

Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that you are well and are looking forward to the year ahead. We pray that in 2020 you find that the mercy of God shining on you, even in the darkness and shadow of death, and that He guides your feet into the path of peace (Luke 1:78-79).

Looking ahead, our vision is 20/20!

It has been about five years of transition now. We have served and led in a variety of ways while dreaming about ways our giftings and God's love for the world intersect. Even if this journey took longer than we had hoped, God graciously developed and equipped us along the way. In the last year, we have had many "but suddenly, God" moments, and He has made a very clear way ahead of us.

We are excited to announce our move to Baltimore in the Spring (April or May.) We will continue to work with YWAM, and are excited to join the small pioneering team of 8 there. YWAM Baltimore is four years old, and continuing to establish themselves in the city, and preparing for growth in their emerging ministries. YWAM Baltimore has a strong family culture and is passionately creative. Check out more about the work in Baltimore at: https://www.ywambaltimore.com/

We are particularly excited for YWAM Baltimore's vision for integration, reconciliation, and fierce value for those in the margins. During our visit in October, we were struck by the way they esteem and defend the dignity of those who are overlooked and forgotten. We will have plenty of opportunity to blend our experiences, giftings, and vision with theirs. Over the last decade in ministry, we have worked in several capacities to express God's love and desire "on earth as it is in heaven" through: construction, spiritual formation and discipleship, teaching, worship, racial dialogue, and advocacy work. Our family's mission is to cultivate justice, mercy, and reconciliation within communities. We believe God's desire is for us to grow in our capacity to not only look out for our own interests, but also the interests of others (Phil 2:4) and to be reconciled to God, one another, and our communities.

Fun Fact: Baltimore is a city of neighborhoods, each with their own culture and flavor. We will be moving to Waverly, one of the neighborhoods on the north side in Baltimore City.

A few practicals...

Please update our email addresses in your contacts: TimothyJoshuaWilcox@gmail.com and NicoleAnnWilcox@gmail.com.

Tim, Nicole & Chloe Wilcox

We would like to offer our sympathy to <u>Leanor Roche and family</u>. Leanor's sister, Norma, passed away on December 31st, 2019.

We would like to extend our sympathy to <u>Kristi and John Hudson</u>. Kristi's brother, Jim Ferris, passed away on Sunday, January 5th, 2020.

May God's perfect peace comfort each of you.

<u>Do you want to better know</u> how to defend your faith or help the children in your life defend their faith; or maybe you have questions yourself and want to know what proofs there are for the Christian faith? That will be the focus in the Library this month: Apologetics! So, stop in and grab some resources. We are also going to have a children's apologetic reading challenge!

<u>Library Read Aloud program</u> ~ Kids reading to adults begins in <u>February</u>. We'll need two different sets of volunteers: children to read to adults, and adults willing to be read to. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to be read to, or if you have a child who would like to read. Specify day & preferred time. Contact Amanda Ohlrich with any questions, 719-339-5366.

<u>Pipeline Marriage Class</u> ~ <u>January 19 - February 23</u> we'll discuss how to resist the marital drift toward isolation, maintaining good communication, ideas to help with conflict resolution, granting forgiveness, and others. Mark your calendar and join us at 9 am in the Nehemiah Center. Contact Jeff or Marie Wunschel with questions.

<u>No Regrets Men's Conference</u> <u>February 1st</u> from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can register online at FAITHCOMMUNITYCHURCH.net This is a simulcast held in Janesville. It's a great day for men to get their spiritual batteries charged. Contact Dan Keen (608-897-6926) or Kyle Ohlrich (719-439-1003) with questions.

<u>Interested in Touring Israel</u> with Pastor Dan and Jennifer? ~ For trip details, visit https://www.israelbibletrips.com/monroebiblechurch. Choose the 9 or 12 trip and click View itinerary to see what's included. From there you can sign up for either the 1 payment or monthly payment option.

<u>PHOTO/VIDEO use form</u> - Every year each family will need to fill out this form for their minor child/children. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. If you have not already done so, please return the completed form to the Church Office. Only one form is required per year. *Both parents, or legal guardians, must sign the form. Notify the Office if you would like this form mailed/emailed to a parent/legal guardian living elsewhere.

<u>Family Night packing for Backpack Buddies</u> ~ <u>February 27th</u> at 6 pm at 18 & 8th, lower level. Families will pack the bags of food for the month. Kids of all ages are welcome. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Sunday, January 19

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline Marriage Class begins ~ 9 am, NC

Ignite Event ~ TBA

Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106

Monday, January 20

Prayer Meeting $\sim 6{:}30$ pm, LL #102

Tuesday, January 21

Library hours ~ 10 am - Noon

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday - Saturday, January 24-25

T & T Boy's Event ~ Friday evening until Saturday morning, All Church (church closed for use during this time)

Saturday, January 25

Iglesia Worship Practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC

Monday, January 27

Elder & Deacon Boards Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, January 28

Pleasant View Nursing Home Service ~ 9:30 am
Library hours ~ 10 am – Noon

Week of January 12 - 18

Today, Sunday, January 12

Pastor Dan & Jennifer on vacation through January 17th
The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am
Sunday School & Pipeline ~ 9 am
Next Steps –Step 2 (s.2) ~ 9 am, LL #100
Ignite 4-6 pm, LL #106
Fusion 6-8 pm, LL #106

Monday, January 13

Missions Meeting ~ 5:00 pm, LL #106 Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, January 14

Library hours ~ 10 am - Noon

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am Young Adult Trivia Night ~ 6:30 pm, at 18 & 8th.

Friday, Jan. 17 – Saturday, Jan. 18

T & T Girl's Event ~ Friday evening until Saturday morning, All Church (church closed for use during this time)

Saturday, January 18

Iglesia Worship Practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC

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

- > That students will see that they are desperately in need of Jesus in spite of our cushy, comfy culture.
- > That students will grow in their relationship with Jesus & their knowledge & application of Scripture.
- > That students will reach out to their friends for Jesus.
- That students will see the need for discipleship for themselves and others, and see their role in disciple-making relationships.

Trivia Night! Open to the Public! Saturday, February 1st - 6:30-8:30 pm

18 & 8th Hospitality Room
Join us for an evening of trivia (with prizes!)
Light refreshments provided
Team Trivia (?)

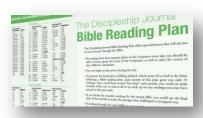
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Bible Reading Plans at the Welcome Center





This Week New City Catechism: Part 3, Question 52

