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FBC 2023 World Outreach Celebration February 26—March 19

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

NEW MEMBERS AT FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

We are so very pleased to welcome the following into the Membership at FBC:

- * *Jeff and April Lattig* (with their daughter Summer) & *Sheila Nutt* (returning) all joined on January 29th
- * *Terry and Linda Hulin* joined on February 5th

What a blessing to have these wonderful folks join us!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN MARCH | 6:10pm - During this time of Mission Emphasis, Pastor David will be teaching a new 4-week study to the adults: "A Biblical Understanding of World Missions".

OUTDOORSMAN NIGHT! @ WHITEHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SAT. APRIL 1ST
▶ Stay tuned for more information

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY | AUGUST 11-18—COLUMBIA

Will the Lord send you "Beyond" the U.S. Border this year? Join with other Montana churches for this Manna Worldwide sponsored Mission trip. We will visit the Santa Marta Feeding Center that FBC sponsors through our monthly Manna donations.

Please contact Pastor David if you are interested.

ADDITIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS at FBC during our extended Time of Missions Emphasis:

Sunday, April 23rd — Larry Robbins, with FBFI presenting the ministry of local community chaplaincy.

Sunday, May 7th — Dan & Lindsay Grover, church planters to Libby, MT

CALENDAR & STATS

FEBRUARY & MARCH at a GLANCE

- Feb. 26 Kick-off Sunday of our World Outreach Celebration
- Feb. 21 40-Days for Life Spring Campaign
- Mar. 5 Tal Rogers, "The Navigators" Ministry
- Mar. 8 Missionaries Zeke & Sadie Jezek, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 11 Brunch w/Zeke & Sadie Jezek, 10:00 am
- Mar. 11 40-Days for Life Midway Rally, 11am-3pm
- Mar. 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar. 12 Guest Speaker Zeke Jezek 9:30 & 10:45
- Mar. 19 Faith Promise Sunday

FEBRUARY & MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Jeff & Leslie Gonzales (2/4)
- Terry & Debbie Frost (2/7)
- Will & Dorothy Rogers (2/14)
- Kenneth & Cindy Rosenbaum (2/26)
- Glenn & Ellen Blalock (3/22)

JANUARY-FEBRUARY STATS

- Average Sunday Morning Service Attendance: 106
- General Fund to date (2/23): \$34,817
Budgeted: \$47,600
- Faith Promise Missions (after 38 weeks)
Giving to date: \$72,348
Budgeted: \$73,735
- Total Missions Giving to date (incl. love offerings, special projects, Manna, etc.) \$ 283,519

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"A small church with a big heart for the world"

On February 6-9, 1988, FBC held her first official "World Missions Conference" (though we started supporting our first missionaries 6 months into our existence). Dr Clifford Clark, my pastor and "missions mentor", and the Bunyan family were our guests. In the introductory statements of his first message, my pastor shared these 3 essentials that every New Testament church must understand regarding missions... essentials I had heard scores of times as I grew up under his ministry at Tulsa Baptist Temple:

- **World missions** is "the mission" of the local New Testament Church - Matthew 28:19-20
- The **missions conference** is God's plan to *educate* and *inspire* the church about world missions - Acts 13 & 14
- The "**Faith Promise Plan**" is the biblical method for raising both the *personnel* (missionaries) and *finances* for our missions endeavors - 1 Corinthians 8,9,10

These 3 essentials have served as the foundation of Friendship's world missions ministry through the years. As we celebrate 37 years of fruitful missions endeavors, they will again be the focus of our teaching and preaching during our time of *missions emphasis* and our "World Outreach Celebration". We have entitled our message series "**Missions 101**".

Our *missions month* is always the highlight of FBC's calendar year! During this time, both old and new members alike, are able to get a glimpse of our true heart for the world. Friendship is a *mission-hearted* church, not because we say we are, but because we emphasize and practice the biblical requirements to be one. Let's pray for the *Lord of the Harvest* to again break our hearts for the great spiritual needs around the globe... and then convict us about our personal responsibility for getting the Gospel to a lost world!

