



MEADOWLANDS

BAPTIST CHURCH

HAPPY
Mothers
DAY

Gifts are available in the lobby for each adult lady.

Nursery (0-3)

9:30 and 11 am

***Adult Bible Study Fellowship Groups**

9:30 or 11 am

***Children's Sunday School/Teens**

11 am

**Please see the Information Desk for locations and details.*

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

08 May | 9:30 or 11

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 PETER 2:9-10

HYMNS

4 "PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN"

29 "CREATION SINGS"

210 "I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 31:10-31

HYMNS

286 "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

185 "HERE IS LOVE"

64 "LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS"

MESSAGE

"A FAMILY'S FAITH"

HEBREWS 11:23

PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS

CLOSING HYMN

361 "BY FAITH"

BENEDICTION



THIS WEEK:

Wednesday Activities:

- Kids 4 Truth Classes
(Age 4 to grade 6)
- Teen Bible Study
- Adult Prayer and Bible Study in Auditorium

Saturday Food Prep & Gym Set-up for All-Church Luncheon

10-12

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help!

15 May:

Guest Speaker: MBC Missionary Herb Hunter
All-Church Luncheon: 12:30pm
Herb Hunter's Missionary Report: 1:30pm

16-21 May:

Foundation Baptist College Block Class
"Understanding Ecclesiastes"
Taught by Joel Arnold
Credit or Audit

21 May:

9-10am

Men's Breakfast with missionary Herb Hunter
Suggested donation of \$5 to help cover costs.
Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can attend.

22 May:

Youth and Parent activity: 12:30pm

MISSIONARY UPDATE



THE HUNTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Praying Friends,

At the beginning of Acts 13, Paul and his missionary team are dispatched from the church in Syrian Antioch to begin the work to which God has directed them. At the end of Acts 14, they return to share with the church the wonderful works which God has done. Although Paul and his team only reported back to one church (and we report back to something like 35), we can identify with this phase of Paul's ministry as we too spend our time in North America updating churches on the works of God we have witnessed in South Africa.

The last time I wrote, I was sitting in my sister's house near Portland, Maine. This time I am writing from downtown Edmonton, Alberta! We have covered over 20,000 kilometers (around 12,500 miles) in our travels. Since then, our Journey has taken us through several states and two Canadian provinces. And we're still moving west! By mid-June, we plan to be on the west coast of Canada for two meetings, and then we begin moving East again. Our last furlough meeting is scheduled for New Brunswick at the end of July and then Herb and Noah will make their way back to South Africa. Janet will follow a few weeks later after she gets Megan settled at Faith Baptist Bible College. Although the travel has been tiring, we want to finish furlough well, so pray with us that we will have the stamina and strength we need to complete the task ahead of us.

On March 6, after a great meeting at a supporting church in Hancock, Maine, we drove to Pennsylvania where we were blessed to connect with our teammates who are back in the USA for a time. From Pennsylvania, we drove to Ohio and enjoyed renewing friendships with our good friends. We even got to share a surprise lunch with the folks from New Brunswick who are graciously letting us use their house as a home base. From Ohio, we made it to Chicago, where we spent an overnight in the windy city. We showed Noah around the big city and even ate a slice (or two) of deep-dish pizza! We arrived in Minnesota on March 12, just in time for a missions conference at Fourth Baptist. On Wednesday of that week, we left and flew to Florida where we enjoyed another great missions conference at Calvary Baptist. Noah had his seventeenth birthday while in Florida, and the youth Pastor from Calvary Baptist joined him on Monday at Universal Studios theme park to aid him in celebrating his birthday. We arrived back in Minnesota in late April and moved into the parsonage in Prior Lake. We spent the next month based in Prior Lake, visiting supporting churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. We were grateful for the place to stay provided to us by Prior Lake Baptist. While at a meeting in Wisconsin, we were able to attend the funeral for Gerry Erickson. Gerry and his wife Jo have reached out to us regularly while we have been on the mission field and it was an honor to be included in his service. We left Minnesota on April 22, and after two days of driving, arrived in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. We enjoyed our time with the church there, as well as another church in Swift Current. Finally, we traveled on to Athabasca, Alberta where our son Caleb and his wife Juleah live. We had a great week with them and with our supporting church there and we are now in Edmonton where we plan to be for the next few weeks. Thanks for your prayers for safety over the many miles of travel. God has answered!

