

## May 2019



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### Checking the Furnace

Each year as I read through the gospel of Luke, I always stop at Luke 5:16 and ask myself, "I wonder how Jesus did this?" Here is the verse, "But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray." (Luke 5:16, NASB). How could Jesus slip away from a crowd, wasn't He the center of attention? And what did He slip away to pray about?



One of the distinct aspects of Luke's gospel is the number of times he references Jesus praying. I've listed the references here just to get a scope of the circumstances and subjects of His prayers.

Jesus was praying at His baptism (Luke 3:21)

After many miracles, when people sought Him, He had retreated to a secluded place to pray (Luke 4:42) and then announced He would move on to other towns.

He spent the whole night in prayer before choosing the twelve disciples (Luke 6:12).

Before He asked the disciples, "Who do the people say that I am?" He was "praying alone." (Luke 9:18).

He took Peter, James, and John up the mountain "to pray," and it was "while He was praying" that He was transfigured (Luke 9:28-29).

He gave praise to the Father when the seventy returned from their ministry (Luke 10:21).

It was, "while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished" (Luke 11:1) that one of the disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus then gave what we call *The Lord's Prayer*.

In Luke 22:39-46 we have the account of Jesus agonizing in prayer just hours before His crucifixion. There He urged the disciples to pray as well.

In Luke 23:34 we read of His prayer for those nailing Him to the cross.

And last but not least, He cries out from the cross, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46).

I use a prayer list, which is helpful. My morning quiet time is my set time to intervene for people. I pray with others as opportunity arises, and before and after meetings, but Jesus' example always seems to remind me that there's another level (actually several levels) of prayer that I have not yet reached. How often did Jesus just slip away to commune with the Father?

Ever feel like your responsibilities and the world we live in won't let you slip away to spend some time with the Lord in prayer? Ever feel the need to slip away and have thoughts such as, "I don't have time...I have to do this or that...I'm afraid I'll miss something I shouldn't miss... people will think I'm wasting time"? I can come up with a hundred "reasons" why I can't slip away. Are they valid reasons, or is it my own thinking that holds me captive to the tyranny of the urgent?

This reminds me of a short little article I read many years ago. A wife was relating the story of waiting in the car with their friends for her husband. They were leaving their house to go somewhere together and the husband excused himself to "check the furnace." The guests were a bit baffled at how long it took, especially when there wasn't a problem with the furnace. Turns out, he never left the house without going downstairs to pray.

Perhaps we would all do ourselves well to arrange a "checking the furnace" cue to let those closest to us know that we are "slipping away" for a bit. Perhaps equally difficult would be the need to check our own negative thoughts about those who do slip away. The National Day of Prayer is in May. It would be a good month to establish a new prayer practice!

Stoking the Furnace,

*Pastor Dan*



# May '19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Library — Each Sunday after Services!</p> 	 <p>Lost &amp; Found items at MBC will be displayed the first <b>Sunday</b> of each month.</p>		 <p>Awana Closing Program &amp; Store ~ 6:15 pm</p>	<p>2 Nat'l Day of Prayer ~ 6:30 am, Ludlow Mansion</p> <p>Women's study "Spiritual Warfare" ~ 9:30 am, NC</p> <p>Hispanic Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>Financial Peace Class ~ 6:30 pm, NC</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Young Adult Study ~ 8 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Men's Breakfast - 8 am, NC</p> <p>No Men's Study</p>
<p>5 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Hispanic Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC</p> <p>Sunday School ~ 9 am</p> <p>Pipeline "Effective Parenting" ~ 9 am/NC</p> <p>Next Steps—Step 3, 6:30 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Fusion ~ Ultra Zone Lazer Tag, Madison, leave MVBC at 2:15</p> <p>Ignite ~ 1 pm, Madison Mini-Golf</p>	<p>6 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>7 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm</p> <p>Primetimers Fellowship &amp; Lunch ~ 10 am—1 pm, N/KC</p> <p>Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm, Monroe</p>	<p>8 NC in use 1 pm—3 pm</p>	<p>9 Women's study "Spiritual Warfare" ~ 9:30 am, NC</p> <p>Hispanic Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>6:30 pm—8 pm, NC</p> <p>Financial Peace Class</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Men's Study ~ 9 am, LL, #106</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Hispanic Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC</p> <p>Sunday School ~ 9 am</p> <p>Pipeline "Effective Parenting" ~ 9 am/NC</p>	<p>13 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>14 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm</p> <p>Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm, Monroe</p>	<p>15 NC in use 1 pm—3 pm</p>	<p>16 Women's study ~ 9:30 am, NC</p> <p>Hispanic Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>6:30 pm—8 pm, NC</p> <p>Financial Peace Class</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>17 Weekend to Remember, Madison—May 19</p> <p>Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am</p>	<p>18 Weekend to Remember, Madison</p> <p>Men's Study ~ 9 am, NC</p>
<p>19 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Hispanic Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC</p> <p>Sunday School Concludes before Summer Break ~ 9 am</p> <p>Pipeline Missionaries, Adam &amp; Emily Holverson ~ 9 am/NC.</p> <p>Weekend to Remember Concludes</p>	<p>20 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>21 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm</p> <p>Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm, Monroe</p>	<p>22 NC in use 1 pm—3 pm</p>	<p>23 Women's study Concludes ~ 9:30 am, NC</p> <p>Hispanic Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>6:30 pm—8 pm, NC</p> <p>Financial Peace Class</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Men's Study ~ 9 am, NC</p>
<p>26 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Hispanic Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC</p> <p>No Sunday School or Pipeline ~ summer break</p>	<p>27 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>28 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon &amp; 1-3 pm</p> <p>Board of Deacons Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106</p> <p>Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 - 9 pm, Monroe</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Hispanic Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>6:30 pm—8 pm, NC</p> <p>Financial Peace Class</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>31</p>	

