

My decision today

- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior
- I want to be baptized
- I want to grow as Christ's disciple
- Other

I'm interested in

- Knowing how to receive Christ as Savior
- Knowing how to grow as Christ's disciple
- Joining a small group
- Helping with the Music Ministry
- Helping with the Children & Youth Ministries
- Other

THE CURSE OF THE CROSS

Galatians 3:13-14; Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (*Necessary Suffering #6*)

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. John 19:31

And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance. Deuteronomy 21:22-23

For our sake he (God) made him (Christ) sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus took upon Himself our sin on the cross . . .

◆ So we are redeemed from the curse of God.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us— for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” Galatians 3:13

◆ So we are included in the blessing of God.

. . . so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles . . . Galatians 3:14a

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:3 (cf. 18:18)

◆ So we receive the promise of the Spirit of God.

. . . so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:14b

NEXT STEPS: Read the Galatians passage aloud three times slowly. Review the outline. What does it mean practically for you/us to be *bought back* from the curse you deserve for your sin? To become part of God's blessing, His family? To receive the promise of His Spirit? How are you resisting what he desires to do in you? In us? What does it mean to respond by faith? Share a request; pray for each other and praise God that He initiates all of this. Prepare for worship next Sunday by focusing on Christ's resurrection: Psalm 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-28; Hosea 6:2; Luke 18:33; 34:46; John 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 15:4.



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April 9, 2017

THE CURSE OF THE CROSS

Randall Jaspers, Lead Pastor

Kalen Heller, Pastor of Community Life

To **worship** God, help people **know** Jesus Christ personally, **grow** to be like Him, **show** His love and **go** where He leads... **together**.

today at *tbc*

Worship through Singing

Worship through Prayer

(Children, ages 3-K, dismissed for Jr. Church: Dianne S.)

Message: **THE CURSE OF THE CROSS**

Worship through Giving

Music Ministry: Children's Choir

Closing Prayer

Room 303 is designated for prayer. People are available to listen and pray.

Please fill out the Response Form and place it in the offering plate.

Supervised nursery (Ages 0-2) provided during Sunday school and Worship.

Nursery Workers

Today: Leann G., Dan T., Annika T.

Apr. 16: NO scheduled workers

this week

- Today **Directory Photos** taken following Worship
 Noon Passion Play Cast Meal
 1:30 pm Passion Play Dress Rehearsal
- Monday 7:00 pm *Facing Darkness* (West Acres 14 Theatre)
- Tuesday 6:30 pm Ladies' BSF
- Wednesday **NO Great Adventure**, Youth, Prayer
- Friday Noon Good Friday Service, *Presbyterian Church*
Community Choir meets at **11 am**; All are welcome!
 7:00 pm Passion Play
- Saturday 7:00 pm Passion Play
- Next Sun. 10:30 am Easter Worship; **Spring Mission Offering**
Directory Photos taken following Worship
 7:00 pm Passion Play

coming events

- April 19 6:20 pm *Great Adventure* meets at *Ave Maria Village*
 Parents are welcome! Please **pick up** your children at **7:25 p.m.**
- April 22 10:00 am Community Prayer, *Grace Episcopal*
- April 23 **Directory photos** - before AND after Worship

Pictorial directory photos will be taken April 9, 16 and 23. If none of these dates fits your schedule, please send a current photo (with secured photo copyrights) to angela@mademidwest.com.

praise & prayer

AROUND TBC

- ◆ **Health concerns**
 Ruth Jenner, Juanita Nelms, James Patzer (4-17 surgery, Minneapolis), Sheila Schnabel (4-11 surgery), Paul Tahrán
- ◆ **Youth Director Search**
- ◆ **Passion Play**
 *Stamina for Cast
 *Spiritual protection
 *Prepared hearts
- ◆ **Pastor Kalen & Sarah**
 Daughter's health
- ◆ **TBC College Students**
 Alissa Langbehn (USF)
 Braydon Love (NDSU)

AROUND THE WORLD

Kenya - 12.1% Islam; 76.7% Christian
 Most Kenyans live below the poverty line. The government provides shelter to refugees from Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, etc. The coast and northwestern parts are traditionally Muslim; Muslims are attempting to establish Shariah law. Christian converts from Islam are subject to harassment, violent attacks and other forms of persecution. Somali Islamic militant terrorists have attacked several churches, killing pastors and other Christians (including children).
***Conflicts/Needs: North Korea, South Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen, Libya, Egypt, Kuwinda Slums (Nairobi)**

Thank you for your donation. We appreciate your continued support of our mission and services. We couldn't do it without people like you.
Majors Tim & Teri Nauta

AROUND THE NAB CONFERENCE

Shan Reed - Japan

Shan Reed has been serving as a long-term missionary in Japan since 2001; she has served at Komyo Christian Church for the past six years. One way she ministers is through an English/Baking class. She has also been invited to be part of the youth committee for the Japan Baptist Conference (JBC). **Pray** for the JBC committee as they plan and lead youth events. Also, **pray** for the people of Komyo Christian Church: a deepened desire to love Jesus, His word and others.



- **Grace Baptist Church**, Gackle, ND
 Slay Rivinius (Pastor)
- **Temple Baptist**, Swan River, MB
 Neal Effa (Sr. Pastor)

I am so thankful and grateful for such a great church family. **Thank you** for all the support you have given to me and my family. It has been such a blessing to be a part of TBC.

Candace Brown

Spring Missions Offering - April 16

Your financial gifts give freedom to NAB missionaries to focus on joining God where He is working. Pray. Give generously and sacrificially!

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GIVING REPORT	
YTD Budget	\$125,531.53
YTD Proclaimer	\$1,330.00
Benevolent-Heller	\$4,095.00
YTD Building Fund	\$1,400.00
YTD General Fund	\$105,729.99

response form

Date _____ Your age group 18-23 24-29 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80+ _____

PLEASE PRINT _____ (If A Student) Your Current School Grade _____

Name _____ Are You: Single Married _____

Address _____ Names of children living at home & birth dates: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Is this your... 1st time? 2nd time? 3rd time? _____

Mr. | Mrs. | Miss. | Ms New Address New Email Address

I am: Attendee Member Visitor

I came as a guest of: _____