We have been so blessed by the generosity of churches over these past several months. We routinely thank God for the unique group of supporting churches that God has brought together on our team. We know that people are praying because they ask questions about people we've mentioned in our letters - how encouraging!

We have spoken to adults, teens, children, and seniors, and Janet has spoken at a few ladies' meetings. While speaking at church in Minnesota, Herb mentioned the faithfulness of Adoniram Judson. Judson stayed in Burma even when there was not much to show for his efforts. After the service, a lady introduced herself and said that she was part of a family which had been reached by Judson generations earlier. Pray for us to stay faithful - we want to grow old serving our Savior!

In South Africa, the church is going well. As a step of faith, the church has agreed to hire Jared DuPlessis as a ministry intern. He is giving between 10-15 hours to the church each week, and he is compensated for his time. He quit his job helping his father manage a local restaurant, so please pray that he'll be able to make ends meet for himself and his new wife with this new arrangement. If you would like to help support him as he develops his ministry skills and serves our church, I can help you get that arranged. Just email me or contact me through our website: www.hunters2southafrica.com. Pray for Jared and Shené. They are staying at our house, setting up for church, hosting Bible study at our house, and picking up people for church in our absence. Pray that they would know if God has full-time ministry for them in the future. Jared's mom and stepdad, as well as Shené's parents, have started coming faithfully to church. Praise the Lord!
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We heard from Brandon on March 29th that Sinalo had been stabbed and robbed. We were obviously concerned but were unable to speak to Sinalo because he doesn't have a phone. Brandon said that Sinalo was surrounded by a group of young adults and they attempted to rob him...of his sneakers! He stuck his hand out and successfully blocked the knife which was being used to try to injure him. Unfortunately, his finger was injured, but it could have been much worse! He managed to escape on foot, but as you can imagine, the boys were shaken up by this incident. Pray for Brandon, Sinalo, and all the Bible boys who are now in university. Being in the relative safety of North America can cause us to forget the needs of others and the dangers they face.

One of my colleagues on the mission field is working on raising funds to build a dormitory to house young men for a gap-year program of Bible study, internship work, and ministry in local churches. Pray for this initiative, called "Foundations". I am praying that it will provide a safe, secure, and spiritually beneficial atmosphere for these young men to explore God's work in their lives.

Michelle has found work! We are so grateful that she is now doing home-care work. This will greatly help her with her basic daily needs. We are excited to get back to South Africa and continue to help this special family in practical ways. Thanks to those who have contributed to help the family and to help get Leon educated. Amy Coon, our coworker, told us that Leon spoke up in Sunday school class the other day for the first time - ever! The benefits of being in school are starting to show. Please continue to pray for Nelson, the dad. Ask God to soften his heart to the Gospel!

Our kids are doing well. Noah travels with us, doing homeschooling and connecting with young people we meet along the way. He even got to attend Christian school for a few days in Minnesota, which he loved. He typically does homeschooling wherever we are staying on the road. He now has an appointment at the South African consulate in June to get his visa renewed. Please pray about this!

Megan was excited because in early April she was able to travel to see us and we went down to Faith so she could see the campus for the first time and learn about scholarship opportunities. She was also recently promoted at work when her supervisor recognized her for her consistent attendance and attention to detail. Many people have helped Megan get back and forth to work - thank you! Jared is working at the hospital as well and is currently planning a trip up to Toronto to connect with us when we are there at the end of June. Caleb and Juleah are well - it did our heart good to see them in their home, job, and church and get to know Juleah a little better.

Knowing you results in thanksgiving to God from us!

Herb, Janet, and Noah Hunter

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