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*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..."* Matthew 25:35

Imagine a person who has not eaten today, or maybe the day before, too. Now imagine it is a neighbor, a friend, or that little girl who just got on the bus with your kids. You want to do something to help, but you don't know what to do.

May we suggest two ways:

1. **Shop** at the area Fareway stores on **Saturday, August 20**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and donate canned food items to support Antioch's **Yes We Can Ministry**. You can also bring canned items with you to the church and drop them at the Information Center through **Sunday, August 21**. (Bags are provided for your shopping convenience at the Information Center.)
2. **Volunteer** to serve a two-hour shift at the four area Fareway stores on **Saturday, August 20**, asking customers to donate and then assist in collecting donations. Another volunteer opportunity will occur on **Saturday, August 27**. Meet at the church to help with the delivery of all collected food items to the Mission of Hope and the Linn County Veterans Association food pantry.

This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. Stop by the **Yes We Can**, table near the entrance of the church, to see where you can volunteer. All donated items will help to stock the shelves of local food pantries that serve many families in the area. Imagine what a difference you can make!

## Annual Antioch Golf Outing

Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m.  
Airport National Golf Complex

Sign up at the Information Center now for this four-person best shot tournament. You can sign up as a team or as an individual. The cost is \$30 and includes 18 holes, cart and a meal. It's sure to be a great afternoon of golf!



## Service Times:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.

# August Calendar

**Aug. 2 (Tues.)** - Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 4 (Thurs.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A NE (Collins Rd.)  
- Quilting Ministry, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Aug. 5 (Fri.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Coffeesmiths SW

**Aug. 9 (Tues.)** - Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 11 (Thurs.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A NE (Collins Rd.)

**Aug. 12 (Fri.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Coffeesmiths SW

**Aug. 14 (Sun.)** - Elevate (High School) Kick-Off, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 16 (Tues.)** - Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 17 (Wed.)** - Launch (Middle School) Kick-Off, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Aug. 18 (Thurs.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A NE (Collins Rd.)  
- Quilting Ministry, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
- AWANA Clubs Meet and Greet, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

**Aug. 19 (Fri.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Coffeesmiths SW

**Aug. 20 (Sat.)** - Yes We Can Food Drive, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at area Fareway Stores

**Aug. 21 (Sun.)** - Elevate (High School), 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 23 (Tues.)** - Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 24 (Wed.)** - Launch (Middle School), 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Aug. 25 (Thurs.)** - AWANA Clubs, 6:15-7:45 p.m.  
- Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A NE (Collins Rd.)

**Aug. 26 (Fri.)** - Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Coffeesmiths SW  
- Single Mom's Night Out, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 27 (Sat.)** - Yes We Can Food Delivery, 9:00 a.m.

**Aug. 28 (Sun.)** - Annual Golf Outing, 2:00 p.m. at Airport National  
- Elevate (High School), 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 30 (Tues.)** - Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 31 (Wed.)** - Launch (Middle School), 6:00-8:00 p.m.



If you have announcements for the Newsletter, please submit them to Kim Miller at the office (377-3410), or by email at [ksmiller@lifeisforliving.org](mailto:ksmiller@lifeisforliving.org).

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August 19**

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Please extend a warm welcome to our newest family members!



- Jackson Hird
- Zach Baker
- Haley Baker
- Tyler & Megan Ogburn
- Kellie Barker
- Lisa Fratzke
- Christine Davis
- Bryan & Amy Speed
- James & Aurora Moes
- Brittney Gravlin
- Kelly Love
- Kirsten Goslin
- George Lewis
- Henry Lewis
- Brent Rickels
- Wayne Cassavoy

- Jackson Parr
- Ryan Corzine
- Les Wood
- Natalia Lefter
- Don & Julie Miller
- Cooper Hird

## Our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to:

**Russ McCullough, Kathy and Larry Grekoff and Cari and Warren Phillips and families** at the loss of wife, mother and grandmother, Jean McCullough, on July 6.

