

You are Invited to Gather
In-Person and Virtually for



Revelation 21:3 *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."*

- **Welcome and Prayer**
8:30AM, Community Room
- **9AM Worship Service**
Message by Jon Lewis, *One Challenge International*
In-Person and Virtual Missionary Partners
- **Breakout Sessions**
Designed for Families, Teens, and Adults
- **Box Lunch Celebration!**
Four menu options
- **LINK2Missions Collections Event**
Details inside!

Make your reservation and select a lunch option:

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Virtual Links will be provided on 4/16



It's time to prepare for the April 2021 **Link2Missions Collections Event**. We have selected two projects that allow everyone to participate and still stay safe. Read on for details to benefit *Fox Valley Christian Action (FVCA)* and *Breakthrough Urban Ministries (Breakthrough)*.

Fox Valley Christian Action Collections will focus on providing a park bench for FVCA by collecting plastic bags (clean, dry, and free of food & organic residue).

WSBC Collection Dates and Bin (dates and location) – on April 11, 18, and 25, a labeled collection bin will be placed at the south end of the WSBC parking lot in front of the glass doors.

From the store - produce, store and ice bags.

From your pantry – re-sealable bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap and bread bags.

From your front door - newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic e-commerce mailers.

Breakthrough Urban Ministries Collections will focus on helping the community.

NO Food products please.

Hygiene products - all sizes and quantities are welcome for both men and women. Suggested products include: bars of soap, shampoo, tooth brush and tooth paste, hair brush or comb, sanitizer, hand and body lotion, pack of wash cloths or hand towels, etc. Many other products can be substituted.

Household products - all sizes and quantities accepted. Sample products include: dish soap and sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, paper cups, plates and similar products.

Baby products - all sizes and sample products include: diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, and baby lotions. Choose products that are made for sensitive skin/non-allergenic.

WSBC Collection Dates and Bins (dates and location) – on April 11, 18, and 25, place your products into the labeled collection bins located in the 45th Street hallway. If you are not sure of which bin, use your best judgment.

Donation Distribution – all donated items will be delivered to FVCA and Breakthrough following the final collection date of 4/25/2021.

Your involvement in this *Link2Missions*, hands-on event, will make a difference in the lives of so many! Any questions please contact the WSBC office.



ON-SITE MORNING WORSHIP

Sundays at 9 and 11AM
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

April 4

Easter: The Final Victory
1 Corinthians 5:50-58

April 11

To See the Lord
Isaiah 6

April 18

Link2Missions
Dwell in Peace
Rev 21:3
Guest Speaker: Jon Lewis

April 25

Every Christian's Privilege
Ephesians 5:15-21

LIVESTREAM on our website:

<https://wsbc.info/online-stream/> and

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch and

YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/wsbcvillagechurch>



SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 25
5PM

The church's spring business meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2021, at 5PM. It is very important that members attend the meeting. We will be electing officers

and committee members for the next church year starting October 1, 2021.

Please mark your calendars and attend the business meeting on April 25.

Moderator *Dawn Nelson*



IN LOVING MEMORY



David Edward Wagner

August 6, 1938 – February 4, 2021



CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION DAY(S)

Hosted by the Facility and Finance
Committee

Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, *weather permitting*

Do you have... a green thumb? willing hands? a giving heart?

Come help spruce up the WSBC landscaping by spreading mulch.

Please bring (*or lend if you are unable to attend one of these days*) any of the following if you have them: **wheelbarrel**, shovel, rake, or garden/work gloves.

You may contact F&F Chair Ed Graff with questions.



MISSIONARY PARTNER NEWS BRIEFS

For security purposes, please do not distribute, post, or share this information **without** individual permission from the partners to do so.

Breakthrough Urban Ministries

Last month, the **Breakthrough Beginners** celebrated Black History Month by dressing up as influential figures. Students honored Rosa Parks, Michael Jordan, Simone Biles, and many others.



Bridge of Hope to Breakthrough: incoming Executive Director Yolanda Fields' story. Earlier this year,



Yolanda Fields was announced as the incoming executive director of Breakthrough, effective April 1. From volunteering with Bridge of Hope, a program that ministered to women who were being trafficked, to leading all of Breakthrough's adult programs, Yolanda has created a culture of respect and dignity for all.

Ilir and Kate Cami

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to proceed with several surgeries over the last two months. We always try first to arrange treatment in the public hospitals, but when time-sensitive cases are turned away, we feel compelled to step in and pay for care in the private hospitals.

One mother urgently needed surgery on her right wrist to repair damage and avoid loss of function. Her husband is currently awaiting an answer to his asylum application in the UK. Until they are reunited, she needs to be able to work to provide for herself and their daughter. A new believer, she has an unstoppable spirit and has continued, one-handed, to prepare meals each week for our clinic volunteers through the help of her sou chefs' obediently following her instructions. She still has several weeks of recovery ahead of her; pray that she will stop long enough to get the rest she needs and recover full use of her hand.

Jay and Bella Curtis

Thank you so much for your partnership in the ministry of FVCA. Jesus is doing great things in the lives of our youth and I am so grateful for your help to make this possible.

Meet Ayra'nique. Ayra'nique is bold and beautiful. She is the second oldest of nine children in her family. She is 16 and a sophomore at West Aurora High School.

At the age of 9, Ayra'nique was introduced to FVCA as a camper. "As a kid I loved going to the swimming pool...and as a teen I loved the college trips!" Ayra'nique started coming to Teen Night Together (TNT) as a freshman with her younger sister and friend. She brings wisdom and a desire to learn about herself and God. Ayra'nique enjoys the Bible lessons, which she demonstrated as she shared the story of Joseph.

