

THE LORD'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

“We welcome you today!”

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

“WRESTLING WITH GOD”

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

Genesis 32:22-32 (Pew Bible: Page 53)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.
Both are available on request.*

Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE

“AFFLICTED BUT NOT CRUSHED”

THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Acts 16:16-34 (Pew Bible: Page 1721)

MEMBER MINISTRY

Sara DeHaan, Grace & Kylie Sheaffer (AM)

Shelley Heijerman, Hope & Katie Doezema (AM)

TODAY: Kevin Jager, Sam Mensch

NEXT WEEK: Ben DeHaan, Greg Schaafsma

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
HALL MONITORS

The **Sunday School Kick-Off** is today! Are you making plans to join us? **We will have an Ice Cream Social after the morning service.** The kids will go to their classrooms (see today's insert for details) to meet and greet their teachers and then join the rest of us for ice cream.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups will kick-off tonight at 5:30 p.m. Invite your friends for a night of fun, food and fellowship! We will meet on the lower level.

MRC Seniors will resume their **Bible Study/Luncheon** gatherings on Friday, October 29, at 11:00 a.m. **STILL NEEDED:** Volunteers to prepare and serve the luncheon. If interested, call Pastor Mark.

Parents: Kids of Light will begin next Sunday, September 26.

We are **looking for volunteers** to assist at The Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. This is a great ministry to be a part of it! Please contact Diane DeVries if you can help at 269.720.0382 or dianedv16@gmail.com.

GYM REMODEL: The Gym will be closed until further notice due to painting and installation of a new floor.

Quilting Group: We will **not** be meeting in October. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School (meets in the Sanctuary): Starting next Sunday, September 26, for four weeks, Ken Harthorn will be leading a class on the book entitled, *Just Walk across the Room* by Bill Hybels. This is a book on how we can be a better witness to those around us, those that we work with, and how by simply crossing the room and saying “hello” to someone, we could change that person's life forever. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back for anyone that would like a book. If you have any questions, contact Ken Harthorn or Harvey Leep.

Arnie and Irene Blain will be married 50 years in October! You are invited to help them celebrate on Saturday, October 2, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Big Rock Music Barn, 1125 – 122nd Ave, Martin. No gifts please.

Women's Bible Study starts this Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., in the Youth Room. Please drive around to the lower level and enter through the doors near the Gym. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Nancy DeWolff at 269.808.7844.

Parents/Kids: Big d.o.G.'s (for kids 4-years-old – 5th grade) starts this Wednesday, September 22. ***We also need volunteers to sign up to bring snacks for Big D.o.G.s. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk.***

We would like to express our deep gratitude to our family at MRC for upholding us in prayer during some difficult times these last few months, as well as all the phone calls, visits, baked goodies, care and concern shown. Also, thanks to Linda Hammer and her Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies for the absolutely beautiful golf themed fleece blanket.. It is a blessing to be a part of this wonderful and loving church family. ~Frank and Margaret Schram

Martin Resource is in need of the following items for September: Peanut Butter / Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Tuna, Healthy Snacks, Graham Crackers, Cracker Packs, Pudding / Jello and Juice Boxes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

Our **Third Quarter Faith Mission Offering** is designated for Nathan and Haley Block and the work they are doing with Scripture Memory Mountain Mission in Emmalena, KY. If you would like to contribute, you may place your offering if any offering plate.

Requested Announcement

East Martin Christian School's **78th annual Harvest Sale** will be held on Saturday, October 9. Invite your friends to a fun evening of food and fellowship. Dinner will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with the Live Auction starting at 5:00 p.m. Some of the items auctioned off will include: classroom projects, homemade goodies, fresh produce, handmade items and fun activities. For more details visit us at <https://eastmartin.org>

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WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

MRC ELDERS:

Doug Geurink, Harvey Leep, Bob Modreske, Jerry Pols, John Schipper, Troy Timmer.

MRC DEACONS:

Kyle Katje, Ben Lyon, Sam Mensch, Steve Pott, Ben Schipper, John Smit.

Life of the Congregation September 19, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation and refreshments in the Narthex Area.
- 10:45 AM** Sunday School classes – Preschool – 12th grade will go to their classes and meet the teacher and then join everyone else for Ice Cream.
- 5:30 PM** Jr. & Sr. High Youth will have their kick-off on the lower level – until 7:30 p.m.
- 6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.

MONDAY

- **NO Women's Volleyball** due to the Gym being closed.

TUESDAY

- 9:00 AM** Senior Chair Exercise in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.
- 6:30 PM** Women's Bible Study will meet in the Youth Room.

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.
- 6:00 PM** Big d.o.G.s (4-years-old thru 5th grade) will meet in the Sanctuary. **Please pick up your child(ren) in the upstairs Friendship Area at 7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY

- 9:00 AM** Senior Chair Exercise in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **John Bancino** will have surgery on September 28. Pray for a safe and successful surgery.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** in her battle against cancer.
- *** **Esther Scholten, Laurel Schipper's mom**, has returned to her home at Freedom Village for more therapy. Pray for healing.
- *** **Keith Smit, John's dad**, had a heart catheterization this past week and doctors placed two stents. Pray for complete healing.
- *** Pray for **Myles Snyder, Keith and Alyssa Snyder's three-year-old son**. Myles has been battling health issues for much of his young life (reactive airway disease, low iron, wonky red cells, low or high sugar) and he now has an appointment at the U of M in November. Pray that doctors are able to figure things out, and pray also for **Myles and his brothers Tyson and Gavyn** as they presently all have RSV.
- *** **Emily Veld** is still struggling with double vision. Continue to pray for improved vision.
- *** Pray for **MRC moms** expecting babies.
- *** Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- *** Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Doug** (Wes & Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Chris Davis** (Linda Benwire's son); **Sharon Fitzpatrick** (Sandy Knooihuizen's mom); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Daryl VanderPloeg** (Pat DeHaan's brother); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** **Praise God** for another MRC Educational year.

Sunday Evening - September 19, 2021
Pastor Mark Heijerman

6:00 P. M.:

We Gather As God's People

Prelude – Carol Jager

Welcome

We Praise God in Song

Opening Prayer

Song Service (John Schipper)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #44: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34 (Pew Bible: Page 1721)

Message: “*AFFLICTED BUT NOT CRUSHED*”

Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #47 (vs. 1-3): “God Will Take Care of You”

Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #47 (last verse): “God Will Take Care of You”

Postlude