

Missions Update

FROM: WORLD AGAPE, IINC.

Greetings to you in the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I do trust all of you are doing well with your ministry and I do pray that this new year 2018 would be a "shalom" and blessing for you and your church. Following is a brief report:

For several years we have been providing leadership development and training on church plant and church enrichment. During last visit we are overjoyed to pray and commission 4 church planters for the harvest in Cambodia. Reproducing leaders is a challenge, good and blessing strategy for God's kingdom. Recently I have visited Cambodia and Vietnam and provide about 150 water filters for those flood and storm disaster victims. The request for the water filters is overwhelming because people need to drink clean and purified water. Please pray for sufficient fund to be provided to carry out this project.

Pastor York and I visited Dr. Do in Ha Noi Capital and deliver the sample of prosthetic legs. A professional team will come to Ha Noi in March 201 to provided deeper training and skills, which will help the "reproducing prosthetic legs" project more effective there. The needy support of material and nutrition for the disabled children is overwhelming in several cities of Vietnam.

I was moved and touched to visit Ha Noi Evangelical church and see a strong growing church in a capital of a Communist country—and Emily's (my wife) grandfather was the first Pastor of this church—a beautiful and wonderful legacy. His mission purpose for this Ha Noi church was pray and evangelism. I Corinthians 3:7 "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Please pray that sufficient fund is provided for Our Daily Bread bilingual booklets.

Thanks for your prayers, love and continued support to our World Agape Ministry. May God continue to bless you Mission Team and your church.

With God all things are possible.

Tri and Emily Truong

“Transforming Prayer”

Part IV

Part I—God uses prayer to transform us into Christ's likeness with ever increasing glory. (II Corinthians 3:18)

Part II—Remembering prayers many privileges and possibilities, made possible by God's gracious provisions—should ignite fresh desires to pray. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

Part III—What blocks your prayer life? [spiritual warfare; fear of intimacy; misguided focus; counter productive traditions; boredom; lack of positive models] (Ephesians 6:10-18; Luke 11:1-4)

Scripture fed - Spirit led - Worship based prayer

Part IV Numbers 6:24-26 “*The Lord make His face shine upon you,*”

- “Face time with God—is the refreshment the human soul so desperately needs.”
- “list based prayer” vs. “worship based prayer”
“Worship based prayer seeks the face of God before the hand of God. God's face is the essence of who He is. God's hand is the blessing of what He does. God's face represents His person and presence, God's hand expresses His provision for needs in our lives. I have learned that if all we ever do is seek God's hand, we may miss His face; but if we seek His face; He will be glad to open His hand and satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts.”
- Psalm 27:8 “*When You said, seek My face, my heart said to You, Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.*”
- Paul's desire to know Christ more intimately (Philippians. 3:7-12)
—> “*I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord:*
—> “*that I may know Him*”
- Paul's prayer that the church know Christ more intimately (Eph. 1:17-20)
—> “*may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better;*
- “To seek His face (intimacy) means to set our hearts to seek Him in worship with biblical understanding, submitting completely to the control of His Spirit with a longing to know and enjoy Him more— Again it is not about rehearsing a quick list of needs with God, but seeking Him because of who He is with a passion for a deeper intimacy and experience of His presence.”

Communion : reminds us of the sacrifice given by God—so that we might know Him and seek Him

- I Peter 3:18a Christ died to bring you to God
- Ephesians 2:13 once we were far away—but now through Christ's blood we have been brought near

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Prayer Time • 9:00 am
Worship Service • 10:00 am

February 4, 2018

Welcome! Thanks for being at Salem today.

If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to fill out a **Connection Card** from the **Welcome/Information Table** near the gym entrance and place it in the offering container or leave at the Welcome/Information Table.

Our **Nursery** is located in a room in the hallway off the Commons and offers care for infants and toddlers (through age 2) during the worship service. **Three year olds through 5th graders** are dismissed during the service, and meet in various classrooms and hallways. There are no **Sunday School** classes while we're meeting at the High School but Prayer Time at 9:00.

