

## Missions Update

FROM: Voice of the Martyrs

Kyung-ja understood why the female guard interrogated her about her latest trip to China and her daughter's defection to South Korea, but couldn't grasp what she kept asking odd questions about something called Christianity. The guards confusing questioning piqued her curiosity. At the time of her arrest she had no belief system or concept of God, but now she had to know what made this Christianity so dangerous. She had been detained twice before for illegally crossing into China. This time, however, was worse. Instead of serving only a couple months of "re-education" at a labor camp, she endured repeated torture, most likely because of her daughter's defection. After 2 months of brutal beatings the guard realized she did not have any ties to Christians within North Korea, so sent 63 lb. Kyung-ja to a labor camp and Kyung-ja took her questions about Christianity with her. Hey, what is God? She asked a fellow prisoner she met. "What is the Bible?" "There is such a thing," the prisoner replied. "There is a book, but do not ask. Shhhh!" The prisoner's fear confirmed her suspicion that Christianity was a forbidden religion followed only by criminals. Kyung-ja endured back-breaking labor and inhumane conditions. She saw inmates die every day from the horrid conditions or injuries from beatings. She longed for freedom. Her husband had died earlier and she didn't want to miss out on life with her daughter who had defected to South Korea. She also wanted to learn more about Christianity. After 6 months of forced labor she was released. She thinks they released her because she told them the truth about her trip to China; she had left because she had to find a way to feed her family. At that time many people crossed the border to see their families and were "reeducated with a few months of hard labor when they returned. Kyung-ja's daughter eventually raised enough money to help her mother defect and arranged to have a pastor help her. She learned that the church is real and so is the God it worships. She soon placed her faith in Jesus and found true freedom in the God she had first heard about while being beaten by a prison guard. Today she never misses a worship service and eagerly shares her testimony with others. While coping with the effects of her traumatic imprisonment, including anxiety, depression, nightmares and irregular heartbeats she still finds peace in Christ. She is currently involved in a VOM sponsored program that disciples North Korean Christians and equips them to reach out to defectors with the gospel. Reflecting on how seeds of the gospel were planted in her heart by her torturer, Kyung-ja is grateful to God. Her love for Christ grows stronger every day, and she is now willing to "follow Him unto death." "As I look back," she said, "it is all God's Grace."

## “Transforming Prayer”

Part IX

### “Pray Like Paul”

*“The more the truth of the Scriptures is read, heard, cherished, and applied — the more deeply the Spirit ignites worship in us and begins to expose needs, habitual sins, and broken relationships.”*

Scripture fed - Spirit led - Worship based prayer

*“Every one of Paul’s model prayers sprang from expressions of thanksgiving, truths about God, and notes of praise. They are the fruit of his worship and intimate, experiential knowledge of the person of Christ. Paul’s requests were focused on the growing faith and love of believers with the goal of God’s glory.”*

#### A.) Paul’s prayer points

- I Thessalonians 3:9-13 ● II Thessalonians 1:3-12
- Ephesians 1:3-23 ● Ephesians 3:14-21
- Philippians 1:3-11 ● Colossians 1:3-14

#### B.) Paul’s prayer requests

- II Corinthians 1:9-11 ● Romans 15:30-33
- Acts 20:23-34 ● Ephesians 6:19 ● Philippians 1:19-20 ● Colossians 4:3-4 ● I Thessalonians
- II Thessalonians 3:1

*“The fundamental difference between our prayer lists and the prayer concerns we find in the Bible is that we pray about personal problems, while most of the biblical prayers focus on Christ’s purposes.”*

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

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**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	5:30 pm	Work Nights at Build Site
	7:00 pm	Dartball League
Tuesday	7:00 am	S4G Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Tuesday University
	7:00 pm	Ladies Volleyball
Wednesday	10:00 am	Ladies Hebrews Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Respawn & J-Walkers
	6:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Baynet
Thursday	8:00 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	The Table @ Northland
	7:00 pm	Elder Board Meeting
Friday	3:30 pm	Respawn & J-Walkers



For a more comprehensive calendar of all of the week's activities, please visit [www.ashlandsalembaptist.com](http://www.ashlandsalembaptist.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Northwoods Creation Monthly Meeting Monday

What if we could just feel better while we live? Our speaker, Donald Slinger will share what he has learned from doctors, and researching ways to reduce his peripheral neuropathy, lack of stamina and pain from two compression fractures. He has taught many classes on health essentials. Join us at WITC's Conference Center at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 12th to glean information you can use from Mr. Slinger's compiled knowledge.