- 1 Penny Ferreri
- 3 David Hurlbert
- Dan Keen
- Flaimide McNett
- 4 Tracy Signer
- 5 Suzette Sherman
- 6 Thadeus Miller
- 7 Linda Shannon
- 8 Loren Bruehlman
- Luke Whyte
- 9 Brewer Haworth
- 10 Michael Pals
- Laura Roth
- 11 Meranda Beernink
- Maggie Setterstrom



**BIRTHDAYS!**

- 13 Josh Kuenzi
- Kristin Schout
- 14 Ivy Eddy
- Ryan Wyss
- 17 Sophia Rhoe
- Mike Westcomb
- 19 Elaine Blue
- 24 Doris Kampfer
- Logan Ringhand
- 26 Julie Champlin
- Hallie Signer
- 28 Becky Brown
- Tom Dolezel
- Justin Miller
- 29 Ann Toay



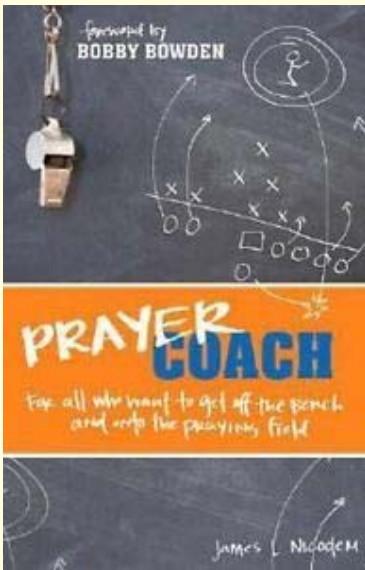
- 5 Harold & Shirley Pieper
- 7 Jeff & Vicki McNett
- 16 Randy & Lucy Whyte
- 18 Russell & Liz Meyer
- 20 Aaron & Meghann Holverson
- Steve & Rhonda Schwarze
- 28 Bob & Deb Hauri

**Adam & Emily Holverson - jiran collective**

Adam & Emily Holverson have worked in both the local church and secular fields. These experiences have given them the valuable opportunity to reflect on their perspectives, practices, and experiences as followers of Jesus. As a result they have had to face their own prejudices, pre-conceived notions, and assumptions about what it looks like to love, forgive, and minister in a complex and dynamic world. Most recently this journey has led them to relocate from Monroe, Wisconsin to metro Detroit to express love, foster community, and be neighbors to the sizable refugee community in the area. Adam and Emily are joined on this journey by their three children Natalie, Kaylee, and Jamin.



Please join us in Pipeline on Sunday, May 19th at 9 am in the Nehemiah Center as Adam & Emily share their hearts and their ministry.



Several years ago I received a book called "Prayer Coach" from missionary Steve Farina. It was worth much more than the \$10 I gave him for it. He was speaking at a men's breakfast at the church.

Many years later almost 90 copies of this book have been distributed. It is the best book on prayer I have ever read. It's easy to understand and will help you begin or improve your prayer life.

At the end of the book is a list of Biblical Names, Titles and Attributes of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A lady told me she uses this list every day as she prays.

This book is available for purchase by signing up at the Welcome Center. If you sign up, I will make sure you get a copy.

Please join us Monday evenings at 6:30 for prayer meeting.

*We would like to offer our sympathy to Beverly Hauri and the Bob & Deb Hauri Family. Bob and Beverly's mom, Arlene Hauri, passed away Wednesday, April 17th. May God comfort and bless you with His peace.*



**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019**

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★  
**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



Please be in prayer for the National Day of Prayer event at the Ludlow Mansion in Monroe on Thursday, May 2nd!