Welcome & Announcements
Worship in Song ... Worship Team
Offering
Message ... ROD LARSON

*To see people transformed
into totally devoted followers of Christ.*

This week @ Salem

Monday	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Monday—Friday	5:00 pm	Work Night at Build Site
	7:00 pm	Dartball League
Tuesday	7:00 am	S4G Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Ladies Volleyball
Wednesday	10:00 am	Ladies Hebrews Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Respawn
	6:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Baynet
Thursday	10:30 am	55 'N' Better
	6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Jewels in His Crown
	6:30 pm	The Table @ Northland
Friday	3:30 pm	Respawn & J-Walkers



Quilters Meet on February 15th

Ladies, do you need a day out but have too much to do. Pack up your portable projects and gather with the quilting gals Thursday, February 15th. Enjoy time together while getting your sewing, knitting, mending, etc. done. Head on over to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 311 13th Street West, when you can, between 8AM—5PM. Call Donna Mae with any questions (715-682-8447).

Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you so much for participating in 2017. Praise the Lord...He blessed us with an increase again! We shipped 940 shoeboxes from our area! Thank you for your part in that total. Can you imagine all those children yelling and screaming as they open their shoeboxes? For most that is the only gift they have ever received. In 2016 we sent 850 boxes, so nearly one hundred more children will hear about Jesus just from our area's efforts! As always, I ask if you would commit to pray for Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child. The gospel doesn't stop with the children.. many lead their parents, extended families and even villages to the Lord, all because of a few little items in a shoebox., since Jesus goes along with each box.



For a more comprehensive calendar of all of the week's activities, please visit www.ashlandsalembaptist.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

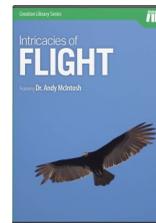


55 'N' Better's February Meeting

February's 55 'N' Better group meets on the 8th at Good Shepherd Lutheran church at 10:30 A.M. We look forward to a presentation on "Love in Action" with a number of representatives telling how God's love is shown through individuals and organizations in our community. Mark and Nancy MacIntyre will be providing special music and there will be pizza!. Contact Elaine Westlund (715-765-4660) or Roger and Nancy Larson (715-765-4573) with any questions.

Hear an Expert Speak on Flight

How do evolutionists explain the ability of birds, bats, and insects to fly? They can't! Dr. Andy McIntosh, from Mississippi State University will answer all the important questions about this dilemma in his presentation, Flight—an amazing testimony to the Creator! He speaks in many countries on apologetics and the Christian faith, showing that true science is entirely consistent with a biblical view of origins. Come to WITC at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 12th to hear this presentation. Refreshments at 6:30 P.M.



Rekindle!

Bethany Community Church in Duluth is hosting the annual Minnesota Church Ministries Association Rekindle conference on March 3rd. This day is geared to help churches build a generation of confident leaders and teachers. If you'd like to attend, see the information on the bulletin board or go to www.mcmaonline.org

Trout Lake Camp

Trout Lake Camp in Pine River MN has year round programming as well as a need for full time summer workers. If you're interested in camping or working at Trout Lake, see brochures on the bulletin board or pick up camping information at the Info Table. You may also contact Trout Lake at 218-543-4565.



"The lost art of the twentieth century is, in my opinion, meditation."

—Chuck Swindoll

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Joshua 1:8 NIV

FIFTEEN REASONS TO READ THE BIBLE DAILY

1. To be rid of anxiety and have peace (Ps. 119:165)
2. To set things right when life is out of control (Ps. 19:7-8)
3. To have direction and know God's will (Ps. 119:105)
4. To experience healing and deliverance (Ps. 107:20)
5. To grow in the Lord (1 Peter 2:2)
6. To have strength, comfort, and hope (Ps. 119:28, 50, 114)
7. To shape yourself and your life correctly (Ps. 119:11)
8. To be able to see clearly (Ps. 119:130)
9. To know what's really in your heart (Heb. 4:12)
10. To build faith (Rom. 10:17)
11. To have joy (Ps. 16:11)
12. To understand God's power (John 1:3)
13. To have more life in this life (Ps. 119:50)
14. To distinguish good from evil (Ps. 119:101-2)
15. To understand God's love for you (John 1:14)

F	5,12,19,26 - Dartball
E	6,13,20,27 - Sportsmen4God Breakfast
B	7,21 - Prayer for our Schools
R	8 - 55 'N' Better
U	8,15,22 - Jewels in His Crown
R	8,15,22 - The Table @ Northland
A	12 - Northwoods Creation Meeting
R	15 - Quilters
Y	15 - Elder Board Meets
	21 - Nursing Home Services