 | Bob Worthington |
| 07 | Vada Halsted Carrie Miller Jim Thelen | 17 | Rachel Becker Aaron Stine | 26 | Marc Hufnagel Pam Snyder |
| 08 | Kathy Annis Titus Burkhart Michelle Cornell | 18 | LuAnn Carlisle | 27 | Ted Loznak |
| 10 | Bella Gunnell Sue Niznak Grayson Ordway | 19 | Gretchen Bailey Peggy Woodrow | 28 | Jayden Hazle Katie Mullikin Cindy Painter Bethany Woodrow |
| 12 | Janice Crowell Ashton Sheen | 20 | Elise Morse | 29 | Keith Irish Sheila Robbe |
| 13 | Aaron Davis Jean Pinkham Mary Poling | 21 | Shelley Friesen Lita Mills | 30 | Eden Davis Brayden Schmidtman |
| | | 22 | Sharon Ashenfelter Janice Perry Joyce Worthington | 31 | Rick Hopkins Jaiden Knaus Debra Macarty Helen Prohaska |

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR

- Fri., Nov. 1 Elders Meeting -- 8:00am (Office Level-Conference Room)
Sat., Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn clocks **BACK** one hour!!
- Sun., Nov. 3** Daylight Savings Time Ends!
Communion -- AM Service
Pastor Tim Preaching -- PM Service
- Mon., Nov. 4 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Nov. 5 Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Classroom #15-Around Corner from Elevator)
- Wed., Nov. 6** AWANA -- 6:30pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., Nov. 7 Mentoring Moms -- 6:30pm (Watch Bulletin for meeting place)
- Sun., Nov. 10** International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church -- PM Service
World Missions Prayer Meeting -- After PM Service (Lower Level-Classroom #13)
- Mon., Nov. 11 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Nov. 12 Mighty O.A.K.S. Carry-In Lunch -- 12 Noon (Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 13** AWANA -- 6:30pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., Nov. 14 Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30pm (Classroom #2)
College & Career Supper/Bible Study Fellowship -- 7pm (Jim & Debi Davis' Home)
- Fri., Nov. 15 Released Time Class -- 12:30pm (Youth Room)
- Sun., Nov. 17** Pastor Mike Preaching -- PM Service
- Mon., Nov. 18 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 20 AWANA -- 6:30pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., Nov. 21 Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Lower Level-Classroom #8)
- Sat., Nov. 23 Wedding Reception for Pamarie Nichols & Jameson Hufnagel -- 12 Noon (Gym)
- Sun., Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Service -- PM Service
- Mon., Nov. 25 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 27** NO Regular Activities
- Thurs., Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day -- Church Offices Closed
- Fri., Nov. 29 Church Offices Closed



NOVEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 | KJ Carpenter | 12 | Mckenna Briggs Asher Halfmann Shane Kidd | 20 | Diane Boughton |
| 04 | Ruth Hills Christian Mead Averlin West | 13 | Gail Perez | 21 | David Carpenter |
| 05 | Lisa Crandall Willard Goldman Lyla Hopkins Jill Loznak | 14 | Linda Patton | 22 | Cindy Kennedy |
| 07 | Heath Miller | 15 | Al Goward | 24 | Joseph Iung |
| 08 | Kemuel Feldpausch Sophia Nichols | 17 | Chris Hearn | 25 | Hazel Garlick Orris Presley |
| 09 | Janelda Fish John Hazle Judy Miller | 18 | Zachary Rosendale Stuart Thomas Joe Yock Sara Zamarron | 26 | Sue Mullikin Dick Woodhams |
| 10 | Darlene Dutcher Nate Feldpausch Annie Iung | 19 | Levi Bancroft Sherry Nichols Bernadette Richardson Rick Robbe Susan Studer | 27 | Dawn Baker Karen Leif |
| 11 | Naomi Fore Kallie Knaus Julius Motz Fran Whitlock | 30 | Jim Rosbury | 28 | Harold Green |



CALENDAR

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| Sun., Dec. 1 | Communion -- AM Service A Night of Christmas Music -- PM Service |
| Mon., Dec. 2 | Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym) |
| Tues., Dec. 3 | Busy Hands for Missions--9:30am (Lower Level-Classroom #15) |
| Wed., Dec. 4 | AWANA -- 6:30pm (Children's Wing) 24/7 - Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1) High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Bible Institute Class -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classroom) |
| Thurs., Dec. 5 | Mentoring Moms -- 6:30pm (Watch Bulletin for meeting place) |
| Sat., Dec. 7 | Sunday School Christmas Program Practice -- 9-11am (Auditorium) |
| Sun., Dec. 8 | Sunday School Christmas Program -- PM Service |
| Mon., Dec. 9 | Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym) |
| Tues., Dec. 10 | Mighty O.A.K.S. Christmas Luncheon--12noon (Gym) |
| Wed., Dec. 11 | AWANA -- 6:30pm (Children's Wing) 24/7 - Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Auditorium) High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) |
| Thurs., Dec. 12 | Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Conference Room) College & Career Supper/Bible Study Fellowship -- 7pm (Jim & Debi Davis' Home) |
| Sun., Dec. 15 | AM Service Only NO Sunday School NO Evening Service |
| Mon., Dec. 16 | No Shuffleboard Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym) |
| Wed., Dec. 18 | AWANA -- 6:30pm (Children's Wing) 24/7 - Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Auditorium) High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing) |
| Fri., Dec. 20 | Released Time Class -- 12:30pm (Youth Room) |
| Sun., Dec. 22 | AM Service Only NO Sunday School NO Evening Service |
| Mon., Dec. 23 | No Shuffleboard Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym) |
| Tues., Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Church Office Closed Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -- 6PM |
| Wed., Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Church Office Closed, No Evening Activities |
| Sun., Dec. 29 | AM Service Only NO Sunday School NO Evening Service |
| Mon., Dec. 30 | No Shuffleboard Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym) |



BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 | John Kresge | 12 | David Eilert Mindy Miller | 26 | Ted Herig |
| 02 | Michelle Beck Hannah Robbe Kelly West | 13 | Leon Mills | 27 | Ed Lamb Sarah Wood |
| 03 | Gabe Morse Dennis Wood | 14 | Cheri Kresge | 28 | Betty Knapp |
| 04 | Hunter Beck Dawn Benson Isaac Davis | 15 | David Cook Evelyn Crandall | 29 | Kaleb Peterson Pat Walker |
| 05 | Barb Horton Tom Shaulis Nick VanZee | 16 | Jason Holben Payton Knaus Reagan Knaus | 30 | Scott Henning |
| 06 | Jeff Burnham Madison Schmidtman Brynlee Schneider | 18 | Holli Bishop Evangeline Morse Kaylee VanZee | 31 | Paige Feldpausch Sharon Moinet |
| 07 | Todd Gruhn | 19 | Nyra Bargeron | | |
| 08 | Kirk Alexander John Beck Natalie Feldpausch Alison Katzer | 21 | Pastor Tim Knaus Mason Miller | | |
| 09 | Jim Ashenfelter Darla Eilert Dawn Gudbrandson Rick McCune | 22 | Ermina McKay Rebekah Painter | | |
| 10 | Wes Friesen Sheri Lounds Jeanne Wynkoop | 23 | Neil Foster Sarah Presley | | |
| | | 24 | Kelsey Dollarhite Joshua Pagels | | |
| | | 25 | Keith Barrett Joann Shaulis | | |