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Don't Neglect the Importance of Pre-Evangelism

(Taken from PAUSE & Ponder - Monthly Evangelism Encouragement by Dr. Larry Moyer)

Evangelism is simply sharing the good news of Jesus with the intent to see someone place their trust in Him for salvation. But it's more than that as well. There is a pre-evangelistic component that can be a critical part of sharing the gospel.

Pre-evangelism is the process that leads up to the gospel. It can include everything from basic small talk, taking time to understand someone's story, to sharing ideas or simply sharing life. It can also include answering general or specific questions about faith, the Bible, or God to help someone see the truth of Christ. Because we never want to force the gospel on anyone, but rather present the gospel to those who would like to hear it, pre-evangelism can be critical in the process of reaching others. There is no time limit assigned

to it either. However long it takes, the most important component to pre-evangelism is an authentic compassion and sincerity for the person with whom you're speaking.

How can you be more proactive in the area of pre-evangelism with people God has placed around you?



Today is Missionary Sunday and today as well as future 5th Sundays, we will attempt to focus on various geographic areas around the world where we can pray for gospel saturation.

MISSIONS FOCUS

TANZANIA OVERVIEW:

Though the Tanzanian government generally seeks to protect Christians from persecution, they still face significant opposition in Muslim-majority areas along the coast and in western regions. Tanzania is also home to many unreached tribal groups who are resistant to the

gospel. Like many countries in Africa, Tanzania is being targeted by Muslim groups outside the country. Even so, local churches in Tanzania boldly work to spread the gospel.

MAJOR RELIGION:

51 percent of Tanzanians are Christians, including 10 percent evangelicals. However, 99 percent of those living in the Zanzibar archipelago, along Tanzania's coast, are Muslims.

PERSECUTOR:

Christians are persecuted by community members and organized Islamist groups in Muslim-majority areas.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN TANZANIA:

Christians can freely practice their faith, but they are oppressed and harassed in predominantly Muslim areas. Persecution ranges from family pressure to the burning of churches and homes. On the island of Zanzibar, the local government works to quietly close churches, prevent the establishment of new ones and force pastors to leave. In the predominantly Muslim areas, Christians, especially converts from Islam, are often ostracized by their

communities and prevented from obtaining jobs.
ACCESS TO BIBLES:
 Bibles are readily available in most areas, but they can be difficult for believers to obtain in remote, predominantly Muslim areas.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for pastors who have been forced to move or had homes destroyed.
- Pray for Christian converts from Islam, who suffer greatly at the hands of family members
- Pray for pastors in Zanzibar who are falsely accused by neighbors and subjected to lengthy legal cases.
- Pray for foreign missionaries, many of whom have been deported after having their work permits revoked.
- Pray that Christians in predominantly Muslim areas will be bold and courageous witnesses.

Source: Voices of the Martyrs Magazine



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the Sunday school as we study the book of Galatians from an evangelism/discipleship perspective. We will study Paul's strategies for witnessing, his use of apologetics and his relational style within the context of the culture he lived in. Come, let's grow together!

SIBLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SENIOR ASSOCIATION CLUB MEMORY PROGRAMS INITIATIVE

You are invited to join monthly Care Partner Support Groups. Via Zoom on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month beginning August 9th and August 23rd 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (EST). Register in advance for the meetings with Jihan Starr, Community Dementia Program Manager at jstarr12@jhmi.edu or 202-660-6822.



The next question and answer session will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at 6pm via conference call. Questions can be placed in the box outside the church office or emailed to SoulCare@bethesdaweb.org

SPRING 2022 MEMORY VERSES

- Psalm 23
- 1 Thess. 1:6
- 1 Thess. 2:7
- 1 Thess. 2:14a
- 1 Thess. 3:12
- 1 Thess. 4:7
- 1 Thess. 4:16-17
- Matthew 28:6
- 1 Thess. 5:8
- 1 Thess. 5:24
- 2 Thess. 1:11-12
- Matthew 24:42
- 2 Thess. 3:1
- 2 Thess. 3:13

GIDEON BOOKS

"Please don't forget to pick up your life books from the Gideons. Each member is asked to pass out a minimum of 5. You can pick them up from the church office. Thank you!



Tuesday, August 2nd

6:00 pm

BBC Hour of Power

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83096366206?pwd=J7wZ8bwAcBA1snP5SgRuYhW4E2DsU.1>

Meeting ID:

830 9636 6206

Passcode: 199366

To use your cell phone or land line, please dial:

1. 301. 715. 8592

Meeting ID:

830 9636 6206#

Passcode: 199366#

Wednesday, August 3rd

10:00pm

Men's Prayer Hour

Conference Call-in

Number: 1.717.908.1972

Access: 875378#



EZRA YOUTH SEMINARY

The Ezra Youth Seminary will be holding a Youth Leadership Conference at the Museum of the Bible, **August 6, 10 AM to 2 PM for 5th thru 12th graders.** Please contact the church office if you know any youth interested in attending. Details can be found at <https://www.ezrayouthseminary.org>

FELLOWSHIP AT THE PARK

**Saturday, August 13th,
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.,** at the National Arboretum, Sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry. B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch). **Need Transportation? Call (202) 635-2883 by August 8th.** CHURCH-WIDE EVENT, ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!!!

EDUCATION SUNDAY

AUGUST 21st

Presentation of scholarships and honorees program following the worship services.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Bethesda Baptist Women's Ministry is hosting a **virtual book study on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from**

10am to noon. You are invited to read the book Fervent by Priscilla Shirer. The book shares specific strategies to strengthen your prayer life. The book can be purchased through Lifeway Bible.com, the Christian Book Store or Amazon. The approximate cost is \$ 10.00. The session is designed to be spiritually renewing and equipping in helping us as prayer warriors. If there are any questions, feel free to contact Sister Doris Young at 202.635.2883 or Sister Jennie Sanders at 301.390.4772.



Please continue to be in prayer for those identified on our prayer request listing as well as those individuals on our sick and shut-in list.

- Trustee Joe Sanders
- Deacon Lellon Gorham
- Deaconess Vassie Anderson
- Sister Beverly Daaku
- Brother Carrington Miller
- Sister Bonnie Banks
- Sister Barbara Henderson
- Deaconess Rose Holbert
- Brother Norman Fisher
- Brother Willie Green

- Sister Delaine Dobson
- Sister Christine Calhoun
- Sister Sharon Turner
- Hoyt Scott, III
- Edward M. Harper
- Matthew Lewis
- Sister Muriel Atkins
- Brother Tommie Holley
- Brother Tony Buie
- Sister Virginia Siebert
- Sister Lena Davis
- Sister Lucille Traverse



*Services for Deacon Assistant
Marshall Brown*

Saturday, August 6th

10:00 AM Viewing

*11:00 AM Homegoing Celebration
Bethesda Baptist Church*

*Please keep our bereaved families
in prayer.*

