Worship Service

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * #344 Be Thou My Vision
- * Good, Good Father
- * Living Hope
- * #67 Fairest Lord Jesus

Family Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Testimony

* Responsive Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-23 Children (ages 5-7) may be dismissed to Kingdom Kids after the Praise Songs

WHO AM I? I Am Frustrated

Pastor Bill Shoemaker

* Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

New Members Recognition

* Benediction

Please place offering and Let's Connect *cards in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.*

*Please stand as you are able.

This Week @WCP

	Prayer Gathering Adult Bible Study Worship Service	Zoom Zoom				
Wednesday, 11-02						
7:00 am	Men's Growth Group	Upper Room				
10:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Lyons Hall				
6:45 pm	Youth Growth Groups					
7:00 pm	Men's Growth Group	Shoemakers'				
Thursday, 11-03						
7:00 pm	Worship Team	Sanctuary				
Friday, 11-04						
4:00 pm	Man Camp	Berea				
7:00 pm	Home Fellowship Group	Roys'				

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	Cu	rrent Differe	nce	
GENERAL:	\$ 242,332	\$ 234,746		\$ 7,5	586	
MISSIONS:	\$ 120,715	\$ \$ 124,950		-\$4,2	235	
DEACONS' FUND REPORT SUMMARY as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2022						
PREVIOUS:	\$ 4,390.10	DISBURSEMENTS:	\$	0.00		
INCOME:	\$ 988.76	CURRENT:	\$5,	378.86		

Announcements

- **NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES** To the Congregation: If you are meeting in the building for any type of gathering, please make sure you turn off all room and bathroom lights, heat, and lock doors when you leave. We are trying to keep costs down due to the rising prices of electricity and heat as we enter the colder months. Thank you for your cooperation, West Church Trustees
- **MAN CAMP** It's not too late to register! West Church has reserved space for men to attend Man Camp at Berea (Hebron, NH) on the weekend of November 4-6. Please contact Berea's office (603-744-6344; office@berea.org) to reserve your spot under "West Church Peabody". For more details or have questions: Matt Brown (703-599-3000; matt.brown@westchurchpeabody.org)
- **PEN, PIE, AND PRAYER** All are invited to join the Missions Committee next <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 6th, 6:30 pm</u>, to sign Christmas cards (children create Christmas cards) for our global partner families around the world. Each family is asked to bring a pie to share (homemade or store-bought). The Missions Committee provides the ice cream. Come as a family for this special night of ministry.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX MINISTRY** It's that time of year again when West Church will be participating in Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Starting Sunday, October 23rd, and continuing for the next 4 weeks, we will be handing out and collecting back shoe boxes to be distributed to children in need around the world. Samaritan's Purse has been able to distribute 198 million shoe box gifts in 170 countries over the past 29 years. The children who receive the shoe boxes also receive the Gospel and a chance to participate in a follow-up discipleship program. This is the eighth year that West Church will participate in this wonderful ministry. Last year we were able to drop off a generous quantity of <u>58</u> filled shoe boxes to our local drop off center. We can't wait to see how God will provide again this year through His people! Be sure to stop at the table in the lower lobby to get more information and to pick up your empty shoe boxes. The last Sunday to turn in all shoe boxes will be <u>November</u> <u>20th</u>. Please call Lisa or Donny Philpot with any questions (978-352-3141).
- **FALL WORK DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD** Please mark your calendars! Many hands turn the work into fellowship and fun!
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** A friendly reminder to turn your clock **back** one hour on Saturday!

Steve & Debbie McEvoy (Wycliffe, PNG)

Tami Consultant Check

Steve enjoyed meeting virtually with the Tami language team in August to check some short epistles with them. There may be an opportunity to check more books for this team in the future!

