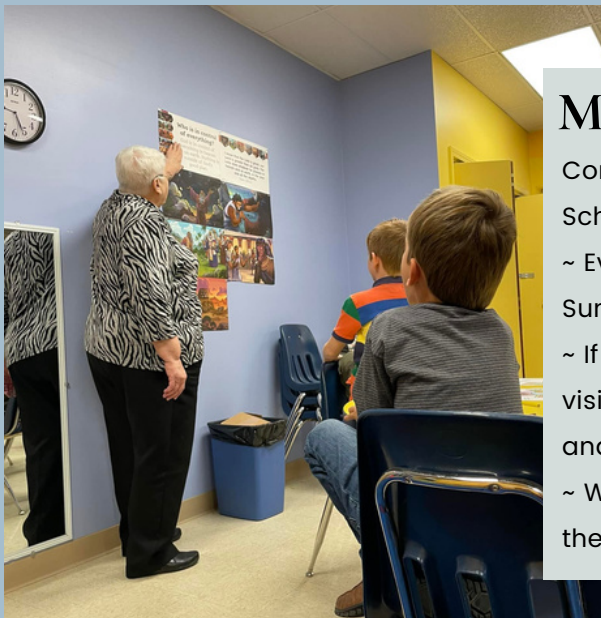


Grove's First Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



March to Sunday School in March!

Community is important! We are emphasizing Sunday School participation during March.

~ Everyone is encouraged to attend Sunday School every Sunday in March.

~ If you do not go to Sunday School we encourage you to visit Sunday School classes to find the one that fits you and your family the best.

~ We will be recognizing the Sunday School classes with the best % of attendance.

A Word From Our Pastor

Over the last couple of years, we have had news reports out of Canada dealing with First Amendment issues concerning some churches in Canada and some pastors being threatened with fines and jail over "hate speech." The hate speech according to Canadian authorities is Scripture verses quoted by Christians dealing with social and moral issues of our day. Evidently, not all speech is protected in Canada. And it is not just confined to our neighbors to the North.

I shared this past Sunday night concerning the two Christian Finnish parliament members who have been charged with hate crimes in the country of Finland. Paivi Rasanen and Lutheran Bishop Juhana Pohjola have been prosecuted now for three years after Rasanen tweeted a picture of Bible verses in June 2019. Complaints about this tweet led to her prosecution under Finland's "hate crimes" laws. The government investigation has uncovered a pamphlet Rasanen wrote and Pohjola printed concerning Christian teaching about sex being reserved only for marriage and marriage being defined as between one man and one woman. If convicted the government prosecutor is seeking a fine of one third of her yearly salary, destruction of all Christian documents of Rasanen and two years in prison.

What concerns me about what is happening in Canada and Finland is that there are people in this country who share the same views. In fact, a piece of legislation called the "Equality Act" would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity in prohibiting discrimination. There is already "hate speech" language in this bill and denominations, churches and pastors could be targets as well. The bill has been passed by the U.S. House and is stalled in the Senate. The Democratic Party has pushed this bill and it has the support of President Joe Biden. This bill must not become law, or we will be facing the same issues as Christians in Canada and Finland.

The Scripture is clear in Isaiah 5:20 where it says, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" This country was founded on principles out of God's Word and yet we have people in this country who want to make the posting of Scripture passages a hate crime!

Hopefully, most of you will agree that we live in a mixed-up world. Satan has been twisting God's Word as long as the Garden. Our country is confused on what is right and what is wrong. We as a nation have rejected God and His Word as our standard years ago. What we have now is chaos. As believers, we must not give in to the "woke" radicals in this country and continue to stand on the truth of God's Word. If not, you might have to visit your pastor in jail one of these days!

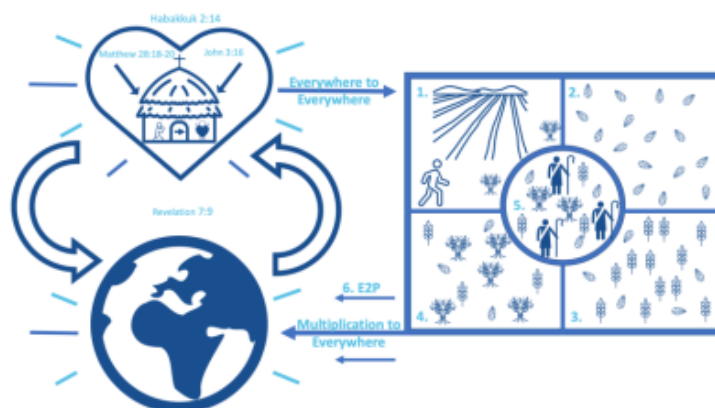
Bro. Jim



THE MISSIONARY TASK (M-TASK)

Dear Church,

We'd like to introduce you to what our organization, the IMB, calls the Missionary Task (M-task) and what we believe the Bible calls ALL Christians to be a part of; it's not just for those who are "missionaries." These pictures and the information below is from a training we do called the **Father's Heart and the Field**.¹ This month, we're going to start focusing on the **Father's Heart**.



glory to God, so our first point to remember is that **the Father's Heart is for His glory** (symbolized by lines going out from the heart). We'll focus next month on the way the **Father spreads his glory across the world through bringing people to Himself**.

