

Miscellaneous:



*the power of
a simple gift*

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel & to serve in Jesus' Name. Let's continue to support & be involved with this simple act of expressing the love of Jesus to children in need.

We have been **cautiously** excited as we meet together for Sunday morning worship services. As of September 28, we are following Level Orange guidelines which state that **masks are mandatory in all public places** (age 5 and under as well as medically-excused individuals are exempt). When you enter the church building (Sunday morning services or anytime during the week) you must be wearing a mask. On Sunday mornings, once you are seated and if you feel comfortable, feel free to remove it. Anytime you leave your pew and/or when exiting the building, please put your mask back on. **As an added precautionary measure to protect those around you, masks should be used when singing.**

If you have been in contact with anyone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days or have any symptoms (persistent cough, shortness of breath, fever, feeling ill) we ask that you stay home and not attend our services until COVID-19 has been ruled out.

Thank you for your patience and grace as we continue to make decisions in the best interest of our church family. - Lead Team

CONFESSION of FAITH

Marriage, Singleness & Family

We believe that marriage and the family are instituted by God. The church blesses both marriage and singleness and encourages families to grow in love.

Marriage

Marriage is a covenant relationship intended to unite a man and a woman for life. At creation, God designed marriage for companionship, sexual union, and the birth and nurture of children. Sexual intimacy rightfully takes place only within marriage. Marriage is to be characterized by mutual love, faithfulness, and submission. A believer should not marry an unbeliever.

The community of faith blesses and nurtures marriage relationships, and makes every effort to bring reconciliation to troubled marriages. Human sinfulness, however, may sometimes lead to divorce, a violation of God's intention for marriage. With truth and compassion, the family of God offers hope and healing while continually upholding the biblical ideal of marital faithfulness.

Singleness

Singleness is honoured equally with marriage, sometimes even preferred. The church is to bless, respect, and fully include those who are single. Those who remain single may find unique opportunities to advance the kingdom of God. God calls all people, single and married, to live sexually pure lives.

Family

God intends family relationships at all stages of life to be characterized by love. Children are a gift from God. Godly parents instruct and nurture their children in the faith. Parents are to discipline their children wisely and lovingly, not provoking them to anger. Children are to honour and obey their parents.

FOURTH AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

exists to

EXALT Jesus;

ENCOURAGE & EQUIP his people;

EXPRESS the love of Jesus to the community.

WELCOME

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Worship Service 10:00 am

SINGING – Nathan & Team

LIFE LESSON – Dion Gingerich

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Series

Article 11—Marriage, Singleness, & Family

Visiting with us today? If you are new to FABC, we encourage you to fill out the communications card found in the pews. This helps us to get acquainted. Please place the completed card in the offering plate or bring it to the office. We would like to communicate with you about our church family.

Next Sunday: November 1

~ Joshua Coutts will be bringing our Life Lesson
~ All are invited to worship together (mandatory wearing of masks & following physical distancing protocol) with overflow seating in the lower level

Upcoming Events:

October 15...Nov 2—Pastor Abe will be recuperating from knee replacement surgery. If a need arises please contact Ed Heinrichs or Pastor Jason.

October 28—Adult Life Class: "Christianity and Work" with Joshua Coutts; 8:00-9:00pm on Zoom

October 30—Jr & Sr Youth Groups Through Zoom

November 2 —Communication Through Prayer

November 22—Annual Financial Meeting- immediately following the church service

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs^[b] and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib^[c] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.' ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:21-24

Stewardship Report – October 18

***If you are struggling financially** due to unexpected circumstances from COVID-19, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Abe or the Deacons. Each request and amount will be assessed by the Deacons. God has blessed our church and we would like to bless you as well. -The Trustees

Care Corner:

In Care Home: Jean Neufeld, Elvera Adrian, Fred Kaita, Jake Falk

~ **Our sympathies to** Abe (Rosalind) Kasdorf, Frieda Loeppky & Helen Kowslowsky on the sudden passing of their brother Frank Kasdorf.

~ **Continue to pray for** Pastor Abe as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

~ **Pray for the Trustees** as they prepare for the Financial Meeting, November 22nd.

~ **Continue to pray for the Lead Team** as they prayerfully and intentionally make decisions for church programming during this time. Pray for wisdom and discernment.

Thoughts from today's life lesson...

Article 11 in the Confession of Faith series

The eleventh article of the MB confession of faith discusses marriage and family. How did the biblical authors understand marriage and family? Is it the same or compatible with our modern view of this sacred institution?



Ministry Focus:



Miracles Follow the Gospel

Burundi is a country where witchcraft is prevalent. People do not find it easy to turn away from ancestral gods and traditions, unless they see a greater display of supernatural power.

In recent years, God has been raising up a generation of young church leaders through a local ministry called Harvest for Christ. This past year, the teams from Harvest were made up of over six hundred young people who were fervent for the Gospel and eager to see people encounter Jesus. Thirty-one teams were sent out in partnership with local churches and more than eighteen thousand people heard a message of healing and hope. Approximately half of those who heard the Gospel responded in faith and committed themselves to following Jesus. The following story explains how this happened in the life of an individual.

In a small village, a team encountered an elderly woman who had been sick for nearly three years, unable to walk. She had been reduced to crawling or staggering with the assistance of a stout walking stick. On a previous visit, just two days earlier, team members had prayed over her, but saw no obvious improvement. During the most recent campaign, I was able to accompany the team when they returned to her home with a local pastor.

When we arrived, we were alarmed to see that her home was empty. We didn't know if she had gotten worse, or if maybe she had died. But as we were leaving the woman's home, a neighbour called out to us, saying, "She has gone back to work! Go, you will find her in the fields."

When we found the woman in the fields, we were dumbfounded. There she was – hard at work with a hoe in her hand! The same woman who was lame two days earlier was now strong and healthy for the first time in three years.

As the Gospel is being proclaimed today in Burundi, God is healing people and bringing transformation to families and communities. It is strikingly similar to the stories in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).