**Jon and Teri Rstom and family** at the loss of Jon's grandmother, Everista Williams on July 6.

**Zach and Melanie Rissi and Dixie Church-Peters and families** at the loss of Melanie and Dixie's grandmother, Mary Jane Church on July 6.

**Scott and Kim Ogburn and Tyler and Megan Ogburn and families** at the loss of mother and grandmother, Maurene Rae Ogburn on July 13.

## Reaching Out Ministry

Providing short-term meals for those in need.  
Matthew 25:37-40



Just a reminder! If you or someone you know needs a few meals to get them through a difficult time, please remember that the Reaching Out Ministry is there to help! You can contact Patti Marconi at 202-7252 directly to setup a time to connect for the meals, or you can go to *myAntiochlife* and submit the Reaching Out request form.

*Fear not, for I am with you*  
Isaiah 41:10

Leading women and their families into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.



## Back on the Bus!

# Single Mom's Night Out

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Speaker: Christina Hernandez, House of Hope  
Childcare provided to age 12.

Come one, come all! Single Moms who need some encouragement and refreshment! Come enjoy an evening out, a delicious meal, a little music, and a special speaker. Sign up at the Information Center or call Bobbie Buhr at 360-9418 for more information.

## Girlfriend's Bible Studies

Wednesdays at Antioch  
Begins September 14<sup>th</sup>



Morning Bible Study 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Contact Bobbie Buhr at 360-9418  
Childcare is provided for a freewill offering!

Evening Bible Study 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Contact Denise Kopp at 423-4851

### Studies Offered:

**Children of the Day – Beth Moore**  
Learn how to let go of past mistakes and discover your circumstances are not coincidental - God's timing is impeccable! A nine-week study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

**Fervent – Priscilla Shirer**  
Strike back. With prayer. With a weapon that really works. Each chapter will guide you in crafting prayer strategies that hit the enemy where it hurts. Book and Study Guide.

## WANTED: Lead Teacher for Morning Bible Study

Our Morning Bible Study on Wednesdays offers child care so that Moms can take part and still know that their children are in a safe, Christian environment. We are looking for a Lead Teacher to do this important job! This is a paid position, and consists of preparing a weekly lesson for children up to school age, as well as organizing snacks and supplies. Could that someone be you? If interested, please contact Bobbie Buhr at 360-9418 to discuss.

## Register Now!

Antioch Awana Club will be Thursday nights from 6:15 to 7:45 pm. Beginning Thursday, August 25.

Register online at [myANTIOCHlife](http://myANTIOCHlife.com) or visit the AWANA table in the lobby.

**Cubbies 3-4 Year Olds** - With fun puppets and exciting games. Preschoolers learn about God, the greatness of His love and His Word, and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior.

**Sparks K-2 grade** - Sparks is divided into three years. Each year, Sparks clubbers: explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture, memorize Bible verses, and complete handbook activities.

**T and T 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ultimate Adventure and 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade Ultimate Challenge** - T&T engages clubbers by answering their questions about God and the Bible. Handbooks and large-group lessons deepen a child's knowledge about God and His Word and teach how to put that knowledge into action in everyday life.

**Service Opportunities:** We are always looking for people who want to invest in the lives of kids! Seventh graders through adults can come listen to kids recite their weekly verses. We also have a hospitality team, nursery team, worship team, games team, and meal preparation team. Contact Natalie Hayslip for more information at [natalie.hayslip@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.hayslip@gmail.com). Nursery is provided for volunteers.

A Meet and Greet is scheduled for August, 18 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. so parents, kids, and small group leaders can become acquainted and families can pick up materials that they order.



## Help Marion students be successful by getting them off to a good start!

Pick up a card at the Information Center with student grade/gender and school supply list to fill a backpack for an area student in need. All filled backpacks and other donations may be dropped off at the Information Center or at Marion Christian Church (1050 McGowan Boulevard in Marion).

