

SCC News

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Do It Anyway

Pastor Andy Husmann, Visitation Pastor

The following is from my files. When I received it, there was no name of the author(s) attached. So, credit goes to whomever is due. Nevertheless, here is some good food for thoughtful hearts.

Some People can be unreasonable, self centered and hard to love. **Love them anyway.** If you do good, some people will accuse you of having selfish ulterior motives. **Do good anyway.** The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. **Do good today and tomorrow anyway.** Honesty may sometimes make you vulnerable and misunderstood. **Always be honest anyway.** What you may spend years accumulating and building may be gone overnight. **Build anyway.** People who need help do not always appreciate the help you give them. **Help them anyway.** Encouraging others can be discouraging when they reject your efforts. **Encourage them anyway.** Sometimes praying seems to be futile as nothing ever changes. **Pray without ceasing anyway.** Often our good deeds are unappreciated, not applauded and unrecognized. **Do good deeds anyway.** Sometimes, yes, maybe even often, we become weary in well doing. **Keep on doing anyway.** There may be those who do not respond to our sharing Christ with them. **Share Christ anyway.**

Church Events

- **May 13—Mother's Day Outreach Event 9:30AM**
- **May 17—Keenagers Hymn Sing 7:00PM**
- **May 23— "Conversations With God" Prayer Event 6:30PM**
- **May 27— Youth Bowling Night Outreach Event 5:30-7:30PM**
- **May 29—Serve at Supper House 3:45PM**
- **Youth Serve at Hope's Outlet in Grand Haven—Time TBA**

SCC Youth

David Jaeger, Youth Director

Hey everyone! I hope you are all doing well in this very confusing season of springtime in Michigan. This month we are studying through the letter of Ephesians. As we study through this book learning more about Christian living and who our incredible God is, please pray for us. Pray that God would speak through all the leaders and that student's hearts would be changed for the furthering of the gospel at home, school, etc. Something new we are trying this month is called "The Life Book." Put simply, it is the book of John presented in a way that students can more easily identify with it, understand, and hand out at school. Please contact me if you would like to have some Life Books of your own. We have plenty!

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SCC Kids

Lesa Jaeger, Children's Director

In the month of May, I will be focusing on pinning down a new curriculum for Children's church, as well as reformatting the classrooms so that we can separate the kids for more age appropriate lessons. Alongside new curriculum, I am looking to incorporate a kid's worship program so that we can introduce a time of worship that is suited better for children. Finally for this month, I am starting to prepare for our annual VBS, which will be held in July. Please keep in mind, we will be on the lookout for more volunteers as we initiate these changes and head into the fast approaching VBS!

Missional: Reaching Our Community

May brings us the holiday of Mother's Day. How many of us feel that we do enough for our Mother, or any of the women in our lives? Here at Shores Community Church on Sunday, May 13th, we will be holding a Mother's Day event. During this time, we want to show appreciation for all Mother's and women by showing them how loved and appreciated they truly are. The event will include breakfast goodies, a photo booth area, a card making station for kids, as well as a fun activity for families to do together. Bring the Mom's you know at 9:30AM and show them how thankful you are to have them in your life!

Prayer: Emphasis

Kathy Porter, Prayer Team

Prayer is a vital force taking place all week long at SCC. Each month an activity is available in order to keep corporate prayer at the forefront of all that happens in the church. Increase in attendance and personal prayers answered are some of the evidence of the fruit bearing of these efforts. Each person can and should try to attend these corporate Prayer events.

For the month of May, there will be a group gathering on the 23rd entitled "Conversations with God." This will be held at 6:30 PM at the church. We will be praying throughout the building for the many ministry opportunities that take place during this next season. Did you know that these prayer opportunities have a direct effect on the outcome of all that we do here at SCC? Won't you join us and invite a friend to come along as we involve ourselves in "Conversations with God". We need you there!

