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MISSION:

- » **To serve as a source of information regarding the Chapel, its staff, services, programs and planned activities**
- » **To encourage all members to find activities and service opportunities for the exercise of their gifts within the Body and for personal spiritual growth**
- » **To provide a handy reference source for future scheduled events and names of persons to contact with questions**



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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

— by Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

'O Lord, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy' (Habakkuk iii.2).

A statement in the Psalms says, 'He that Adwelleth in the heavens shall laugh', and I believe that God sometimes laughs at the Church. He sees us ready to put out our hands to steady the ark. We think that we alone can do it. We are greatly concerned. We hold our conferences and bring out our proposals. But they come to nothing. Then, when we are quite exhausted, after all our great campaigns, conferences and our brilliant organization, and after we have spent all our money, and things have still gone from bad to worse, God unexpectedly — in the last place where you would ever have expected Him to do so and through the last person you would ever have thought of — suddenly sheds forth the Spirit. Then the Church rises to a new period of glory, of power and of influence. Men and women are converted in masses, and the power of the truth is again upon them. The Holy Spirit manifests His authority in the Church in revival.

What conclusion do we arrive at as the result of all this? Let us go on with our practical efforts and let us go on with our study, but God forbid that we should rely

upon them. Let us equip ourselves as best we can. We shall never be as able and as learned as the apostle Paul, St. Augustine, Luther or Calvin. They were men of great learning and giant intellects. That is the kind of man God seems to use when He does His greatest things in the history of the Church. Let us go on, however, and seek knowledge and equip ourselves as perfectly as possible. But, in the name of God, let us not stop at that. Let us realize that even that, without the authority and the power of the Spirit, is of no value at all. 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love (a product of the work of the Spirit), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal' (I Corinthians xiii. i). It does not matter who I am or what I may do: it will get me nowhere. It is the authority of the Spirit that alone avails.

Now this is what grieves me. I very rarely hear any Christians today, even Evangelicals, praying for revival. What do they pray for? They pray for their own organized efforts, either at home or in various other lands. In a typical prayer meeting this is what happens. 'First of all let us have the reports', says the chairman. Having heard them, he adds, 'Let us go to prayer about it. You have heard the facts; let us pray about them.' We pray only for blessing on our efforts, whether it be a

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great evangelistic campaign, or work in the foreign field. That is quite right, of course, and we should do that. But the trouble is that we always start with ourselves and our efforts and ask God to bless them. When did you last hear anyone praying for revival, praying that God might open the windows of heaven and pour out His Spirit? When did you last pray for that yourself? I suggest seriously that we are neglecting this almost entirely. We are guilty of forgetting the authority of the Holy Spirit. We are so interested in ourselves and in our own activities that we have forgotten the one thing that can make us effective. By all means let us continue to pray for the particular efforts, for the minister, and his preaching every Sunday, for all essential organizations and for evangelistic campaigns, if we feel led to have them. But before it all, and after it all, let us pray and plead for revival. When God sends revival He can do more in a single day than in fifty years of all our organization. That is the verdict of sheer history which emerges clearly from the long story of the Church.

This is the greatest need today, indeed it is the only hope. Let us therefore decide that day by day, and many times during the

day, we will spend our time before God pleading for revival. But, foolish as we are, we will never do so until we have come to the end of ourselves and of our own resources. We will do so only when everything else has failed, and we have realized our utter bankruptcy and impotence, and we have come to see that our Lord spoke the simple truth when He said 'Without Me ye can do nothing' (John xv. 5).

Let us remind ourselves that the God who in the past has come suddenly and unexpectedly upon the dying Church and has raised her to a new period of life and victory can do the same still, that His arm is not shortened, nor His power in any sense diminished. Let us wait upon Him, let us plead with Him, let us learn to agonize in prayer and let our one prayer be:

REVIVE THY WORK, O LORD,
 THY MIGHTY ARM MAKE BARE;
 SPEAK WITH THE VOICE THAT WAKES THE DEAD.
 AND MAKE THY PEOPLE HEAR.



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MISSION REPORT: TANZANIA

PART ONE

— by Mary Scammell

“AFTER THESE THINGS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A GREAT MULTITUDE WHICH NO ONE COULD COUNT, FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND TONGUES, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB ...” REVELATION 7:9

Tanzania is a fascinating country located in East Africa, having been a part of the British Empire until 1961 when it became an independent nation. In the 1800’s missionaries and explorers would land in Zanzibar, just off the coast of what was then called Tanganyika, as a launching point for going into the interior of Africa. David Livingstone, the famous Scottish missionary and explorer and outspoken opponent of the African slave trade explored and worked in this part of Africa. Today many tourists and adventure-seekers are drawn to Tanzania to climb snow-topped Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, to visit Lake Victoria, the largest fresh-water lake in Africa and the source of the Nile River and for safaris around the Serengeti, Africa’s magnificent animal preserve. As can be imagined tourism is a major source of income for the country along with exports of cotton, coffee and cloves. Gold and the lovely bluish-purple gemstone Tanzanite are mined and exported also.