### BAYNET Concert of Prayer

Wednesday evening, March 14th at 7:00 P.M. Baynet will hold a Concert of Prayer for students at the Ashland High School Auditorium. All Middle School – High School students and parents and adults are invited and encouraged to attend.



### Good Friday Service March 30th

This years Community Good Friday Service will be held at the Presbyterian Congregational church with Rev. Dale Chesley speaking.

## Quilters Meet on Thursday

This Thursday, from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. ladies will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 311 13th Street West, to work on their quilting, sewing, and other projects while enjoying the day together. Invite a friend and venture out with your portable projects to work and learn from each other. Contact Donna Mae Lundquist with any questions at 715-682-8447.



**Just an FYI:** Influenza & stomach flu continue to circulate through the community, as well as strep throat. Please use good hand hygiene, and stay home if you and/or little ones are ill. (One should be fever-free for 24 hours or more before returning to work/school/daycare.) If greeting time is not suspended during the cold/flu season, it is recommended to bump elbows with fellow worshipers rather than shake hands! Be blessed & be healthy!

## Building Fund Update

Total input into the Building Fund since the fire has been \$3,367,560, which includes \$2,280,755 from the insurance settlement, \$283,441 from the sale of property, and \$581,959 of your generous and sacrificial giving toward the building. Thank you. So far \$2,779,613 has been paid out for building expenses; the line of credit has not yet been needed. Given a total construction cost of \$4,500,000, money already received, and assuming pledges are fulfilled, the maximum mortgage needed would be approximately \$850,000. The more we contribute to the building fund, the smaller the mortgage! It is likely that the earliest Sunday services in the new building will occur in late May or early June, about the time that access to the High School auditorium is lost. The more we complete on the building, the sooner we will be in. If you have any questions about the building, please contact a member of the Building Committee.



## Stepping On Workshop for Seniors

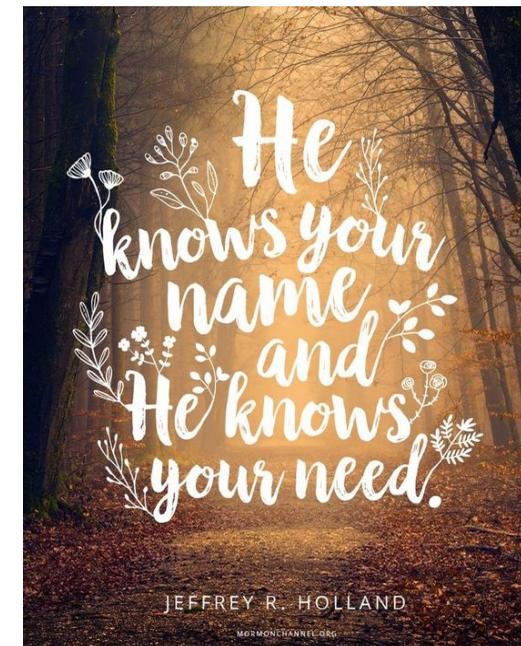
Wednesday, March 28th Bayfield County begins a 7-week workshop designed to reduce falls in older people (65 and older). They will meet at Northern Lights, 706 Bratley Drive in Washburn from 2:00 –4:00 P.M. each Wednesday thru May 9th. See the poster on the bulletin board or call 715-373-6144 x 115 for more information.

## S4G Banquet



"Don't forget April 13th 6-8pm The Sportsmen's Dinner at the AmericInn - Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased before the event!"

Contact: Sportsmen for God or Salem ([s4g.tlarson@gmail.com](mailto:s4g.tlarson@gmail.com); [info@salem-church.org](mailto:info@salem-church.org)) with questions or for tickets!"



<b>M</b>	12	- Northwoods Creation Meeting
	13,20,27	- Sportsman for God Breakfast
	14	- Baynet Concert of Prayer
<b>A</b>	15	- Quilters
	15,22,29	- The Table @ Northland
<b>R</b>	15	- Elder Board Meeting
	21	- Prayer for our Schools
<b>C</b>	28	- Stepping On Workshop for seniors
	30	- Community Good Friday Service