

Connections

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2009

Passport to Missions

*Jesus prayed, "As you have sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world." John 17:18*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

6:00pm Foyer Party

Adults & Youth stop by for refreshments prior to your meetings.

6:30pm Missionary Presentations

Missionaries speak in adult Bible study, youth group, and Awana.



THURSDAY, MARCH 12

12:00pm Salt & Pepper Club Luncheon

The missionaries join our retirees for lunch and fellowship.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:30pm A Whole New Way to See the World

A fun evening getting acquainted with our missionary guests.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:00am-10:00am Men's Breakfast & Women's Breakfast

The men and women of the church are invited to come for a delicious breakfast and a time of fellowship and prayer with our missionaries.

10:30am-1:00pm Kid's Morning

Children in grades K-6 will enjoy playing some games in the gym, getting to know our missionaries, and eating a fun lunch.

6:30pm-10:00pm Youth Event

The junior and senior high youth will have good food and a good time while getting acquainted with our missionaries.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:30am Sunday School

Missionaries will speak in all Sunday school departments. The adult classes will be together in the sanctuary and hear from each of our missionary guests.

10:45am Morning Service

Speakers: Rick Sturz/Phil & Sharyn Waters

5:00pm Missions Family Supper

6:00pm Evening Service

Speakers: Larry & Marletta Hemphill/Jane van den Berg/
Cheri Geise

OUTREACH SERVICE

In light of the United States government's recent bailout of banks and businesses from financial debt, we will use the morning worship service on Sunday, March 22, to address God's bailout of the world from its debt of sin. Prayerfully consider whom you might invite to hear the good news about the deliverance from spiritual debt that is available through faith in Jesus Christ. The service will also feature the public testimony through baptism of some who have experienced that deliverance from spiritual debt.

GUEST MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Fred Young will speak at Calvary Sunday, March 29 during the morning worship service. Fred and Janet Young serve as missionaries with WorldVenture in Brussels, Belgium. Calvary has supported their ministry for many years. FormaSport works with young people through basketball. They have several teams, teaching them the sport, but also teaching them Christian values. Brussels Department of Sports has invited them to organize additional events, wanting to highlight FormaSport's Basket-USA program that helps players get a college education. Fred and Janet also serve in the Stockel Church, preaching and leading small groups. This year's emphasis will continue to be on delegation as a strategy for discipleship. They want to see genuine, godly, cooperative and responsible ministries bear fruit as people seek to serve Jesus Christ. March is mission emphasis month at Calvary, and this is one more opportunity for us to see and hear what God is doing around the world.

*“Go
into all the world*



*and preach the good
news to all creation.”*

Family Forum

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to...

- ✠ Mike & Nicky Green and family on the death of Mike's father, Leonard Gene Green, who went home to be with the Lord on January 28.
- ✠ Tim & Amanda Jacobs and family on the death of Amanda's stepfather, Randy Kelley, who passed away in December.
- ✠ Travis & Kristen Kasner and family on the death of Travis' grandmother, Ruth Akers, who went home to be with the Lord on January 30.
- ✠ Tim & Wendy Patton on the death of Wendy's grandmother, Hazel Petrina, who passed away on February 18.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Jessica Abben & Matt McIntosh on the birth of their daughter, Kylie Ann McIntosh, who was born on February 6. She weighed 3lbs, 8oz. Also congratulations to grandparents George Goodwin & Lori Abben Goodwin.



NEW ADDRESS

Elaine Nelson
910 7th St. SE, Apt 343
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

CALVARY'S SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE

On Monday, February 9 we had 33 blood donors. Special thanks to those who were donors and to those who tried. Our donations will save 99 lives. We reached our goal! Also, thanks to the ladies who provided cookies. They were appreciated.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Sorry this note is so late. We wish to thank our church family and friends who attended our 40th Anniversary celebration given by our children, son-in-law and grandson in October, 2008. It was such a special time and made extra special with you there.

Rollyn & Marlene Aswegan

Thank you very much for your contribution of \$1,000 to Eight Days of Hope. Your support has enabled us to organize a trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in October/November 2008 and we are planning to go to the Texas coast in 2009. Please visit our website www.eightdaysofhope.com for the results and pictures from these events and plans for future events. Eight Days of Hope has made four trips to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, one trip to Louisiana Gulf Coast and one trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa since December 2005. Again, thank you for your support of Eight Days of Hope.

Wayne VanLandingham, Treasurer of Eight Days of Hope

A big thank you to all the Sunday school kids who brought the much needed food and supplies for the children in Liberia, Africa.

Justin & Amy Caldwell

The Gideons of Cedar Rapids wish to express our thanks to you and your congregation for the generous gift of \$2,410.33. Of course, that gift has already been put to use to purchase Bibles for the new Hampton Inn & Suites on Park Place and purchase New Testaments needed for spring middle school distributions. This gift, along with all of the gifts to the Gideons over many years, has greatly encouraged us to remain faithful to God's calling to reach men and women, boys and girls for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merv Dosh, President
Cedar Rapids Camp of Gideons International

NOTES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Thank you first of all for your friendship and thank you for the CD. On a cold snowy day good music warms your heart. It is so good to have inspirational music available in an instant. Thank you for this gift and each gift you faithfully send!

