



North American Missions



Share God's Transforming Power

"It's just a matter of time, now..."

That phrase, spoken in hushed tones when death is imminent, moves people with urgency—calling family and friends, rushing to say final goodbyes. But for those who die in Christ, death is not goodbye. When flesh dies, the spirit lives! And, because we desire that not one person perish without Christ, we are compelled to live with urgency to share God's transforming power with everyone. Some wonder, "Is it just a matter of time until Christ comes again?" If we knew for sure that it was indeed "just a matter of time..." how would we—how must we—live? What's stopping us from doing that right now?

God has gifted us in unique ways to accomplish the Great Commission. Your North American missionaries are committed to living out their unique call, with urgency, and are grateful for your partnership. As the Holy Spirit moves, your missionaries experience daily the transforming results of God's power. Lives are changed. Communities are changed. As you reflect on the North American mission field and the amazing work being done—and the work still needing to be done—join your hearts and your hands with them as we all pray exceedingly for, give abundantly to, and serve excitedly in all aspects of North American missions.

Week of Prayer

March 7-14

IVBC Goal: \$4,000

Mission Study will be led by Pastor Phillips in the Fellowship Hall, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Informational brochures and envelopes will be in the bulletin March 7th.

Pray about what God would have you to give.

By The Numbers

- \$1 Ten witnessing tracts
- \$5 Bible study leadership materials for children's on-site weekly Bible lesson
- \$10 Gas gift card for GED student to attend class and mentoring session in a ministry setting
- \$25 Sports Bibles for athletes at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs
- \$50 Food for a Family Movie Night outreach in an apartment community
- \$250 Summer camp scholarship for an unchurched child to attend camp for the first time
- \$500 Food, materials, and promotion to conduct a Christmas program in a manufactured home community

Reflections . . . From Richard

Lent and Priorities

We're headed toward the Third Sunday in Lent. How are you doing?



LENT

I'm going with the assumption that you have caught the spirit of the season by now, and have decided to make some changes as we journey toward the cross together.

Comedians—and sometimes the rest of us—have fun talking about what we're 'giving up for Lent.' You know me—I'm all about having fun, just so it doesn't distract us from the real meaning of what's going on.

The real focus of giving something up is so we can take something on. In a general sense, that means we give up some food or activity and, when we think about that item, we focus instead on God and his love and his great gift of Jesus Christ.

I mentioned some ideas in a sermon a couple weeks ago. Maybe you'll give up your favorite TV show each day so you can listen to your New Testament reading for that day. Maybe you'll spend less time on Facebook or Twitter or forwarding e-mails so you can pray more.

Maybe you'll give up some bad habit and substitute something good in its place. Maybe you'll stop over-eating or eating compulsively and start eating healthy. Maybe you'll stop smoking and start walking instead. Maybe you'll give up your negative attitude or critical comments and replace them with positives and encouragement.

Like all of life, it comes down to priorities. What's really important, in the long run? Of course, that idea is not limited to Lent or any other season. It's just that Lent, with its emphasis on repentance and its focus on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, gives us a good opportunity to re-order our lives.

Who knows? Those things we give up, or those new things we add could even become a regular part of our life! Remember how we talk about keeping the Christmas spirit alive all year? Well, if we re-order our priorities and make changes in our life, we will be keeping Lent alive all year!

May God help us to do exactly that! See you in worship Sunday.

Have You 'Got the Time'?

How's your listening going? We have heard many good comments about our 'You've Got the Time' emphasis—listening to the entire New Testament during Lent. Several folks have even reported they are way ahead of schedule, listening more than 28 minutes a day!

If you haven't had a chance to get your disc, it's still not too late. By listening for a few extra minutes each day, you will have plenty of time to catch up. (And that applies to you, too, if you've gotten behind a day or two.)

This week's readings are from John's gospel and the book of Acts. You'll be hearing Jesus' words to his disciples during his last days, as well as the account of his arrest, trial and crucifixion—just in time for our Lenten focus.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Psalms Study Continues on Sunday Nights

Alex Geovanni will complete her series on 'Thinking and Feeling with God' from the Psalms this Sunday evening. This week's focus will be on Psalm 96.

For the following two Sunday nights we will look at the Psalms known as 'Songs of Ascent,' or 'Songs of Going Up,' those words the people of Israel sang as they made their way up to Jerusalem and the temple for Passover and other annual feasts. Not only were they making a physical journey to the temple on a hill in the city, they were also making a spiritual journey up to the presence of God.

Very likely Jesus and his family sang them when they took him to the temple at age 12. And he and his followers may have sung them as they made that final journey to Jerusalem that we remember during Lent.

They're Psalms 120-134, if you want to read and study ahead of time (which would be a good idea, since we're covering all 15 in just two sessions!).

Bring your Bible and join us for these special studies.

