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September

2018

MARION MEDICAL MISSION - 2018

What happens when followers of Jesus Christ in Africa and in North America unite in a mission to provide clean water to hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children living in Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and countless villages in that area? God is *glorified*. The church *rejoices*. Lives are *saved*.

Haven't you heard of this ministry? The following definition comes directly from the official website: "Marion Medical Mission is an ecumenical, Christian, front-line, hands-on, volunteer, non-profit organization that responds to Christ's call to serve by working hand in hand with God's people in Africa. We show the love of Christ through projects that directly impact the African people, stressing self-help and sustainability."

I will be heading to Africa to witness this first-hand. I am on "Team One," a group of about 20 people from all around this country who will be there for three weeks (September 16 - October 6). We will help transport materials to the installation sites, document the well locations, and lead a well dedication service to the glory of God. Team Two will be overseas for the following three weeks. Pray for this mission! This is my first time - pray for me! I expect to be humbled by God's love through God's people.

For over 30 years, this God-inspired ministry has been doing what is humanly impossible. Over 4 million people have received clean water in the name of Jesus. The cost per well has come down to about \$400 as the construction methods have become ever more efficient. 100% of all donated money goes to well construction, as volunteers pay their own expenses (or, in my case, have churches backing them).

Thank you God, for this mission. Thank God for giving director Tom Logan this vision back in 1985. Thank God for the church in Africa. Thank you for taking the time to read about MMM.

For more information about this God-honoring and people-empowering ministry, visit www.mmmwater.org.

Yours in Christ,
 Pastor Matthew

Sunday Worship
 Adult Bible Study
 8:30 a.m.

Worship Service
 9:30 a.m.

Children's Church
 9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)
 *Childcare provided

Pastor
 Rev. Matthew Froeschle

Treasurer
 John Swick

Youth Director
 Toby Montgomery

Administrative Assistant
 Cherry Wishard

Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday, September 11th at the home of Sue Armstrong, 509 Fox Lake Dr., Charleston. Connie Buescher has the lesson. Please read Chapter 5 in your study book "Cloud of Witnesses". Jean Jones has devotions. If you wish to car pool, meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Alice Jeisy at 644-2625

State Track Winners

Athletes from Kemmerer Village competed in the Illinois inter-Agency Athletic Association State Track meet May 19, 2018 in Riverton, Illinois. Our children worked hard and were rewarded for their effort. Kemmerer Village brought home two 1st place ribbons, six 2nd place ribbons and an assortment of other awards. Most importantly, we brought home children with a new sense of accomplishment and self-worth. They excelled at being coachable, good teammates and humble athletes.

Athletics really are about more than competition at Kemmerer Village.



September 7th Kemmerer Village hosts their 25th Annual Charity Golf Classic! They are hoping to fill the course with 36 teams, so gather your group and make this year the best yet. The outing is at the breathtaking Oak Terrace in Pana, IL. There is over \$3000 in cash prizes up for grabs and no one leave empty handed. If you can join for golf, have a business able to provide a sponsorship or even just a donation to give please contact them.

We thank you all for your support.

Request for Reading! We could use your help getting the books our kids want into their hands! We currently have lots of requests for the Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings series. If you have these and you would be interested in donating please contact Autumn Warren at 217-226-2131 or autumn.warren@kvchristian.k12.il.us If you would be interested in purchasing these for a child you can go to the Kemmerer Village Amazon wish list and they'll ship straight to us. Remember Amazon Smile first and they will donate to us anytime you shop on Amazon.

