

Brian & Barbara Thompson

United World Mission

Europe is changing, and churches are becoming increasingly multicultural, welcoming the many migrants who are trying to find a home, a community, and a place to belong. Church leaders are recognizing this unprecedented opportunity to share the Gospel. God is opening new doors for us to work with pioneering programs that are strengthening and multiplying the European church. We've recently produced several videos that capture the vision of what Jesus is inviting. If you'd like to see them and learn more, email barbara.thompson@uwm.org and we'll add you to our newsletter list.

We are praising God for leading us through a two-year discipleship program, *Battle for the Heart*, a faith-building time of seeking God, engaging in deep community, and intensive heart work. We invite your prayers for May and June: it's a crazy time as school wraps up, and we'll be traveling to Stockholm for another video project. Also, please pray for God's abundant provision for Chloe's college financial aid (she'll be a junior!), and for Sarah to end well her junior year of high school.

Thank you, Friends, for being an active and vital part of our ministry. You make it possible for us to build into God's church in Europe! Your faithful prayers and giving are making a difference and we are grateful!

By His Grace, For His Glory, Brian & Barbara

<u>Pipeline Class TODAY - April 29th</u> ~ Please join us at 9 am in the Nehemiah Center to hear our supported missionary, Andy Thoman, with InterVarsity at UW-Oshkosh, explain how God is working through the YWAM, UW-Oshkosh ministry. Everyone is welcome!

Pipeline Class May 6th ~ we will do a study called *Go Fish*. Our 9 AM class will include a short video segment with discussion about how to naturally talk about our faith in Jesus... Topics Include: We Were All Fish Once, Why Go Fishing, Fishing Together, and The One That Got Away. We all want to be better at creating discussion that allows us to talk about Jesus and our faith...Join us and let's learn together!

Class of 2018 - We have your Senior photos, but we are still in need of <u>5-6</u> photos of some of the class of 2018 High School graduates: from birth, through the years, to Senior year. We will be recognizing our High School graduates on Sunday, May 20th during Worship Services. A slide show with your son's or daughter's photos, put to music, will be shown during each of the services. Please email your photos to the church office in a jpeg format. If you are unable to do that, bring your photos in to the office and we will scan them into our computer. Photos for the slide presentation must be in the church office by Tuesday, May 1st

Send us your photos TODAY!

<u>Awana year-end meeting</u> for all student and adult leaders and helpers will be on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:15 PM in the Nehemiah Center. Help plan for next year and bring a dish to pass.

Women's Ministry - Priscilla Shirer Simulcast ~ Friday, May 11th from 6:30-8:30 pm and Sat., May 12th from 9 am - 3 pm at Faith Community Church in Davis, IL. Lunch is provided Saturday. Tickets are \$15 per person. Make checks payable to Monroe Bible Church. We'll be carpooling from MBC. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Jane Thoman with questions at 214-9660.

<u>Pray at the Justice Center</u> after the National Day of Prayer breakfast, Thursday, May 3rd at approximately 8:30 am. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Dan Keen, 608-897-4563.

<u>Thrivent Members</u> ~ Monroe Bible Church is now approved. If you would like to appoint your "Thrivent Dollars" to MBC, we can now accept them.



Sunday, May 6

Worship Services: 9 am & 10:30 am Café Ignite ~ Service at Monroe Clinic ~ Meet at MBC, 4 pm

Fusion ~ 6 pm, LL #106

Next Steps "Step 3" ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Monday, May 7

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, May 8

Primetimers Dinner ~ Coffee at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6 pm, NC/K

Wednesday, May 9

Men's Noon Bible Study ~ LL #104

Thursday, May 10

Women's Philippians study ~ 9:30 am, LL, Room #106

Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday & Saturday, May 11 & 12

Priscilla Shirer Simulcast ~ 6:30 – 8:30 pm Fri., & 9 am – 3 pm Sat., Faith Community Church, Davis IL

Saturday, May 12

Care Net Walk for Life ~ 9 am, Hope Community Center

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

No Ignite or Fusion

Monday, May 14

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Friday, May 18

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am Ministry Leader Appreciation Dinner ~ 6 pm, NC/K

Sunday, May 20

Recognizing High School Graduates Ignite ~ 4 pm Fusion ~ 6 pm

Week of April 29 - May 2

Today, Sunday, April 29

Worship Services: 9 am & 10:30 am Café Pipeline Class ~ 9 am, NC. Guest speaker Ignite ~ 4 pm, LL #106 Fusion ~ 6 pm, LL #106

Monday, April 30

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, May 1

Missions Meeting ~ 6 pm, LL #106

Wednesday, May 2

Men's Noon Bible Study ~ LL #104 Awana Leaders Meeting ~ 6 pm, NC

Thursday, May 3

National Day of Prayer Breakfast ~ 6:30 am, Ludlow Mansion
Prayer at the Justice Center ~ 8:30 am
Women's Philippians study ~ 9:30 am,
LL, Room #106
Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Saturday, May 5

Men's Breakfast ~ 8 am, NC/K, & Going fishing after the breakfast (location to be determined yet)

Prayer Focus – Pipeline Ministry Ministry Leader – Pastor Troy Watson Please Pray:

- † Wild Mountain/Wild Man study will meet this summer. Pray for our facilitators and adult teams, and for the spiritual vitality of the tribes.
- † Pray for our ladies who have been part of the 7-week study "Me, Myself and Lies", as they continue the process of changing their thoughts and self-talk.
- † Please pray for our upcoming study "Go Fish" where we'll study Biblical principles of naturally sharing your faith whether in town, at work, or while volunteering.

Security Ministry:

- We need volunteers to join this ministry in a variety of areas! Please sign up at the Welcome Center if interested in helping with this vital ministry.
- It would also be good to know who the people are in our congregation that are medically trained or CPR certified. Please let Keith Ferreri know of your training by either signing the Security Ministry Med. Training sheet at the Welcome Center or by contacting Keith at 608-293-0296.

<u>Primetimers Fellowship Dinner</u> ~ Tuesday, May 8th, coffee/punch at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to pass and provide us with a graduation picture, or one of you at around 18 years of age, and think of a story to share. If you have any questions please call Ray & Becky, 325-4240.



<u>Step 3 – "Our Commitments"</u> (1 s.) ~ Sunday, May 6th at 6:30 PM, Lower Level #102. Children are welcome.

*Steps 2 & 3 are required for membership. Sign up at the Welcome Center!



Thank you to everyone who donated and helped pack the 31,374 meals that will be shipped to Haiti!

