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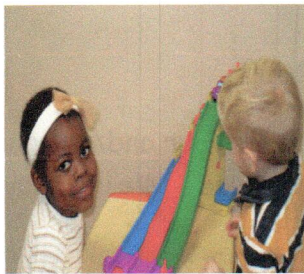
**NEW LIFE
CHRISTIANCHURCH**
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*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation
for your Life. Colossians 2:7*

February 2019

JANUARY 6TH: NEW YEAR FOR NEW LIFE LUNCHEON

We originally planned this lunch as a celebration of the New Year. A time to look ahead to the opportunities that God has planned for us. However, God orchestrated a much bigger and better event. We had the honor of meeting Dafca and the Kooiman family and hearing their story of obedience, love, hope, sacrifice, trust, and blessing.



Dafca and Ben



Noah, Haley, Cathy & Matt

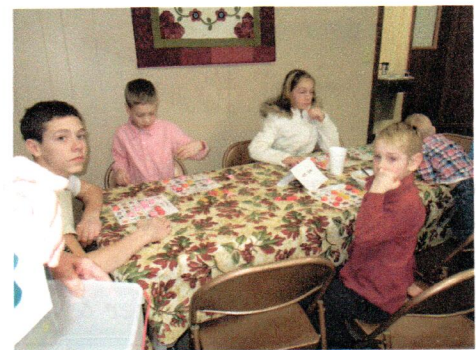


Dafca, Ben and Andrew

Last summer Haley Kooiman obeyed God's leading to go on a second mission trip to Haiti where she reunited Dafca, a sweet little girl who she had fallen in love with on her first trip. After Haley came back home, she received word that Dafca had been badly injured by a downed power line and had lost both arms. She was not doing well. The Kooiman family determined to help her in any way they could. Matt ended up, in a series of amazing Divine interventions, bringing her back to the US in October. She spent time in a Boston hospital recovering and then went to Chicago to be fitted with a prosthetic arm. After the initial adjustment, she is learning to use it very proficiently. She can even do a puzzle with it. She will be going to Chicago soon for a checkup and back to Boston for more skin grafts. Also, another couple is seeking to adopt her. Please continue to keep sweet, brave Dafca and the Kooiman family in your prayers as they continue on this blessed journey.

JANUARY 27TH, SUPER SOUP R BOWL DINNER

Neither the Packers nor the Vikings are playing in the Super Bowl, but we can still have a party. Lots of wonderful soups, breads, salads, and desserts were thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to all who furnished food and helped. And special thanks to Pauline, AL & Ruth who put together a great bingo game for the kids. They had fun and each took prizes and a goodie bag home.



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LOOKING AHEAD



Family Fun Night

Friday, February 1 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annual Celebration Service

Sunday, February 3

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 9 @ 8:00 AM

Sweets for your Sweetie

Sunday, February 10

Creamery Creek Church Services

Sunday, February 10 @ 1:30 p.m.

Reach Meeting

Monday, February 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, February 28

Badger Crossing @ 6:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Each Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Woodcarving

Each Wednesday @ 1:00 pm

John Stout 638-2408

Fitness for New Life

Each Tuesday @ 6:15 pm

Greeters for December



February 3 - Carole Hopper & Charlotte Mills

February 10 - Kevin Hauge & Al Lorr

February 17 - Ralph & Sheila Petersheim

February 24 - Pat Horkheimer & Vickie

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be starting a new 7-session study on February 6 called Job: A Story of Unlikely Joy by Lisa Harper.

If you have experienced any kind of pain in your life, this study will help you find God's hope and healing. Each session will include a video teaching by Lisa Harper and a group discussion to follow.

Please sign up and indicate if you would like to order a workbook (\$13).

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE

Sunday, February 10



Please sign up to bring your and/or your sweetie's favorite sweets to share. We'll all have a very sweet time.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

SUNDAY MORNING

Adult Discipleship 9:00 a.m.

Studying the book of Hebrews

Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

For all ages

Studying God's Story

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Good News in a Changing World

The Book of Mark

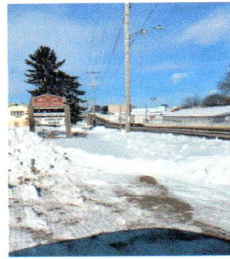
Prayer Request: Contact Paul at 608-632-3888 or email paulroberts@mwt.net

New Life Vision Statement

Our vision ... is to become a community of believers who **look like Christ**, seeking to **change lives** within the church, across the street and around the world.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

We have some real impressive snow banks piled up around the building. While winter was slow in coming, it's definitely catching up. The last weeks of January brought about a foot of drifted snow. These pictures emphasize the scope of the cleanup necessary to keep our property safe after a storm like this. MANY thanks to Paul and everyone else who helped clean up.