Fred & Donna Aljets

We are always so grateful for your prayers and support. The Christmas CD you sent is another winner. Many of the CD's you send become some of our favorites. Thank you so much. Please continue to pray for wisdom/guidance during our "home assignment" or sabbatical year and for the needed support raising for us to continue in Mexico. In His Love,
Vince & Gail Trujillo

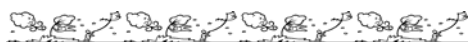
We are so thankful for your faithfulness to God and to us as we share this ministry to the Chinese people in Macau. It has been a great year as we have seen God continue to expand His Kingdom here, as students trust in Jesus, commit to following Him, and give their lives to serve Him! It is a tremendous privilege to partner with you to see these young men and women come to discover life as it was meant to be lived! Thank you for giving us this opportunity, and thanks for your generous gifts and prayers that makes it possible. We know that you are making a sacrifice in these uncertain days, and we are truly grateful, that He faithfully provides for each of us. As we face a new year, we must continue to deal with the roadblock of no new visas for workers and their families who would like to join us. Each day in this unique city of gambling, and all that goes with it, we have a growing awareness of the battle between good and evil. Pray that we would be "shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves" as we confront the challenges. Praise God that Jesus has already won the victory! Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts this past year. You are a great blessing to us! We pray that your influence there in Cedar Rapids and around the world will product great fruit this year for His Kingdom! Love to you all from Macau,

Bill & Linda Axline

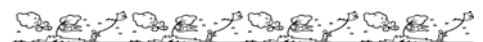
Greetings! I love getting the missionary updates. It helps me pray for your church and thank God for the work He is doing! I just wanted to say thanks for your love and support. Students at Coe are really being transformed because of your church's support. We are living as missionaries out of overflow of Christ's love, it's really beautiful. For His Kingdom,
Rachel Lenox

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service (Communion) 4:30pm Adult Choir 6:00pm Sonshine Singers 6:00pm Community Groups	2 6:30pm Ladies Night Out	3 9:15am MOPS 7:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting	4 9:00am Staff Prayer 9:15am BSF 5:00pm Awana Girls Practice 6:30pm Awana, Youth Groups, and Adult Prayer	5	6	7 8:00am Long Term Compassion Team Meeting 9:00am-1:00pm Basketball League
8 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 4:30pm Adult Choir 6:00pm Sonshine Singers 6:00pm Community Groups	9	10 7:00pm Committee and Ministry Team Meetings	11 9:00am Staff Prayer 9:15am BSF 5:00pm Awana Girls Practice 6:00pm Foyer Party 6:30pm Missionary Speakers with Adults, Youth, and Children	12 12:00pm Salt & Pepper Club Luncheon with Missionaries	13 6:30pm Missions Conference—Around the World	14 8:00am Missions Breakfast for Men & Women 10:00am-3:00pm Positive Impressions 10:30am Missions Morning for Kids 6:30pm Youth with Missionaries
15 9:30am Sunday School (Missions Conference) 10:45am Worship Service (Missions Conference) 4:00pm Adult Choir 5:00pm Missions "Family Supper" 6:00pm Sonshine Singers 6:00pm Evening Service (Missions Conference)	16	17 6:00pm Sparky Practice 7:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting	18 9:00am Staff Prayer 9:15am BSF 5:00pm Awana Girls Practice 6:30pm Awana, Youth Groups, and Adult Prayer	19	20	21 9:00am-1:00pm Basketball League
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March Birthdays



2 Dan Tucker	10 Barbara Merrick	Kaitlyn Wibowo	25 Violet Johnson
Steven Clayberg	Ty Slippy	19 Joe Baber	Kim Naughton
3 Brittney Seamans	Victor Link	20 Kalli Thayer	26 Harlan Lortz
4 Kevin Smock	Danielle Clayberg	21 Todd Sergeant	28 David Carmody
6 Melissa Eiselstein	11 Stephany Lykkegaard	22 Christian Roth	Laurel Shelley
Lindsey Bullington	12 Garth Horning	Aubrey Eiselstein	30 Katie Shatzer
Phillip Bredenberg	16 Betty White	Mackenzie Kohl	31 Brent Nelson
7 Jason Chung	Gordon Danielsen	23 Pat Fligg	Alex Tjelmeland
8 Amanda Jacobs	17 Madelyn Davis	Jason Techau	Vijay Pisini
9 Landen Eastburn	Logan Crittenden	24 Katie Sharp	

Upcoming Activities

LONG TERM COMPASSION TEAM MEETING

Are you looking for a way to live out Calvary Baptist Church's Vision to be part of a "Caring Community" committed to serving Jesus Christ? Are you looking for tangible ways to care for individuals within our Church Body? Join a Long Term Compassion Team that will minister to those with significant long term needs within our church family. Teams of 4-5 people will be formed and will adopt a family in our church to serve one Saturday morning a month. Sign up as an individual or as a team at the Welcome Center and join us for an informational meeting on Saturday, March 7, at 8:00am. Breakfast will be provided. Contact Jeremy Crittenden at 845-5032 if you have questions.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 10:00am-3:00pm in Room #27. Invite your friends to join you in creating with rubber stamps or working on some other favorite craft project. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships and building bridges in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. Even the greeting cards or other crafts that you create for other people can be beneficial in making a positive impression on their lives. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (364-6647) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.

SALT & PEPPER CLUB

Place this date and time, Thursday, March 12, noon, on your calendar. This will be our special time with the missionaries during Missionary Conference. We'll have a potluck lunch, so bring extra food since we will have six missionaries with us. Meat and drink will be provided. You won't want to miss. For information contact Nadene Roberts or Violet Johnson.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The ladies will be meeting on Monday, March 2, 6:30pm at Panera Bread, 2665 Edgewood Pkwy SW, Cedar Rapids. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Gaeta (396-7976).

AWANAGAMES

The AWANAGAMES will be held on Saturday, March 28. Both the boys and girls in grades 3-6 and the Sparks (K-2) will compete at 10:00am. Practice times currently scheduled are indicated on the calendar.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and ministry team leaders should submit their annual reports to the church office by Sunday, March 1.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.



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