

A Special Pre-Holy Week Dramatic Event at WSBC

Make plans now to attend

THE GATHERING *

with Mediterranean meal following

Sunday, March 29, 5 pm.

Suggested donation

\$10 per person

*Performance is suitable for ages 8+

Both an age appropriate Easter presentation
younger children and a Nursery will be offered.

THE CHICAGO HOPE PLAYERS PRESENT

The Gathering



The Gathering depicts a modern day version of The Last Supper. As the twelve men and the Teacher share in the feast, a dispute arises over who will be in charge after Jesus states He won't be around much longer (Luke 22:24). The disciples come to life revealing their hopes, fears, and politics.

The result is a roast for the teacher complete with humor and serious discourse as each disciple tells about an experience he has had with Jesus.

Invite a friend!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9 and 10:45AM
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

March 1

Link2Missions

Dean Monkemeier

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME resumes on March 8. Please use this as your reminder to set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night.

March 8

The Deceiver Gets Deceived

Genesis 29:1-30

March 15

Bargaining for Love

Genesis 29:31-30:24

March 22

Prosperity Reconsidered

Genesis 30:25-31:16

March 29

A Watching and Witnessing God

Genesis 31:17-55



A FLORAL OPPORTUNITY

As 2020 continues to unfold and develop, please consider a gift of flowers for our sanctuary; this might honor a special birthday, a milestone anniversary, the memory of a loved one, or a comparable occasion. A sign-up sheet is posted on the north bulletin board in the center hallway; contact the church office for any further details.



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your encouraging words, cards, and prayers during my recent setbacks.

I dislocated my shoulder a week before I was to have surgery for endometrial cancer; however, God was good and the surgery took place. The cancer was detected early so there is no need for further treatment. Praise the Lord!

Throughout both these incidents I felt God's peace as only he can give. I know it was because I had many people praying for me.

Thank you so much.

In Christian love,

Bonnie Griffin



To the Congregation of Western Springs Baptist Church:

It is with heart-filled gratitude that we (Keystone Baptist Church) are sending you this letter of thanks. Throughout many years, well over 30, you have always shown yourselves to be a special blessing and friend to our humble congregation. For many of the years you have supported our food pantry ministry with food supplies, and generous monetary gifts. There are just not enough words to express our gratitude. Thank you and praise to the Lord.

Many families will be blessed by it. May God's grace, peace, and joy continue to shine upon you throughout 2020.

Donald and Margaret Jackson
Chairpersons of the Keystone Food Ministry

Rev. Dulerio Blackmon, Interim Pastor



OWLS

Older, Wiser, Loving Saints

Thursday, March 19

12NOON

Fireside Room

Cost \$5

Sign up will be on March 8 and 15 during Fellowship Time. You may call the church office or contact George Graves.

Our presenter is Ms. Lisa Savegnago, President of Name Plate and Panel Technology.

Ms. Savegnago also serves as President of the One Hundred Club of DuPage County. The One Hundred Club offers assistance to families of Law Enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics' personnel who have been killed, injured, or otherwise stricken while residing or working in the county.

The members of the One Hundred Club show the men and women who serve and protect us, that their sacrifice, their lives, and their families are important to us and we are dedicated to helping families of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics who put their lives on the line for us every day doing a dangerous job we cannot do for ourselves. Learn more about the contributions of this organization and examples of the brave work acknowledged and recognized.

George Graves



FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

As you go through your home bookshelves from time to time, consider your WSBC library as a recipient of those you no longer want/need . . . but **only** if their copyright dates are 2010 and forward; we aim to keep the collection as current as possible. Other options might be donation to your public library's book sale, to the collection going to Uganda, or to New to You resale shop. If you do not see your donated book on the shelves, please remember that we may already have a copy or that it may duplicate other similar volumes. Thank you for your support of the library.



DIACONATE COMMITTEE

Would you be willing to volunteer to help another church family member - maybe once a month?

The Diaconate has had requests from time to time for help with household tasks. The jobs vary in length of time needed.

Currently we have a couple of our WSBC family members needing a little help. These tasks would take only about 30 minutes to an hour.

If you can help, please send a text message or an email to Treasure Sanderson:

Phone: 708-860-2472

email: tds9334@sbcglobal.net



MISSIONARY PARTNER NEWS BRIEFS

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Breakthrough Urban Ministries

Chicago

The Breakthrough Beginners opened a fourth classroom in December. With the expansion, the early childhood education program is able to equip more young learners with the skills necessary for kindergarten and beyond. We're excited to be welcoming new teachers, students, and families to Breakthrough.



Iilir and Kate Cami

Athens

Thank you for your prayers for our Christmas parties. On December 22, we were able to share a lovely service and meal with those who attend our Farsi church, as well as friends they invited to join us for the special day. The children prepared a selection of special songs, and each individual left with a small gift. We were also encouraged to see church members inviting others over for small gatherings on Christmas Day.



