



## ***In Need of Prayers***

**Beverly Campbell** and **Marge Paris** are experiencing health difficulties at this time. Please keep them your prayers.

Please remember **Julie Blankenship** as she goes to Trinidad on a mission trip, and remember **Sara Foster** as she continues to do the Lord's work in China.

## **~Congratulations~**

We are thrilled to announce that **Ben Wubbenhorst**, son of **John** and **Stacey Wubbenhorst**, was baptized on Thursday, March 6. We rejoice with **Ben** and his family and ask that you keep **Ben** in your prayers.

## ***Today's Event***

### ***LTC Mandatory Meeting***

There will be a mandatory meeting for **all** LTC participants and their parents immediately following the morning service in the fellowship hall.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### ***Youth Events***

#### **7-12th grade Youth Event:**

**March 15** (Saturday afternoon) Come and play laser tag (above Lees Summit movie theater) at 4 pm with pizza (Waldo's) to follow. The cost for both is \$10.50.

#### **All Youth Event:**

**March 15** (Saturday evening) The 7-12 grade youth group would like to invite the younger kids to join them at the production of *The Miracle Worker*. The cost is \$10 adult, \$7 student. We will meet at the building and caravan to the play at Red Bridge Baptist Church. The play begins at 7:30 pm and will last about 2 1/2 to 3 hours. The drop-off (6:15 pm) and pick-up (~ 10:45 pm) will be at the building.

Please **RSVP** for either event to the **Blankenships, Waldrons, or Wubbenhorsts**.

### ***Easter Egg Hunt***

**March 23** (Sunday afternoon) There will be an Easter egg hunt immediately following the morning service. If you would like to contribute plastic eggs or candy for these eggs, please give these items to **Sara Reis** by Sunday, **March 16**.

## **\*\*In the Spotlight\*\***

**Dallas Herrmann's** basketball team won the Kansas State 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Division 2 basketball tournament. Dallas was named tournament Most Valuable Player. Congratulations, **Dallas**!

## **Birthdays: March 9 – March 15**

**Anne Johnston 3/14**

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Scripture, he became convinced that God offers all people salvation and has designed a plan for everyone to be saved. A person can have confidence before God as he submits to God's plan which He designed for everyone.

Following Stone's reasoning, with which I agree, a reader cannot define the statement in Ephesians 1:5 as individual predestination, that God has determined the eternal outcome of everyone's life even before she was born. Instead, one should read this passage as God designing a plan before the beginning of time to bring people close to Him. This eternal plan has several qualities.

1) The designed plan is made out of love. God wanted us even before He made us. He pursues us even when we wander from Him because of His extraordinary, unending love.

2) God's plan has always centered on Jesus Christ. John 1 tells us that everything was created through Jesus at the beginning. Several places in the New Testament describe the cross of Jesus as the central event of history. Everything has been made to glorify God's Son Jesus. When individuals call on the name of Christ to enjoy the salvation that is only found in Him, then God's eternal plan is at work.

3) God's plan has always included our ability to have a close, personal relationship with Him as His children. The word "plan" can be somewhat cold, but God's plan involves an unbelievable closeness between created humans and the Lord of the universe.

4) God's plan involves His children as servants of the plan. When Paul fell in line with God's plan, He became a preacher to encourage others to do the same. To enjoy God's salvation is to be used for His glory.

The fact that God has designed a plan from the beginning is to give us confidence and courage to be faithful to the plan even if obstacles temporarily arise.

—Darin Kennedy

## ***Thank You!!!***

*"Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*It is so good to be back with our Blue River family. We missed all of you so much during the month that we were in Ukraine. But, praise the Lord our trip was successful and we were able to bring our new son, Sergey Faran Simmons, home with us. Thank you for all your prayers and support during this long and stressful ordeal, and for the way in which you have welcomed Sergey into our family here; with the special blessing on Sunday and the lovely party on Wednesday. We love and appreciate each one of you so very much!"*

**Russ, Shirley, Andrey, and Sergey Simmons**

## ***Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants***

March 9

Laurie Kerley and Natalie Bassford

March 16

Shawna Jones and Allie Mace

## ***Wednesday Night Toddler Class***

March 12

Liz Church and Ashley Christensen