Don't forget to change your clocks Saturday night, March 13, so you'll be on time for Bible study on March 14 at 9:15 a.m.





Yard Work Day

Saturday March 6 9:00 a.m.-Noon
All the freezes left us extra yard work to be done. Come help us get rid of the winter "drab" and help bring in the spring blooms. Bring your yard tools and work gloves.

Women On Mission

Monday March 8 10:00 a.m. Handbell Room
Meeting follows the Staff Appreciation Brunch at 9:30.

Thank You

To our IVBC Family,

Thank you very much for your many expressions of love during my injury. I appreciate more than I can express, your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, and food. God bless each of you.

In Christian love, Betty Snider

Special Needs Teacher

Wanted: A person or persons to co-teach the Messenger Class, aka the Special Needs Adult Class. Needed qualifications for teaching are patience, enthusiasm, and willingness to listen. Responsibilities include lead teacher every other month and assisting the other months. Willingness to empathize and encourage students bring many rewards. Please contact Barbara Phillips and/or Jonnie Scott if you are interested or you have any questions.

Easter Lily Dedications



We are presently accepting honorariums or memorials for Easter lilies that will be published in the Easter bulletin. Deadline to submit names is Palm Sunday, March 28. Please use the Easter Lily envelope in the pew.

YOUR Faithfulness Makes A Difference!

	February 21	February 28
Worship Attendance	198	168
Sunday School Att.	114	110
Weekly Budget	\$8,322.71	\$8,322.71
Budget Receipts	\$6,960.00	\$7,965.10
Budget Receipts to Date	\$65,027.50	\$72,992.60
Expended to Date	\$61,933.70	\$63,602.44
Property Enhancement Receipts	\$695.00	\$511.00
Property Enhancement Balance	\$28,136.47	\$25,860.36



Extended Session

March 7 10:15 a.m.	Matt & Scarlett Spicer	Babies/Toddlers
	Karon McDonald	2's and 3's
	Gary Krieger Pete Peters Julie Pope	Children's Church
March 14 10:15 a.m.	Shirley Sugg	Babies/Toddlers
	Joyce Powell Shirley Scott	2's and 3's
	Loretta Hurst Alex & Amanda Rivera	Children's Church

50TH Anniversary Celebration Sign-Up Sheets Available March 7th



There will be many opportunities for you to help with the 50th Anniversary birthday celebration. There will be a table with sign-up sheets available beginning March 7; everything from baking cookies, serving as a greeter, volunteering in the nursery, to blowing up balloons, to set-up and clean-up, and more will be available for you to choose from. Many hands make for light work! Just sign up where you feel the most comfortable. We want to be ready for our guests when they arrive! INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK.

Looking Ahead to Easter

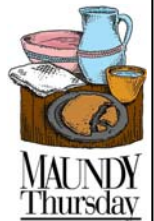


Palm Sunday March 28 10:30 a.m.
Easter Musical

There Stands A Cross

Presented by
The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Thursday April 1
Church Supper 5:30 p.m.
After supper, Pastor Phillips will lead in a
Maunder Thursday Service
in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m.



**EASTER
EGG HUNT!**



Saturday April 3
Easter Egg Hunt
Registration: 9:00
Egg Hunt: 10:00
A hot dog luncheon will follow.

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Mrs. Meloney Atkins	Pianist
Mrs. Claire Feener	Organist



Sat. 6	9:00 a.m.	Yard Work Day	Sun. 14	7:30 a.m.	Pastor Search Committee
Sun. 7	7:30 a.m.	Pastor Search Committee		9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study		10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship/Communion		4:00 p.m.	50th Birthday Committee
	4:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee		5:00 p.m.	Church Council
	5:00 p.m.	Children's/Preschool Committees		6:00 p.m.	Psalms Bible Study (Adult 2 Room)
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Psalms</i> Bible Study (Adult 2 room)	Tue. 16	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents
Mon. 8	9:30 a.m.	Staff breakfast (hosted by WOM)	Wed. 17	11:00 a.m.	Y.A.H. Bible Study/Luncheon
	10:00 a.m.	Women On Mission		5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	3:30 p.m.	Quigley House Support Group		5:45 p.m.	Children's Muzik Time
	7:00 p.m.	Adult II at Consulate Health Care		6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
Tue. 9	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents		6:20 p.m.	Mission Friends; Children In Action
Wed. 10	11:00 a.m.	Young at Heart Bible Study		6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Luncheon		6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper	Thu. 18	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
	5:45 p.m.	Children's Muzik Time	Sun. 21	7:30 a.m.	Pastor Search Committee
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time		9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:20 p.m.	Mission Friends; Children In Action		10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Mission Study		3:30 p.m.	Trustees
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal		5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee
Thu. 11	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group		6:00 p.m.	Psalms Bible Study (Adult 2 Room)