For more information on ways you can continue to **pray, give, send, and go** to the nations, visit <https://www.imb.org>. We also have our own personal giving page on the IMB website to which you can give directly to our ministry and work in Malawi. You can visit: <https://www.imb.org/give/project/malawi-team/>.

For God's glory,

Chris & Jamie Schilt
Your IMB Missionaries in Malawi

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March

Amy Turney	1
Sarah Everts	6
Emillia Wilson	7
Lois Poindexter	7
Ginger Tully	8
Mike Berry	9
Pam Sitton	10
Tom West	10
Ima Jean Halstead	12
Quinton Dodd	12
Vickie Talbot	12
Denise Glenn	13
James Miller	13
Piper Lynch	13
Gaylord Blevins	14
Judy Luce	14
Brenda Nowlin	15
Kerry Holden	15
Justin Witt	17
Kathy Scott	17
Michelle Roberts	17
Virginia Grounds	18
Betty Ramsey	19
Leah Thompson	19
Sherry DeJarnett	20
Danny Knight	21
Valerie Newkirk	21
Haydn Green	22
Robert Caselman	22
Cal Moore	23
Mark Clark	23
Vera May	23
Kelly Rice	24
Donna Griffitt	25
Selah Carper	25
Gary Wormington	26
Richard Shank	28
Sarah Dautzenberg	29

April

Mary Hardiman	1
Barbara Barbee	2
Brad Buckner	3
Tyler Wilson	3
Ray Henry	4
David Rice	5
Caleb McAbee	7
Jesse Dautzenberg	7
Joy Rankin	7
Neil Noland	7
Jack Bolton	8
Tobias Watters	9
Vickie Moore	12
Donald Barbee	15
Raine Manning	15
Howard Sitton	17
Angel Hill	18
Marsha McCorkle	19
Ridge Middleton	19
Dian Ousley	20
Jamie Schilt	21
Bill Leblanc	22
Lisa Hankins	23
Virginia Hendrickson	23
Max Wallace	24
Kaige Wilson	27
JoAnn Buckett	30

Happy
Birthdays

Save the Date!



PALM SUNDAY
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY / APRIL 10

Following the Morning Service make plans to stay for a picnic lunch, lawn games, inflatables and more!
This will be a wonderful event for the entire family!



CUPCAKE WARS!

Sunday, March 13 @ 6pm

Sign up at the Event Table to participate

Prizes for Best Tasting and Best Decorated

*Thank you for all the prayers and support you gave me while I am recovering from the accident. They have worked! I also appreciate the visits.
So grateful, Linda Williams*

*Thanking God each day for your prayers as I recover from the hip surgery. Our church family is so faithful -- and it means so much to all of us. May God bless each of you each day as you carry on the work He has called you to do!
I love you all! Janette Maynard*

*Thanks so much for the opportunity to speak at your Missions Dinner in December. Melissa and I had a great time reconnecting with Pastor Jim and meeting some new people. May our Father richly bless you this year with abundant grace and clarity, as we approach the day of His Son's return!
Chris, Melissa, Lucas, Piper, and Asa Robinson*

*Thank you so much for supporting Lighthouse Pregnancy Center. We so appreciate all the clothes, diapers and wipes you generously donated to us. They will help these young women and babies tremendously.
In Christ, Lori and Beth*

Thank you!

March at First Baptist

2 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
6 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
8 Tue - Soup & Sermon, FUMC, 1130am
9 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
11-12 Fri-Sat - Youth Retreat, GLBA
13 Sun - Cupcake Wars, 6pm
14 Mon - Budget & Finance Mtg, 330pm
15 Tue - Soup & Sermon, FUMC, 1130am
15 Tue - Family Skate Night, 6pm
16 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
17 Thu - WMU, 130pm
17 Thu - Properties Mtg, 530pm
20 Sun - Deacon's Mtg, 430pm
20 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
22 Tue - Soup & Sermon, FUMC, 1130am
23 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
27 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
29 Tue - Soup & Sermon, FUMC, 1130am
30 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm

April at First Baptist

3 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
5 Tue - Soup & Sermon, FUMC, 1130am
6 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
8-9 - Associational Church Revitalization
10 Sun - Palm Sunday Celebration
11 Mon - Budget & Finance Mtg, 330pm
12 Tue - Soup & Sermon, FUMC, 1130am
13 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
17 Sun - Resurrection Sunday
19 Tue - Young at Heart Luncheon, 1130am
20 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
21 Thu - WMU, 130pm
21 Thu - Properties Mtg, 530pm
22-23 - State Women's Retreat
24 Sun - QBM & Potluck, 12pm
25-27 - Jubilee Conference, Branson
26 Tue - Young at Heart TNT
27 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
29-30 - State Men's Retreat

SOUP AND SERMON

This annual community worship experience, Soup and Sermon, is back! It will run March 8 through April 12, each Tuesday, at First United Methodist Church in the West Wing. Lunch is served at 11:30, worship begins at 12:15 and the service concludes at 12:50.