DO YOU have a heart for children's ministry? If so, on Sunday, September 2nd anyone who is wanting to help out with Children's Church will meet in the Parlor right after church for a small meeting. During the meeting we will be going over what is to be expected as well as a sign up sheet for what Sunday you would like to run Children's Church. Curriculum will be supplied to you by me (Toby) or you can have the freedom to think of your own lesson as well. Either way is just fine! Last year we had at least 6-7 different teachers throughout the year and the kids really get to know different people and get different experiences. It is truly a great ministry for them. If you would like to come please do! Hope to see you there! –Toby

CALLING ALL LOGOS VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Logos is getting ready to kick off on Wednesday, September 12th from 5:30-7:30pm. We are looking for any volunteers that would love to help. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, September 9th at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall! During the meeting we will be going over what it takes to be a healthy volunteer as well as assigning table parents, kitchen staff, or any other duties that we might see fit. It truly is a wonderful ministry that really builds intergenerational relationships with the kids and adults alike. If this sounds like something that you would like to take part in, please come to the meeting! We would love to have you! See you then! –Toby

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Head Usher List for September

September 2

Anna Marie Froeschle

September 9

Diane & Dave Coen

September 16

Pam Montgomery

September 23

Phyllis Phillips

September 30

Terry & Joyce Seldomridge



**Food pantry items
are being gathered.**

Please keep the food coming
to help those in need.

Food may be left in a box in the

Narthex

September: Baby food (jars)



Keep saving the Box Tops for Education
for

Kemmerer Village.

Place them in the box in the
Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to all who save them.

Sarah Circle

will meet at 10:30 on Tuesday
morning, September 11th, in the
church parlor. Bobbie McRoberts
will have devotions and Blanche
Mills will lead the discussion as we
conclude the video/discussion on
what makes us happy
Anyone interested in participating
in this study is invited to attend.



September 8

Brookelynn Figgins

September 9

Donita Faris

September 12

Gayla McDaniel

September 20

Lindel Martin

Jan Ronchetti

September 21

Paul Daily

September 23

Sharon Barta

September 24

Kathy Saunders

September 27

Bill Saunders



Deacons' Picnic

September 9th after service.



Continued prayers

**For those having
treatments for
medical conditions:**

Mavis Bagby

Kathy Beaver

Jean Beard

Earl Bennett

Joan Dickens

Evelyn Furry

Jo & Harlan Heller

Jeremiah Parker

Dorothy Phillips

Betty & Bob Miller

Betty Martin

Elnor Oliver

**For all those who are
serving in Armed
Forces, including:**

Matt Gathmann

Kyle & Kelly Martin

Hunter S. McRoberts



September 2

John & Melanie Smitley

Earl & Becky Bennett

September 4

Lon & Mary-Nance Miller

September 5

Joe & Connie Buescher

September 15

Terry & Joyce Seldomridge



Sunday, September 2

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
SMS 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 3

Labor Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5

Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Membership Committee 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 6

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 9

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Deacons Picnic
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle 10:30 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle 7:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12

Stewardship & Finance Meeting 1:15 p.m.
B & G Meeting 2:15 p.m.
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 13

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18

PEO 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Mission Committee 6:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 23

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 24

Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26

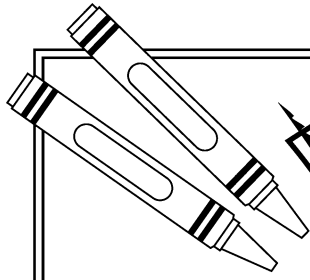
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 27

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
PEO 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 30

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.



PUZZLE

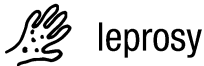
IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.



blind



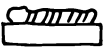
leprosy



lame



deaf



dead



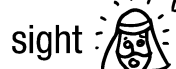
hear



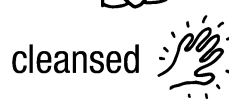
walk



raised



sight

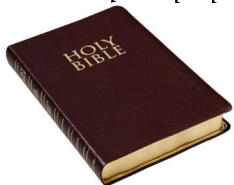


cleansed

The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
who have _____ are _____, the _____
_____, the _____ are _____

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, NIV



Devouring the Word While traveling in Scotland, the great evangelist Charles Spurgeon came across a very old, worn Bible at a wayside inn. As he examined the book and held it up toward the light, he noticed a small hole where a worm had eaten from cover to cover.

“Lord, make me a bookworm like that,” Spurgeon said. “From Genesis to Revelation, it has gone clear through the Bible.”

Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.



What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

What you do:

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon “Miracles happen!” (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.

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Return Service Requested

THE FIRST ALERT

September