Most of the Tanzanians, other than the few wealthy, live in varying stages



of poverty and just putting food on the table and surviving day to day is a struggle. Various diseases such as malaria and AIDS, lack of adequate medical care and clean water plague much of the population. The conditions are primitive and precarious and such things as electricity and running water are foreign to many except those in the few major cities. Out in the villages a successful farmer/entrepreneur might possibly have a small brick home with a tin roof, but many still live in grass huts. Free public education has recently been made available, but the families are still required to provide school supplies and uniforms, straining the budgets of many and impossible for others.

There are three major belief systems – Christianity, Islam and animism.

Islam is moving in from the northwest and northeast like pincers. And out in the villages animism, nature worship and belief in powerful evil spirits and witch doctors with all its superstitions and accompanying fears, is prevalent. In the midst of this are the Christians, who if not openly and aggressively persecuted are not always held in high regard. But as Jesus promised, He will establish His church and nothing can prevent or delay or prevail against His kingdom and He has His own in every nation working to further His eternal kingdom. The mission group I traveled with, e3 Partners (equip, evangelize, establish), stepped into this world to work with local pastors and church members to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to facilitate this, we seek to meet some

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2016 GRADUATES



ABIGAIL BECKER

Abigail is graduating from the University of Southern California and will be pursuing her master's at Georgetown University in the fall.



RACHEL BECKER

Rachel is graduating from The Hockaday School and will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall.



THOMAS BLODGETT

Thomas graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from UTD.



MICHAEL BLODGETT

Michael graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration/Marketing from UTD.

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,” DECLARES THE LORD,
“PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.

Jeremiah 29:11



ANDREW BLODGETT

Andrew graduated high school with Town North Co-op, and he plans to study business at UTD.



RACHEL CHANA HALL

Rachel is graduating from Frisco High School and plans to attend college in the fall.



JOSIAH HAMIDKHANI

Josiah is graduating from the Episcopal School of Dallas and plans to attend college at Texas A&M University for Computer Science.



ALEX MEYER

Alex is graduating from The Covenant School and plans to attend college at Texas A&M University for Aerospace Engineering.

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kind of humanitarian need which in turn opens the door for the proclamation of the gospel. The organization also does a lot of teaching, training and equipping of local pastors and church members so they are equipped to reach their fellow countrymen with the gospel and are committed to do the necessary follow-up with new and potential believers. We are there to partner with them and to model and to encourage them to take responsibility for furthering the gospel in their own lands.

On this particular trip there were of 11 of us from various places around the US. Several had been to Tanzania before and were familiar with the area. For me Tanzania was a new and wonderful experience. Our final destination was a city called Mugumu in northeast Tanzania, close to the Serengeti, but off the beaten tourist path. Just getting to Tanzania is quite an adventure, not quite the ocean adventures of David Livingstone and others of the past, but nevertheless Dallas to Dulles to Addis Abba in Ethiopia to Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania. But not quite there yet. We flew on a local airline to Mwanza on Lake Victoria and then on a semi-decent (non air-conditioned and no ice for drinks in the African heat) bus for an 8-hour road trip across the African plain on rutted "roads". We left America on a Thursday and were at our hotel in Mugumu Sunday

afternoon, a bit on the tired side, but excited to reach our destination and get on with the work!! We were joined by 12 Tanzanian believers who were to be our translators and compatriots during this wonderful experience of bringing Jesus and practical help to those we would be teaching and spending time with out in the villages.

We spent Sunday evening connecting with our new Tanzanian friends and telling our stories, listening to theirs and learning the specifics of what we would be doing over the next few days and then off to bed in a cozy little hotel room complete with mosquito net around the bed. They might buzz, but they were't going to bite!! We were broken up into 4 teams to do various ministry work in the surrounding areas. My particular group of 3 Americans and 4 amazing Tanzanian believers were to meet with a group of 13 women who have AIDS, most of whom had lost their husbands to the disease and are seeking to better their own lives and that of their children and grandchildren. Our specific task was to teach these precious ladies about nutrition and health and creative ways they could use the God-given resources in their surrounding area to provide needed income for their families. Our task was not to provide materially or financially and not to make them dependent on us, but to give them knowledge and to empower and

encourage them to be creative in their thinking about how to best use their resources for maximum health benefit and for earning a living. So we were there with knowledge and spiritual support, but encouraging them to be resourceful and self-sufficient. What was a typical day like? Even before it was time to arise and get going, we were greeted with the Muslim call to worship. That was a constant reminder of why we were there. Islam is on the move and we are there to shine light in the darkness and to be the Lord's vessels of hope and life. Our team began each day began at the hotel with breakfast and prayer time and then onto the packed van for an hour's drive to our villages. We all got to be very good friends as we jostled each other on the bumpy dirt roads. At a certain point the road ran out and we hopped off the van and some of our team went one way and some continued another. My team had about a 20 minute walk over a brush-covered trail to our village. Long skirts and walking shoes were a good protection from the sticker bushes growing along the foot wide trail to our ministry site. Our team was made up of 5 women and one man. We were grateful God had provided Peter, a godly young man and fantastic translator, to be with us.