**You Lost, We Found**

**Sunday, May 5th**

The first Sunday of each month all lost and found items will be displayed on a table in the Nehemiah Center. Any items not claimed will be donated.

Please check the table to see if anything belongs to you.

**NEXT  
STEPS**

Next Steps—Step 3: “Our Commitments”  
Sunday, May 5 (1 s.) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102


Discussing eternal life, spiritual growth,  
baptism, and church membership.

*Sign up at the Welcome Center!*

**Men’s Breakfast:**  
8 am  
Saturday,  
May 4th, NC



**Men’s Study:**  
9 am every Saturday  
Nehemiah Center (with the exception of the  
Men’s Breakfast Saturday’s)



All are invited to a Brewers outing on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Game time is 1 pm as the Brewers take on the Atlanta Braves. We will be leaving MBC at 8:30 am. Cost is \$21 per person. We will be carpooling from the church. We’ll be tail-gating before the game. A sign-up is at the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Bernie Roidt at 608-558-3293.

Three **CRISIS EMERGENCY KITS** have been purchased and are distributed throughout MBC. These kits are for use during critical situations. They ARE NOT to be used or tampered with otherwise. Kits include hemostatic gauze, tourniquets, entry/exit wound skin gauze, hemorrhage bandage, scissors, splint compression gauze, and gloves. Kits are identified with the label to the right.



**Kits are located:** 1) Upper Level Kitchen Cupboard by exit to hallway door 2) By the Defibrillator in the Narthex 3) Lower Level Workroom on south wall coat hook

**Please begin saving your gently-used items!**

**Playground\* Benefit Garage Sale - June 13-14, 2019**


Please bring only gently used items. Please test all electrical appliances; we aren’t able to take old TVs.

**\* Garage Sale to raise funds for a KATW (Kids Around the World) Playground in Guatemala**

Your help is welcome and greatly needed all week! Even a few hours is a blessing.

- - trucks, trailers, and lifting labor are needed Monday, Tuesday, and Friday
- - volunteers are needed to sort and price items on Tuesday & Wednesday

Sunday, June 9 – begin donation drop-off (time TBD)  
Monday, June 10 – donation drop-off and setup 9 am–4 pm  
Tuesday, June 11 – donation drop-off and set up 11 am–7 pm  
Wednesday, June 12 – donation drop-off and set up 9 am–5 pm  
**Thursday, June 13 SALE: 8 am - 6:30 pm**  
**Friday, June 14 SALE: 8 am - 3:30 pm**  
Friday take-down/clean-up: 3 pm until done – workers, trucks & trailers needed



Please sign up to volunteer – this is a **massive undertaking** – knowing there will be help available is crucial.  
Contact Deb Hurlbert, 325-3430.

# Monroe Iglesia Biblica

The Elders recently heard a request for help from a group of Hispanic believers. We witnessed a humble and genuine faith in the leaders who also have a strong desire to reach other Hispanics in our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Elders have granted permission to use our church facility for Thursday night prayer meetings and Sunday afternoon worship services at this time. Please keep this in prayer as the Elders consider what a ministry partnership could look like in the future. If you see any of these brothers & sisters here, please welcome them to the place God has given us for worship, discipleship, and fellowship!

Our Hispanic friends meet Sundays from 2 pm—4 pm (NC) & Thursdays from 6 pm—8 pm (LL #101).



**Missionary Visitors:** On May 19, Adam & Emily Holverson will be sharing about their ministry, Jiran Collective. They minister to Arab Refugees and Immigrants in the Metropolitan Detroit area. Please join us in the Nehemiah Center at 9 am to learn how they are sharing Christ's love with this community.

**2019 Guatemala Mission Trip:** Due to a scheduling conflict, the team will instead be headed to San Juan Sacatepequez City in the afternoons. They will be working with "Sol de Justicia" -SDJ- (Sun of Righteousness) for Vacation Bible School Monday - Thursday. In the mornings they will be working at the construction site of the training and retreat center.



**The 2019 Team** includes: Bailey Gruber, Gabi IIs, Wendy Westcomb, Andrea Wilson, Jesse Petersen, Ruth Tuttle, Helen Tuttle, Kim Foesch, Ariel Foesch, Kim Markham, Adam Brunner, Jim Hurlbert, Chuck Chladil, Mike Westcomb, Rick Haworth, and Dan Krahenbuhl. The team will be leaving July 6 and returning July 13. Team members are fundraising \$1,500 per person. You can be part of the team with your prayers and/or financial contribution. Financial donations will go towards the team's food, housing, transportation, Vacation Bible School supplies, translators, and the training center work project. So far \$11,153.31 (about 46%) has been raised towards this year's trip.