Winter is here, and with it comes the necessity of keeping our parking lot and sidewalks safe. We have the snowblower and shovels; we need the willing volunteers to run them. Please, Please, Please contact Paul or Pauline if you can help.

Ray Huim, from Insite, did a two week work evaluation cleaning our church. Ray was very excited to have the opportunity to work outside of VARC. Pauline bought cookies and a Green Bay Packer coffee mug to show how much we appreciated everything that he had done.

WANT TO SERVE? Please check out the bulletin board to see what supplies are needed or what projects we would like to complete. Choose an item, and let the office know when it is done. Thanks for all your help

REACH: *New comer welcome mailers:* We sent out 12 welcome packets to people who have moved into the area. If you know of any new residents, please let us know. We will be sending out the mailers on February 13th.

- **The Jail Library Ministry** is an outreach to serve people who are incarcerated in the Vernon County Jail. We will be taking the third box to the jail soon. If you have some to donate, please leave them in the collection box. You never know which book might change the life of a prisoner.
- **Nursing Home Ministry** visits the local nursing homes and ministers to the resident's needs. Ruth reports that the residents of the nursing homes where we sang Christmas carols want to thank us. They enjoyed our songs. Contact Ruth Sinn if you'd like to participate. Phone 317-627-0017 or email rgsinn.78@gmail.com

If you have a heart for fellowship and/or reaching the lost for Jesus, consider joining our group. We meet on 2nd Monday of each month and organize our gatherings and our community outreach.

Valentine's Day goes back to 269AD when two Christians named Valentine from Terni and Rome were martyred. February 14th was the day chosen to honor them. We will be celebrating **Valentine Day**, so let's consider the beginning of love...**"GOD"**.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

Dearest heavenly Father,

We thank you for the precious gift of love that you have given to the world. Thank you for blessing us with this love and the strength that we get from you every day. Without your love for us, we can't be....we can't function....we can't even breathe... because we **NEED** your love to sustain us.

Please continue to let us feel your comforting love in our life and Lord we give self over to you to perfect in us this gift of love...that we may be able to express it and share it with others. Lord...we want to be like your Son Jesus...so please continue the work you are doing in our life so that our hearts will be like yours. In Jesus name I pray.

Supported Missions update

A Story of Hope in India



Pastor, EK Durairaj and two new believers in India

Thank you for your generosity to touch the world's most vulnerable through the ministry of FAME. Because of you, we hear many **STORIES of HOPE** from our global partners, and 2018 was filled with lives being changed one-family-at-a-time. Let me tell you the story of this man and his wife holding Bibles they received immediately after their baptisms. He was a strong Hindu believer who would lead a group of people for the pilgrimages to visit temples in different places and different states in all around India.

All of sudden he fell sick and was admitted to the hospital. Previously he had taken treatment from several doctors and made prayers to several goddesses to find a "cure." But his condition became critical. One FAME hospital ministry partner had an opportunity to meet him and prayed for him. He was given a Gospel of John and asked to read this gospel. Within two days our partner received a call from his wife telling that he wanted to meet and hear more about Christ Jesus. By the time he came back to his house from the hospital they went and explained the plan of salvation and prayed. Praise the Lord he was cured by God and the treatment AND he understood that Jesus Christ is the only God and Savior. He and his wife obeyed the Gospel and were baptized. All throughout that area people are surprised on his decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

That is a Story of Hope – that is YOUR story of influence.

Gratitude from Ghana



FAME Scholarship Recipient, Belinda Ayumu, Ghana

Thank you for your prayers and support to the ministry of FAME. Whether your gifts are designated for a specific project, a short-term trip, the shipping of medical supplies or the FAME general fund, your generosity is making a difference in lives around the world as the most vulnerable are being helped both physically and spiritually in the name of Christ. One of the sustainable projects we have at FAME is our Impact Scholarship Program. This program helps bright, Christian young people who are pursuing a medical education with the funding needed for their schooling. These students must be from a developing nation and be recommended by one of our partner missions. Last month FAME received a thank you note from Belinda

Ayumu of Ghana, expressing her gratitude to us (and you) for providing the funds needed for her nursing education.

I will say that the scholarship has really been of help to me as a person and even as someone serving God in my small way. It has been a dream come true for me to be able to pursue a nursing program and even being in my final year now gives me great joy. I have also been able to meet with a different caliber of people and God has used me in one way or the other to impact their lives positively and also be able to preach Christ to them. I really appreciate the support from FAME and wish that the God Lord continues to provide for them to be able to touch more lives than they are doing now.

Donations to FAME make it possible for students like Belinda to prepare to serve the Lord through medical evangelism!