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Congratulations to Suzi Faaitiiti for 20 years of service in the Footsteps and nursery ministries! We appreciate your hard work!



Nursery Ministry

May Theme: Jonah

June Theme: David & Goliath

MAY / JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Wil Finrock (6) on 5/19

Nolan Hatch (4) on 5/23

Adleigh Church (1) on 5/8

Richard Thatcher (1) on 5/28

Caden Marx (7) on 6/30

Nora Terrell (6) on 6/29

Kaitlyn Splawn (5) on 6/16

Melody Armstrong (3) on 6/13

Mason Rhodes (2) on 6/23

Footsteps of Faith

— by Suzi Faaitiiti

The 2016 Summer Program for Footsteps of Faith (June-August) is on hiatus.

The 2016-17 FOF Program will begin in September after Labor Day.

KEEP INFORMED

For updated information and future events regarding this ministry, see the bulletin board located next to the Nursery.

MAY / JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Megan Ladewig (10) on 5/23

Luke Fay (9) on 5/15

Elise Fay (12) on 6/23

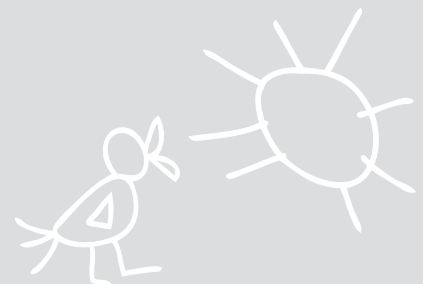
Phoebe Ladewig (8) on 6/3

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rose Olivia Harrell was born to James and Audrey on March 11, 2016. Rose weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Photos from FOF Family Game Night & Awards



PLEASE HELP!

There is always a need for volunteers to help in the Nursery. For more information, please contact Suzi Faaitiiti at (972) 442-0271 or email suzi@stainback.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

Sunday, May 1: Luncheon following the 11:00 a.m. Ministry of the Word service. There will no 8:30 a.m. service on this Sunday.

Thursday, May 5: Chapelmen Quarterly Lunch starting at 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dunston's Steakhouse.

Saturdays, May 14, June 11 and July 9: Vicki Robertson will be continuing her series entitled "Kept by the Power of God: The Reformation Continues" at 10:00 a.m. in the gym foyer.

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School. We will be studying the life of Joshua. Your participation and help is always greatly appreciated.

July 3-9: BCYM Summer Trip at Camp Regen in Glorietta, NM.

ONGOING

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Men's Fellowship Dinner meets the second Monday of every month at the Chapel from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. For details contact Jim Frazier at (972) 233-7566.

YOUNG COUPLES MINISTRY

Young Couples Ministry meets once per month for prayer and study, and once per month for fellowship. For details contact Tor Erickson at (469) 323-5395.



Newsletter Deadline for the July/August Issue: June 5

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Use your gifts to serve the body at Believers Chapel. Contact the individuals listed below for more information.

MERCY MINISTRY

The Mercy Ministry expresses practical care through providing meals for those in the body experiencing bereavement or surgery, or when a new baby arrives. If you would like to help cook and/or deliver meals contact Shari Blodgett at (972) 239-5371.

HELPS MINISTRY

The Helps Ministry assists others within our body who have need of small repairs such as electrical, plumbing, lighting, carpentry, etc. Contact Ray Smuland at (214) 340-5521 or Shari Blodgett at (972) 239-5371.

MEDIA MINISTRY

The Media Ministry prepares recordings for worldwide distribution. Contact Ruth Berggren at (972) 239-1836 or ruth.berggren@believers-chapel.org. Available messages are listed at Believers Chapel web site: www.believers-chapel.org. S. Lewis Johnson Institute web site: www.sljinstitute.net, and in the Media Ministry catalog.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

The Sunday School Ministry teaches or helps with special needs. Contact the church office at (972) 239-5371.

NURSERY MINISTRY

The Nursery Ministry teaches and cares for children from birth-kindergarten. Contact Suzi Faaitiiti at (214) 228-3301.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Hospitality Ministry serves food and refreshments for church-wide functions. The time commitment is minimal due to rotational grouping. Contact Pat Austin at (214) 368-5918.