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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM



Jack and Bonnie supported Good News Productions International for many years, and continued doing so after death through their estate. When a representative from GNPI was scheduled to be the area, he invited us for breakfast. We thought it would be an informational meeting about their ministry, but their reason for coming was to introduce us to Fernando Basso.

Fernando and his wife Janaine, along with their boys Benicio, Timoteo and Tito, are missionaries in Madagascar. Fernando was an agricultural engineer in Brazil, but he and his wife felt God was calling them to serve in Africa. After learning of the need for someone with knowledge of agriculture to help on the mission field, they moved there. After being welcomed, they were told they would be on their own because the other missionaries were all leaving.

Fernando had been led into a deeper relationship with Christ by watching the Jesus film that has been translated into nearly 2,000 languages and shown billions of times throughout the world, so he decided that would be a good way to introduce Jesus to the villages in southern Madagascar. In order to show the film he needed a solar-powered projector, so he reached out to GNPI. With their help and encouragement he has trained a team of pastors who have shown the film in over half of the 500 Bara villages, established over 200 churches, and started several ministries for children.

We just met him three weeks ago, but were so impressed by his ministry that we are excited to present him as another missionary for us to support.

God Bless, Rick



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
DECEMBER 8th 9:15

STATISTICS		
	11/3	
Worship		106
Offering		\$5,429.65
	11/10	
Worship		111
Offering		\$7,927.53
	11/17	
Worship		102
Offering		\$4,033.53
	11/24	
Worship		109
Offering		\$13,685.77

AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS & FINANCIAL PROJECTION

The elders will introduce themselves for the sake of our newer members and present the financial projection for 2025 during the worship service on December 1st. Everyone will then be given the opportunity to affirm them and the projection of \$369,210, requiring an average weekly offering of \$7,100, on the 15th.



Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to meet at the church at 5:30, December 22nd, to go Christmas caroling. We will be singing for Lee and other residents at Regency Care and several church members in their homes.



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 7:00 on December 24th. As has become our custom in recent years, our celebration will include a presentation from the children's musical as well as specials from groups and individuals who are willing to share their love for Christ and Christmas through music. We will end the evening by sharing in the Lord's Supper, lighting candles, and singing Silent Night together.

Those who are willing to bring a special are encouraged to let Rick know as soon as possible so the program can be put together.



The mailbox in the hallway is ready for congregational Christmas greetings.



Junior High/High School

As the holiday season approaches, we can anticipate one of our most festive traditions—the White Elephant Gift Exchange! Join us for an evening of laughs, surprises, and a little friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a first-timer to the event, it promises to be a merry occasion filled with unexpected treasures and plenty of holiday spirit.

Everyone needs to bring a gift. Ideally, you will find a quirky, funny, or even a nice gift around the house that you are not using anymore. Wrap it up and let's games begin! Each person will draw a number to determine the order of choosing gifts. The first person will select a gift from the pile and unwrap it. The next person can either steal the unwrapped gift or choose a new one from the pile. Remember, a gift can only be stolen three times, so choose wisely!

Our White Elephant Gift Exchange will be here at the church during youth group time on December 15th. We'll have hot chocolate, cookies, and plenty of festive tunes to keep the holiday vibes going strong! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.



Kindergarten-5th Grade

I'll be looking for a time over Christmas break for us to jump and run around together at Sky Zone! We can talk more about it in Junior Worship on Sunday and as firm plans emerge, I'll be sure to update everyone during announcement time on Sunday morning.

THE AMAZING RACE

Junior High/High School

Are you ready to embark on an action packed journey around Springfield filled with challenges, excitement, and a healthy dose of competition? If so, then get ready because the Amazing Race will be happening on Sunday, December 29th and you won't want to miss it!

Start thinking about who you might want on your team because this race is all about strategy, teamwork, and, of course, having a blast. You'll be racing against the clock—and other teams—through a series of fun and challenging tasks that will test your wits, creativity, and maybe even your sense of direction! Who knows where the race will take you next?

Also, somewhere along the way, you will be required to complete a food challenge that could get a little gross, or if I am feeling nice this year, might involve mass quantities of something good instead. Either way, it will be a challenge. The first team to cross the finish line will win bragging rights as the ultimate race champions!

Plan on meeting back at the church around 2:30 that Sunday afternoon. Please bring \$15 for the race and \$10 to play Broomball from 8:00-9:00 later that evening at the Nelson Center. I don't think we will be concluding with dodgeball as we have done in years past, but rather we will call it a night after Broomball which will put us back to CCC around 9:30pm.

Whether you're in it to win it or just for the fun, this Amazing Race promises to be a memorable day for everyone. I'll post a sign-up sheet soon, but in the meantime, be solidifying your team and get ready to race to the finish line!