

GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS MESSENGERS

Isaiah 52:1-12 (*Mission Implausible*, Prelude)

Because we are bought by our Lord without money, we . . .

- ◆ Have power to leave (our bondage to) sin.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (cf. Genesis 45:18-20; 47:5-6; Deuteronomy 26:5-6)

List the sin (or sins) that keep you in bondage.

- ◆ Are His people under His sovereign rule.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good news, who proclaims, "Peace," who brings good news of happiness, who proclaims "Salvation," who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near (or, at hand). Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:14b-15 (cf. Matthew 4:13-17; Luke 4:14-30; Ephesians 2:11-22)

What is the most precious identity to which you cling? What would happen if it were Jesus?

- ◆ Purify ourselves for His service.

You, also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5 (cf. vss. 9-10; 2 Corinthians 6:17)

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16 (cf. vss. 13-14; Leviticus 11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:7; Romans 10:8-15)

What specific practice will you begin or work to reinforce this week by the Spirit's strength so that you become more useful for His service?

NEXT STEPS: Read through Isaiah 52:1-12 three times. Review the other texts, the outline and respond to the questions. Share your responses to the questions with another. How will you encourage each other to put these into action? How are you being a good news messenger? Pray together.



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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

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

Worship through Singing
 Worship through Prayer
 (NO Jr. Church today)

Message: **GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS MESSENGERS**

Worship through Giving
 Sharing the Lord's Supper
 Benevolent Fund Offering
 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: Mel H. (S.S.); Mel H., Danika S., Ali H. (Worship)
 Feb. 14: Ronda O. (S.S.); Ronda O., Kelly S., Michelle O. (Worship)

this week

- Tuesday 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting
 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study Fellowship
- Wednesday 6:30 pm Great Adventure Kick-off
 New children's ministry program (Kindergarten-Grade 5) to equip them with the power of God's Word. Contact Cara Prescott (320-8410) for more information.
 6:30 pm Youth (Grades 6-12)
 7:00 pm TBC Prayer Meeting
- Saturday 6:30 am DAWG Pound (Men's Ministry)
- Next Sun. 9:20 am Sunday school - all ages
 10:30 am Worship (Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

coming events

- Feb. 17 11:30 am Lenten Luncheon, *St. John's Lutheran Church*
 12:15 pm Ecumenical Worship Service, *St. John's*
- Feb. 21 Noon Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser (*Habitat/Humanity*)

Serving Groups are being updated: If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Carol Leno (320-8635).

Receive 40 Days of Easter Devotionals through our NAB Conference (begins Feb. 9). **Use the Response Form to sign up** (via email or printed copies).

praise & prayer

Around TBC

- ◆ Health concerns: Geri Baumann, Teurina DiLallo, Diana Gray, LeRoy Lang
- ◆ Wisdom for TBC leaders
- ◆ Job descriptions
- ◆ People to serve on search committees
- ◆ Church staff needs
- ◆ God's leading for Bud & Lois Fuchs
- ◆ TBC college student Jaden Stading (SDSU)

Around the NAB Conference



Cal & Susanne Hohn - Cameroon
 The Hohns serve in the critical role of leading and coordinating NAB missionary ministries in Cameroon. **Pray for Cal and Susanne** as they work with the NAB missionary team in Cameroon. **Praise God** for their daughters, Elianna and Ysabelle, as they continue to learn and grow. **Ask God** to give Cal great wisdom as he oversees NAB's relationship with the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC). **Pray, also,** for God's continuing to prepare them for their upcoming year of home assignment.

Herreid Baptist Church - Herreid, SD
 Pastor Brandon & Marci Jones

Around the World

***JORDAN** - 96.5% Muslim; 2.2% Christian

Jordan is a significant Middle East power located in the crossroads of the Holy Land; it is one of only two Arab nations to have made peace with Israel. With few natural resources, it struggles with economic difficulties, unemployment and a burgeoning population. Jordan has taken in more than 600,000 Syrian refugees since 2011; in addition, a fresh wave of Iraqi refugees arrived in 2014. The official religion is Islam, but the State generally supports religious freedom. Traditionally, Christians have had few difficulties in Jordan, and even "quiet" evangelism has been allowed. However, Christians in Jordan increasingly face persecution from their families, employers and society. "Honor killings", wherein a Muslim family kills a Christian family member for leaving Islam, has increased in recent years. Many traditional Christians have left, but the number of evangelicals continues to grow as people come to Christ.

***Conflicts and Needs: South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen**

Congratulations to Hal & Kristin (Giedt) Luther on the birth of Kendal Rose on January 31, weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz.! Grandparents are Dean & Doris Giedt.

Happy Belated Birthday!
 Ellen Pfeiffer celebrated her birthday on February 3!

GIVING REPORT

Benevolent	\$10.00
YTD Budget	\$43,597.84
Building	\$20,050.00
YTD General Fund	\$31,344.26
Gen. Fund Total	\$51,394.26

LOVE & RESPECT video Marriage Conference will be held March 11-12 at Metropolitan Baptist, Fargo, ND. Costs are **\$15/person** through Feb. 29; **\$20/person** after Feb. 29. Register at www.loveandrespect.com

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?

New Address New Email Address

Mr. | Mrs. | Miss. | Ms

Attendee Member Visitor

I came as a guest of: _____