The College and Career discussions at TNT encouraged Ayra'nique to stay focused in school and stay on the honor roll. She has a passion for nursing and plans to attend UIC to become a nurse. She is currently in a CNA certification program at school and plans to complete that prior to graduation.

FOCUS Uganda

FOCUS Uganda normally organizes an annual missions conference also known as the Easter Camp. The missions conference is aimed at equipping students from different institutions on how to conduct effective community outreaches and gospel missions.



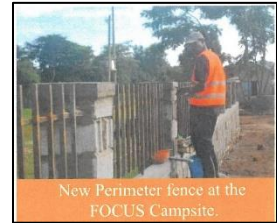
Uwimana Donata, during an interview with a FOCUS Staff (Photo by Luke Davis O.)

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold this very impactful event last year.

Donata Uwimana, a third-year student of social works and social administration at Ndejje University, expressed that ever since she attended the

missions conference in 2019, her life has never been the same. She pointed out the Bible exposition, training on missions, planning, leadership, and relationships as the sessions that stood out for her.

Preparations are in high gear for this year's event. We want to thank God for the new facilities at the campsite that include the perimeter fence, new washrooms and other facilities that we have added to the campsite.



New Perimeter fence at the FOCUS Campsite

Jean and Joy Thomas

New HCDF President Lémeç Thomas, writes: "My parents worked hard in the community of Fond-des-Blancs for the past 40 years. Working on projects and programs: reforestation, road improvements, credit union, education and farming. I got the opportunity to receive and live the experience of John Perkins' and my father's dream of the three Rs: **Relocation**, **Redistribution**, and **Reconciliation**. I have witnessed severe poverty, deprivation, and struggle. My family and I have been in harm's way. We had our own struggles, but never did I see my parents doubt for a moment that we belonged in Haiti or that it was our home, and neither did I.

My parents' lives have been and are dedicated to serving the people of Fond-des-Blancs and I am incredibly grateful that they passed on that sense of care and heart to serve.



My parents are now transitioning away from HCDF and have found a beautiful space in Dariol, which is one-and-one-half hours out of Fond-des-Blancs, to start the next phase of their lives. They have created a beautifully strong legacy and have made a positive impact in countless peoples' lives. I am so thankful for being born in this life of purpose and finding my way back to it in my own way.

The word transition is probably the best way to describe my parents' new journey because they both will continue to be active within HCDF. My mother will work with the school library, something that she has been passionate about, and my father will head the farming program. Of course, I am certain that their presence will also be felt in Dariol."



**CELEBRATING
JON and ANITA LEWIS'
RETIREMENT**

The Missions Committee will be hosting a casual dinner for longtime supported Missionary Partners, Jon and Anita Lewis on Thursday, April 15, 6PM.



Please contact Jean Dukes by April 9 if you would like to attend.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Do you have a heart for Operation Christmas Child?

The Missions Committee is seeking team members now.

Please contact Jean Dukes to learn more.



RETIREMENT

Karen Ulery is retiring on March 31, 2021, after serving WSBC as Office Administrator since September 2000.

At the March 21 worship services, she received gifts and cards from the congregation thanking her for her work. We pray for God to bless Karen as she retires.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Esther Reed
April 2

Angelica Chitlango
April 4

Ilir Cami
April 14

Suhas
April 18

Kahari
April 2

Andre Chitlango
April 7

Joy Thomas
April 16

Petra Polach
April 23

Tia
April 26



THANK YOU

Thank you, dear church family for your caring support throughout Dave's long illness with pulmonary fibrosis. Your prayers, visits, encouraging scripture and words during these past months on hospice have strengthened our family. We have been blessed by your loving kindness.

Judy Wagner and Family

WSBC Family, it has been my joy and privilege to serve you in the church office. I am looking forward to what God has in store for me in this next season of life.

Greg and I have no immediate plans to move from the area. We will continue to worship and serve the church as members.

Thank you for the many expressions of love and gratitude to me through your verbal and written cards and notes. Not only to me—but grateful for your care and concern for my family, too.

This is not the end of our time with you, only a transition to a slightly modified relationship.

Karen Ulery



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE Month Ended FEBRUARY 28, 2021

	GENERAL FUND			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$360,400	\$369,900	(\$9,500)	(3%)
Expenses	\$337,800	\$364,300	(\$26,500)	(7%)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$22,600	\$5,600	\$17,000	

	MISSION FUND			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$120,500	\$130,300	(\$9,800)	(8%)
Expenses	\$66,400	\$91,700	(\$25,300)	(28%)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$54,100	\$38,600	\$15,500	

Note: all amounts are rounded to nearest hundred.



A 7-Session Study on the Prophet Elijah from Best-Selling Author Priscilla Shirer

We want to extend a special invitation to you to join **Women's Life** this Spring.

Join us with Priscilla Shirer on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.



We would love for you to join us for **Women's Life**.

- Cost: \$20.
- Childcare and Children's Program for Children ages Newborn - 5 years. AND
- Remote Learning Stations for Elementary Children (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
- Registration and information: <https://wsbc.info/womenslife/>

Women's Life is open to women of all faiths and backgrounds, so please invite your friends and neighbors to come along with you, too.

Our mornings at **Women's Life** will look a little different this year as we follow the CDC & IDPH guidelines for Covid-19 prevention. **Women's Life** will begin with a time of instrumental music, followed by a large group study in the sanctuary and small group discussions in other classrooms.

We are taking every precaution to socially distance ourselves throughout the morning and wear face masks while at WSBC. All participants will be asked to sanitize their hands and answer a health survey upon arrival. Your safety and comfort are very important to us as we all live in this new Covid-19 world.