Annual Business Meeting

Pastor Nate Parsekian, Lead Pastor

The following is a report from our Annual Business Meeting:

- ◆ We received the financial reports and learned that we made 99.6% of our budget this past fiscal year which runs April 1st—March 31st. Praise the Lord!
- ◆ We amended the Church Constitution and By-Laws.
- ◆ We affirmed the Elder's recommendation for the continuing ministries of three independent contractors who are: Morgan Ottman, Children's Leader; David Jaeger, Youth director; and Lesa Jaeger, Children's Director.
- ◆ As per By-Laws, we deleted the names of seven individuals who have been inactive in our church for two years or longer.
- ◆ We received the following individuals into church membership upon their profession of faith and believers baptism: Kathleen Ayers, Otis Black, Lesa Jaeger, Ken Kieft, Liz Kieft, Makyla Lieb, Marilyn Rockey, Linnea Soderstrom, Mark Soderstrom, Scott Tjapkes, as well as Jennifer Kern pending upon believers baptism.
- ◆ We adopted the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, totaling \$310,515.

Missions

Bob Lenz, Deacon of Missions

I was jarred by a statement that I read in one of the mission magazine quarterlies: Other than India and China which have the most unreached people groups, the United States has the third largest number of unreached people groups in the world. An unreached people refers to "an ethnic group without an indigenous self-propagating Christian church movement, and without enough Christians to evangelize the rest of that ethnic group." If you have been to Chicago, you know whereof that term comes to life in the ethnic neighborhoods of that city. Yes, there are probably churches among each group, but they lack a Christian church movement. This calls for outside help, or missional personnel, to help reach these people with the Gospel of Christ. There are some 1,521 languages in the world that have the New Testament, and another 1,121 languages that have a portion of the Bible. Still there are 2,200 languages that do not have the Bible in their language. Most of these languages are in India, China, Africa, and New Guinea.

When a person reads statistics like these, the average church member is apt to wonder what this has to do with his/her daily life. What does a people in some foreign country have to do with my daily struggle of meeting house and car payments, providing adequate food budgets, keeping the cars operating, meeting medical expenses and paying fees for school and medical insurance? Most of us look at the answer to that question from a financial standpoint only. In reading the Bible, and especially the Gospels, we get a different perspective. Jesus talked more about a person's heart attitude, than anything else. Following Him in obedience leads to a concern for a lost world. Living in a financially responsible manner does not contradict our involvement in "being on mission" for the concerns of others. We need to ask the Lord daily in what way we can have His heart for lost people. Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost. As His followers, we should have that same burden. That may involve giving, but it also means to pray regularly for people and nations that God lays on our hearts, as well as the possibility of serving Him should He open doors for us to do so.

Birthday's and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To:

- 2—Shawn McPherson
- 3—Sonja Thomas
- 4—Linda Herbert
- 5—Stacey Jasick
- 12—Thea Near
- 13—Missionary Ana Hill
- 15—Iyllia Carrico
- 16—Missionary Laura Hill
- 17—Emily Lieb
- 18—Kathy Porter
- 20—Sally Howell
- 21—Donald Gilson
- 24—Rev. Andy Husmann
- 25—Linda Corinti
- 25—LeeNae Domsten

- 25—Erdene McHenry
- 25—Evelyn Vincent
- 26—Kaysey Cooper
- 27—Missionary Sara Hill
- 30—Maxine Anderson
- 31—Kevin Cooper

Happy Anniversary To:

- 11—Nathan and Kathleen Ayers
- 11—Jack and Sharon Swainston
- 16—John and Bonnie Gorenflo
- 17—Max and Ruth Wohlfard
- 25—Rick and Darlynn Cooper
- 26—Missionaries Doug and Stephanie Lewis
- 30—Missionaries Steve and Nopaluck Cable
- 30—David and Lesa Jaeger

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Our new series starting the first Sunday in May is called Kingdom Builders. As followers of Jesus Christ, we ought to employ our gifts, talents, and abilities to build God's Kingdom. This series highlights a core value of our church: God has called us to ministry. We are actively serving in an area of ministry to further God's work not only at Shores, but in Muskegon County. We build up God's Kingdom for His glory!

We will deal with topics like "Understanding how God has gifted us," and "Why we serve." We also will give out a Build catalog to encourage everyone to find ways to serve at SCC. This is a can't miss series!