Earthquake

Bomes just shared with us that our house in the

village slightly shifted from a 7.6 earthquake that struck PNG on September 11th. The epicenter was roughly one-third of the way from the Ukarumpa mission center in the highlands to the Migabac area near the coast. While earthquakes are common in this part of the world, there have only been a few around this size anywhere on the main island since we began working there 25 years ago. We do not know if things just shifted out of square a bit or if this has made the house structurally unsound. Our village home is also being used as an office to do translation work. We are thankful that, while the earthquake caused some isolated landslides in the Migabac area, no one was injured. Other places in PNG, including Ukarumpa and undersea internet cables, sustained

damage. Yet when things tremble around us, we know this:

Psalm 104:31-33 (NIV)

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Count Your Blessings

In the last year, our family has experienced mysterious chronic health battles, 'regular' sicknesses, vehicle unreliability, and life issues. At times it has felt like a direct spiritual attack. We are sure many of you can relate. We try to strive daily to walk by faith which is not at all as easy as it sounds.

Recently, we were reminded that we need to be giving thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18). Since we know that God has us in the palm of His hand and nothing catches Him unaware, we can rest in this knowledge and praise and worship Him in all parts of life's journey. (Jeremiah 29:11). We also hold on to what Paul writes in 2 Cor.



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4:17 (NIV): "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

As we were reflecting on an old hymn, "Count your blessings name them one by one...," we'd like to share just a few things for which we are thankful, while encouraging you to make your own list.

- Access to good health care
- Our Bible translation work continues, with full time opportunities to serve remotely
- We are together as a family and can enjoy visiting extended family (much closer than PNG)
- For the beauty of changing seasons the most vibrant, colorful fall we've seen
- For rainbows in the sky, just when we need a reminder of God's faithfulness
- For each of YOU! For your support, your prayers, and your emails.

Remaining Remote

While we work remotely for PNG, our hearts are certainly with the people there. With chronic unresolved health issues, we are planning to continue working remotely from Wisconsin for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your faithful support and love for our family in our various transitions over the years while we continue to support Bible translation full time through many different avenues. God's Word continues to change lives!

Another Opportunity to Serve

From 2012-2015, one of Steve's roles was serving as the translation coordinator for the PNG branch. This included overseeing the Scripture checking and training for translators and translation consultants. The current translation coordinator is leaving this position, so the branch has now asked Steve to serve in this role remotely. This is another opportunity for us to play a part in the Bible translation process throughout Papua New Guinea. Steve will continue working with the Migabac Old Testament team, developing tools for PNG translators, and consultant checking as time permits.

With thankful hearts for all that God is doing through your partnership,

Steve + Deblie

Steve & Debbie McEvoy & family, debbie_mcevoy@sil.org

For Prayer

For those following up on Trunk or Treat and those going to Man Camp next Sunday *Joy Jenkins* (Kelly's sister): pain is very high and suffering is constant. PTL for info from new test results - praying for new protocols to help

- *Laura Gilmore*: rehabilitation for fractured hand and minor fractures in back because of a fall
- Steve Prendergast: new chemo treatment with potential side effects; bladder cancer

Unspoken Request

Extended Prayer Needs

Anastasia (D&L Gilmore's g'daughter): wisdom in responsibilities as a new teacher Bobby Deveneau (Johnsons' cousin): Spiritual (Salvation) and Emotional Healing Cheryl (M. Roy's friend): lung cancer treatments showing to be effective; healing and salvation

Don Brown (M. Brown/M. Teal's dad): health; Mary Ellen – wisdom, rest, and strength

Jeanelle (M&K Roy's niece): progress toward receiving kidney transplant

Rick DeFilippo (N. DeFilippo's son): Early onset of Alzheimer's

For the people in Ukraine

United States

Partners in Prayer

Dave & Feruza: Feruza – overseas travel; finishing the translation of Matthew; For successful publication of Genesis, Ruth, Jonah, and Matthew this fall and release them in an app, both the written text and the audio
Eric & Kristi: Eric – Safe travels to W. Africa on Monday
Ned & Stephanie: wisdom, direction, provisions during transition
Phil & Anneliese: PTL – new vehicle! Seeking people to join team

It is a privilege for our church body to pray for one another and our needs. We want to keep our bulletin prayer list current and meaningful. For immediate prayer via the Deacons' prayer chain or to be added to this bulletin prayer list, please contact the office directly (office@westchurchpeabody.org; 978-535-4112). We ask that every effort be made to communicate updates, to be taken off, or be moved to the extended prayer list. Requests will be removed from the list after 4 weeks if no updates are made.