Rejoicing in 37 years of focused investment in the world harvest,

Pastor David



Missions mottos (from Clifford Clark) to ponder in preparation for "Missions" month:

- Emil Brunner: "The church exists by missions as fire exists by burning"
- "World missions is not an elective for the local church, it is a required course."
- "For Christ to give the *Great Commission* five times, it must have been extremely important to Him."
- "If the arms of a church do not reach around the world, they are too short."
- "Every church is to be the headquarters for worldwide missions."
- "A missions conference is the church in a business meeting deciding the fate of the lost around the world."
- "World missions is not a fund, a conference, or a moment of prayer, but a life of commitment to reaching the world with the Gospel."
- "We've become experts at cursing the darkness, now we must become skilled at spreading the light"
- "World missions is God's major therapy for our sin of selfishness that eats the heart out of a local church."

WORLD OUTREACH CELEBRATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday, February 26th--- Kick-off Sunday with our "Flag Ceremony"

Sunday, March 5th

- During the 9:30 Sunday School hour we will watch Garry Matheny's newest movie "God Get us to Romania"; a 54 minute movie they made of going to Romania the first time.
- We welcome Tal & Ava Rogers of "The Navigators" ministry on the MSU Campus. The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through Life-to-Life discipleship, creating spiritual generations of believers. Since its founding in 1933, The Navigators has upheld the mission "To know Christ, make Him known, and help others do the same." Tal will share about this ministry following our worship service.

Wednesday Evening, March 8th — Zeke & Sadie Jezek will share their testimonies and tell about their ministry to the Awana kids, and the teens & adults.

Saturday, March 11th—10:00 am — Missionary Brunch with Zeke & Sadie Jezek. A unique opportunity to have a more personal time to visit with this couple.

Sunday, March 12th—Missionaries Zeke & Sadie Jezek will share their testimonies and present their ministry field to Southeast Asia during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 am. Zeke will be our guest speaker for the regular 10:45 worship service.

Sunday, March 19th—"Faith Promise Sunday"

FAITH PROMISE DEVOTIONALS—This daily devotional will help you grasp the clear biblical teaching of the principles and practice of Faith Promise Missions. Each week is completed with a testimony from a BBFI Missionary or Mission Director about the impact of Faith Promise giving in their lives.



GUEST MISSIONARIES—ZEKE & SADIE JEZEK



Zeke Jezek was born into a Buddhist family in Southeast Asia, but after his parents' death, was adopted into a family in the United States at the age of 13. His adopted family had him regularly in church under the hearing of the gospel and he soon got saved. At a summer camp God called him to be a missionary to Southeast Asia and reaffirmed this on a missions trip to Peru. After high school, he attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri where he studied missions. Sadie Jezek was born into a Christian family and was saved at about 4 years of age and baptized shortly after. While on a missions trip to Romania, Sadie displayed an openness to missions. After High School, she attended BBC to study Elementary Education and Bible, there she met Zeke. During missions week at BBC, she surrendered to become a missionary. God can use her natural passion for teaching to gain entrance to Southeast Asia. Sadie and Zeke have faithfully served at Hillside Baptist in a variety of ways such as preaching opportunities, Junior Church, Sunday School, college ministry, media ministry and many others. They have also gained valuable experience in various types of community outreach. The Jezeks are currently on deputation raising support for their church planting ministry in Southeast Asia. Their current support level is at 74% and their tentative date to arrive on their field is December of 2023.

A JOB WELL DONE!!

We would like to acknowledge the following FBC supported Missionaries for their faithful years of service:

- Keven & Emilie Falde, Haiti—5 yrs. in May
- Patrick & Ann-Janel McClure, Brazil—20 yrs. in May
- Dalton & Paulette Walker, New Zealand — 25 yrs. in September
- Dave & Terri Green, Taiwan—35 yrs. in May
- Richard & Cheryl Moeller, Scotland—40 yrs. In May

