Tracy & Karen Singleton Action - Zambia, Africa

For six years Bruce McKanna faithfully served alongside Tracy as the Associate Pastor of the Evangelical Free



Church of Mount Morris in Illinois. During those years Bruce and his wife Katie were blessed with two sons, Jack and Andrew, both teenagers now.

After God called us to Zambia in 2008, Bruce ministered as the church's interim pastor until he became their Senior Pastor in September of that same year. The church has continued to flourish under his leadership and we have watched with joy as he has grown in that role.

This September Bruce and Katie have returned to Zambia to join us in serving the APC pastors and their wives. For two weeks Bruce, Tracy, and our national lecturers will take the pastors on a journey to discover the rich history of Christian doctrine. Katie arrives on the 9th to partner with Karen as they visit the wives and host a women's retreat, the theme being "He Cares for Us." We have learned the value of teamwork, and we are looking forward to being together in ministry again.

Three APC students have died since its inception in 2008. The day before graduation in 2011, Frances Ng'andwe went home to be with the Lord after sustaining injuries in a head-on car crash.

This present class of 2020 has two empty seats now in the classroom. Apson Musonda died suddenly after being diagnosed with liver cancer in March. Further grief was compounded in June when we learned of the sudden death of Tresford Enga-Enga after Tracy returned home. Please be in prayer for their wives—Africa is not always kind to its widows. Pray for God to be their husbands, and for grace.

Prayer Requests

For our current Zambia trip in (August) & September.
For lecture presentations for the McKannas and us.
For great success with home visits and the retreat for the APC Wives.
For Tresford Enga-Enga's widow Ireen, as she heals from the sudden death of her husband. He leaves five children as well.

Tracy & Karen

<u>EFCA Update</u> – Pick up a copy of the amended changes to our Constitution, Bylaws, and Statement of Faith at the Welcome Center. There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 27th following the second service to vote on these changes.

<u>TODAY ~ All are invited</u> ~ Listen as the Fusion youth share how they were blessed and were able to bless others on their ministry trip to Chicago this summer. Please stay following the second service for a short presentation in the Sanctuary!

<u>Fall Kick-Offs:</u> Awana, Ignite, Fusion, and Life Groups have already begun. Sunday School and Pipeline begin today!



Linda Shannon will be taking pictures in the lower level in the former library, the room at the bottom of the stairs, starting Today, and on Sunday, October 6th and October 27th. Sign up for a time-slot at the Welcome Center. If none of these dates/times work for you, please contact Linda by phone or text at 608-636-6075 to arrange another time.

There is a directory at the Welcome Center. We need EVERYONE to check the information that we have listed about you and your family and make any necessary corrections. *Please add your information if you're not listed.

New Bible Reading Plans ~ Now available at the Welcome Center. Our reading plan <u>STARTS</u> in October! Check it out.

<u>Backpack Buddies – Delivery Volunteers Needed!</u> ~ If you would be interested in helping deliver bags of food to our schools, sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Sharon Kubly with questions at 608-558-4003 or email Sharon at Sharon.kubly@yahoo.com.

Interested in becoming a Member of MBC? \sim Next Steps–Step 3 "Our Commitments" will meet next Sunday, September 22^{nd} at 6:30 pm, lower level room #102. Sign up at the Welcome Center today! This step is required for membership.

Oct 5 & 6 is Harvest Weekend! ~ Please sign up at the Welcome Center to join us for the Men/Boy's Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 8 am, or the Women/girl's luncheon at 12:30 pm. Our missionary guests will also speak at 9 am Sunday Oct. 6 in the Nehemiah Center. A Missionary Christmas Gift Offering will be taken at each service that Sunday.

<u>Snow Shoveling for MBC and 18 & 8th</u> - 2 people are needed, one for each location, to shovel the sidewalks throughout the winter. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center. Specify which facility you are applying for. Turn your completed application in to the Church Office. If you have any questions, contact Randy Whyte at 608-293-8907.



Sunday, September 22

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline ~ 9 am Iglesia Biblica Worship ~ 2 pm, NC Ignite ~ 4-6 pm

Fusion ~ 6-8 pm

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

Monday, September 23

Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, September 24

Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 pm

Wednesday, September 25

Youth Breakfast ~ 6 am, NC/K See You at the Pole ~ 7:30 am, schools Awana: Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm, & 31/2 Yrs. - 6th grade ~ 6:15 - 7:50 pm

Thursday, September 26

Iglesia Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, September 27

Church in use ~ Wedding Decorating Saturday, September 28

Church reserved ~ wedding

Sunday, September 29

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline ~ 9 am Iglesia Biblica Worship ~ 2 pm, NC Ignite ~ Airsoft with Lena E Free, leave MBC at noon (bring a lunch) Fusion ~ 6-8 pm

Week of Sept. 15 - 21

Today, Sunday, September 15

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am
Directory Photos begin – Sign up for a
time at the Welcome Center
Sunday School & Pipeline Kick-Off ~
9 am

Chicago Youth trip presentation following 2nd service, S

Iglesia Biblica Worship ~ 2 pm, NC Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, *Games at Watson's Home (W6750 County B, Monroe) Fusion ~ 6-8 pm

Monday, September 16

Prayer Mtg. $\sim 6:30$ pm, LL #102

Tuesday, September 17

Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon Missions Mtg. ~ 5 pm, LL #106 Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7 pm

Wednesday, September 18

Awana: Trek/Journey $\sim 5:30$ pm, & $3^{1/2}$ Yrs. -6^{th} grade $\sim 6:15 - 7:50$ pm

Thursday, September 19

Iglesia Prayer ~ 6 pm, LL #101 NC in use ~ 6:30 pm, Women's Ministry NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, September 20

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am Church in use ~ Wedding Decorating

Saturday, September 21

Church reserved ~ Wedding Youth Leaders Conference, Oregon WI ~ 8 am depart MBC

<u>Prayer Focus – Awana</u> Ministry Leader: Jim Hurlbert

Please Pray:

- That Awana adult leaders and youth leaders in training (LIT's) would commit themselves to praying for Awana Clubbers at least three times per week.
- That prayer time would become a weekly focus before club time.
- Discipling clubbers and leaders would become preeminent in everything we do this year.
- Leaders would have zeal and energy.

Entire Bible	Family Plan
2 Chron. 17-19, Psalm 149, Rev 5	1 John 2:15-29
2 Chron. 20-21, Psalm 150, Rev 6	1 John 3
2 Chron. 22-24, Prov 29, Rev 7	1 John 4
2 Chron. 25-27, Rev. 8	1 John 5
2 Chron. 28-29, Rev. 9	Rev 1:1-8
2 Chron. 30, Rev 10-11	

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Life Groups 2019-2020

Life groups have started.

Sign up online on our church website (monroebiblechurch.org) for the group that works best with your schedule.

Contact the Office with any questions.

Sundays, 6:30 pm, in Brodhead Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Monroe Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, Monroe Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Monroe area Fridays, 6:30 pm, Monroe Mondays, 6:30 pm, Monroe area Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Monroe Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Monroe Fridays, 6:30 pm, Monroe area