**Guatemala Craft Preparation Party:** The Guatemala team has 4 days worth of crafts to prepare and they need your help! On Saturday, June 22 at 9 am, we will meet in the Nehemiah Center to measure, cut, or whatever else is needed. Come on over and be part of the team!

**Playground Fundraiser:** We will hold a Garage Sale on June 13 & 14 with proceeds going to the Guatemala Playground fund. We are accepting gently used items and will need a lot of help setting up the Nehemiah Center that week. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



**Update:**

Many of you are probably wondering what is happening at 18 & 8<sup>th</sup>. Here is an update on happenings at our building. Renovations began about a month ago. New bathrooms both upstairs and downstairs have been plumbed, framed, and drywalled. A fantastic crew of our congregants have been faithfully putting a fresh coat of paint on every wall throughout the facility. Flooring upstairs in the entry way is next as well as installation of the plumbing fixtures and



bathroom dividers. Twenty-two tall chairs have been purchased and refurbished with memorial money. These chairs along with tables also being donated with memorial money will furnish the front entry area. Once these renovations are complete, we hope to hold an Open House for community groups and leaders to come and see what the building has to offer as well as give them an opportunity to get involved with future projects.

There are many community groups currently using the building. AA meetings take place on Saturday mornings and Monday nights, High Tide Recovery meets on Tuesday night, Dog Obedience Classes take place Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights downstairs, a Family of Addict's support group meets on Sunday evenings, Backpack Buddies packs and distributes bags from a room downstairs, and a sexual abuse recovery group uses the facility. Additionally we have other groups and individuals who are inquiring on usage and some already scheduled for future use.

While the renovations we are working on now make a significant difference we are just scratching the surface of what needs to be done. We have faith that God has big plans for 18 & 8<sup>th</sup> and we are excited to join Him in it. We're grateful for

all of the support we've received from the people at MBC, whether labor, prayers, financial, or by your encouraging words. What is happening there couldn't happen without your help! Please be on the lookout for ways you can help or serve at 18 & 8<sup>th</sup> in the future.



The 18 & 8<sup>th</sup> Board



**Fusion**

Last Day before summer break:

**Sunday, May 5th**  
**Laser Tag in Madison**

We'll be carpooling from church at 2:15 PM. Bring money for dinner.



**Ignite**

Last Day before summer break:

**Sunday, May 5th**  
**Mini-Golf in Madison.**

Leave MBC at 1 PM, return around 5 PM. Bring \$10 for food.



**Sunday School**

Last Day before summer break:

**Sunday, May 19th**

**Pipeline**

Last Day before summer break:

**Sunday, May 19th**



# Class of 2019

## Class of 2019 Graduates

*Bermet Bekenova*

*Haeven Kelley*

*Cierra Larson*

*Reuben Larson*

*Connor Nafzger*

*Avery Ostenson*

*Jocelyn Rohloff*

*Devan Schulte*

*Becky Thoman*



**Cierra Larson**, daughter of Scott and Carol Larson, is a 2019 MHS graduate. We invite you to share in an open house celebration in her honor on Saturday, May 26th from 1-4 PM at our home, 1911 - 27th Street, Monroe. Cierra will be pursuing a degree in Restaurant Management at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI.

**Jocelyn Rohloff** - We are hosting an open house after the ceremonies on Sunday, June 2nd from 4 PM to 7 PM. Jocelyn is planning on attending Highland Community College in the fall and will be majoring in music studies.



**Bermet Bekenova**, a foreign exchange student, will be graduating from Monroe High School on Sunday, June 2nd.



**Becky Thoman** will be graduating from Monroe High School. Her graduation party will be Sunday, May 26th from 2-6 PM at the Thoman residence, 419 4th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566. All are welcome to attend and share in celebrating her accomplishments. Becky will be attending UW-Oshkosh this fall studying Biology.



**Reuben Larson**, son of Scott and Carol Larson, will be graduating from Blackhawk Technical College's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center with a diploma as a Computer Numeric Control Technician. He has accepted a position with Kuhn North America.





*Congratulations*  
*Adam & Grace Anderson*  
*Married*  
*Saturday,*  
*March 23rd, 2019*  
*Monroe Bible Church*



Our Congratulations to Nate & Shannon Ackerman at the birth of their daughter Eloise Viola. Eloise was born March 30th. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 22" long.



Our Congratulations to Andy & Megan Thoman at the birth of their daughter Audra Grace. Audra was born April 18th. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and is 18 1/2" long.