This month we met a family who has captured our hearts. Hannah is a beautiful young woman in her thirties with a sweet spirit and a brilliant mind (she has two bachelor's degrees). She came to us for help because she has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Unfortunately, she arrived in Athens recently and has not been provided with a tax ID number, so she cannot seek care through the public health system in Greece. We are doing our best to help her find affordable treatment, including an MRI and expensive medications. She is in Athens with her mother and brother. We praise God that they are believers and have been attending our Farsi church. Their joyful spirits and encouragement have already been a blessing to our fellowship. Please pray with us that God would open doors to provide for her treatment.

Jon and Anita Lewis

Central Africa

Central Africa Republic (CAR) is NOT Africa's favorite tourist destination.

It would be easy to list unpleasant aspects of my visit, which all link to a troubled civil war aftermath that continues to plague this country ever since Islamic rebels attempted a political coup in 2013. But instead of focusing on the negative, let me share an unexpected Bangui blessing: having thirty people sign up for my training session on Steward Leadership and then

have almost four times that number (110) actually show up. From asking people why they came to the training, I heard:

1. That they were very interested in what it meant to become a leader at home, in



ministry, and at work; and

2. They were intrigued by anyone who thought it worthwhile to travel to Bangui in person and provide a training seminar.

A teacher loves an attentive audience. I could not have asked for a better one right there in Bangui.

Speaking of blessings, this is a great time to thank all of you who faithfully prayed for and supported

Anita and me during 2019. Not only were our basic support needs covered, but you also provided adequate funding for two of my Africa trips during the past twelve months. God keeps opening doors for ministry in Africa, and you walk through them with me.



HOMEGOING

The church office was notified of the passing of a former member. Richard (Dick) Skoda went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 8. He leaves his wife, Louise of 68 years.



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Keep checking the bulletin and the weekly message for Pickle ball/Badminton coming soon.

A big thank you to Melissa Bottorff and to Lynn Beczak for volunteering to be our new coordinators in arranging coffee/tea/treats servers for our Sunday morning fellowship time.

Mark Wittkamper



MONTHLY MISSIONARY PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS

Jean Thomas

March 6

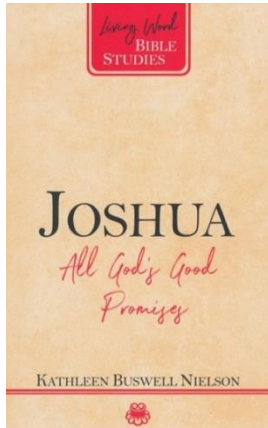
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March 23

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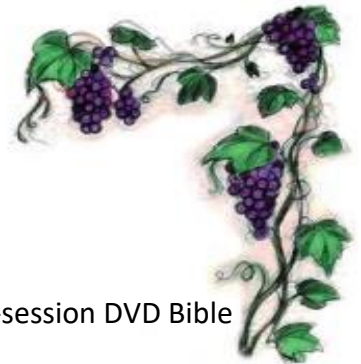
Women's Life Spring Study
Joshua- All God's Good Promises
 By Kathleen Nielson
 Thursday mornings-March 5-May 14
 9-11AM
 Cost \$15

Children's program included -Nursery-Kindergarten age.
 Please join us for coffee, worship and the return of our live speakers for this wonderful study of Joshua, filled with adventure as we can see the way God fulfills his promises to his people, in Joshua's day and in our lives today.

For more information/registration/online payment:
<http://wsbc.info/womenslife/> or call the church office 708.246.1530.



Chasing Vines
 Beth Moore DVD
 Tuesday, March 24
 7PM
 Fireside Room
 Study Guides Cost \$10



Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study will be starting this newly released six-session DVD Bible study by Beth Moore.

This is a journey to discover the true meaning of a fruitful life.

In the DVD and study guide, Beth Moore explores the ways God delights in watching things grow—and how the vineyard holds the secret to how we can have a more abundant and meaningful life. As she traces the metaphor through scripture, Beth uncovers how every part of our own lives—even the rockiest, most difficult soil—is used by God to make a difference for his Kingdom.

You may contact Linda Peters if you have questions or to reserve a book.





2020 summer trips

Trip A: June 19-28, 2020

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO:

- loves to meet, talk and pray with people?
- and/or has medical skills?
- is willing to learn how to reach out cross-culturally?
- **GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO JOIN THIS TEAM!**

Purpose: Evangelism/Medical to participate in the Great Commission by supporting the mission of FOCUS Uganda. Traveling to the Namutumba region of Uganda, the team will partner with Destiny Church for evangelism through word and deeds. The team will dedicate and fund the construction of a home, provide a medical camp, and share the gospel from door to door alongside members of Destiny Church.

Trip B: June 26-July 5, 2020

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO:

- loves to meet, talk and pray with people?
- and/or has construction or helping skills?
- is willing to learn how to reach out cross-culturally?
- **GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO JOIN THIS TEAM!**

Purpose: Construction/Visitation to participate in the Great Commission by supporting the mission of FOCUS Uganda. Traveling to the FOCUS Uganda Gerenge campground, the Team will construct outdoor tables and benches for the campground, and will visit homes in the community to encourage Christians and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS OR NEED AN APPLICATION? CONTACT JEAN DUKES.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE 8-12

PLAN TO VOLUNTEER!