We also welcome individual items and would encourage you to sign up to help put together unfilled backpacks and distribute them at our backpack events in August. Contact Lisa or Rachel at [lisa@marioncares.org](mailto:lisa@marioncares.org) or [rachel@marioncares.org](mailto:rachel@marioncares.org) or call 377-5344 for information on how to sign up for this.

## Return backpacks and supplies by Sunday, August 7!



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**Mark McCoy**  
Discipleship Pastor

The answer to the question is “water.”

My son recently picked some weeds at a graveside and decided to give them to all the ladies who were standing around after a funeral service. Young and old, they got a “flower.” It was a very sweet gesture on a very hot day.

The question is simply this: how can a seed grow in this heat?

The early church devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching. Then they went home and discussed how to live it out over a meal and prayer. When Pastor John teaches the Word of God, God uses him to plant seeds. And it is up to you to water those seeds by connecting with other Christians to help grow what you have learned.

What is the heat that is threatening to stop those seeds from growing in your life? Are you giving into temptations that are stripping you of time, energy, and money? Are you filling your life with so many good things that you are not leaving time to develop a passion for God? Don’t let the seeds die—connect with other Christians to water what has been planted!

We have a Sermon Discussion Guide created each week to help you connect with others and take your learning to the next level of living. You can find these at [www.lifeisforliving.org/messages](http://www.lifeisforliving.org/messages). Click the “+” sign underneath the video to find them.

These Discussion Guides are created with YOU in mind, to help you progress from learning to living to loving to leading. Perhaps you can print a couple and discuss them over coffee with a couple coworkers at work. Or perhaps this is the tool you are looking for to discuss in your marriage. Or maybe you want to invite some couples over for a meal and begin to discuss God’s Word together in an easy-to-discuss format. Be creative!

Let me know what you think! You can email me at [mmccoy@lifeisforliving.org](mailto:mmccoy@lifeisforliving.org) or call 377-3410. I look forward to hearing from you!

# SEWINGSEEDS



## Feeding the Spiritually Impoverished

by Greg Pruett, President of Pioneer Bible Translators

When I lived in West Africa, we would feed our family homemade pizza while famished village children stared through the screen door, watching every bite. The kids next door would catch and roast mice; my children would fuss about eating their vegetables.

As I wept before God in prayer, searching for a Christian response to the needs around me, He made it clear that I could not just keep consuming a buffet of His riches. So we planted thousands of fruit trees that will feed hungry children for generations. Doing something that could truly solve the problem felt right.

Another kind of hunger bothers me today—maybe you haven’t seen it yet. Have you noticed the 209 million Scripture-less people craving spiritual food just outside our all-you-can-eat Scripture buffet? Jesus said, “*Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*” (Matthew 4:4) Two thousand years after He spoke these words, 1,967 of the world’s 6,900 languages still wait for Scripture translation to begin, and 1,174 of the world’s languages have no Church.

Where would you find hope if you were born among these people? It’s time to lift our eyes above the buffet and see the world in need just outside the window.



Pioneer Bible Translators believes God is challenging this generation to accomplish the goal of seeing churches with Scripture transforming every language group on earth by the year 2050. Our unique role is to pioneer areas of complete spiritual poverty, empowering God’s people to cross every language barrier with both Church and Scripture.

Just as the Lord showed me how to help starving children in the village, I believe He has shown our team how to meet the needs of the Church-less and Scripture-less language groups of the world. We know where they are and how to prayerfully mobilize, train, and send the missionaries needed. Now we just need the resources to move our team into position to do the job. Linking arms with Christians everywhere helps us teach the most spiritually and physically impoverished people on earth how to follow Jesus and live out the values of His Kingdom! The next generation of missionaries could leave behind them a world in which churches with Scripture are transforming every language group on earth.



High School Kick-off: August 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Middle School Kick-off: August 17 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

## NEW SERIES



Have you ever been part of two very different groups? Maybe you go to a different school or you're in different classes than the people in your neighborhood. So you're a part of both groups. Or maybe you play on a different sports team than all of your friends. So after practice you hang out with the team but on the weekends, you hang out with completely different people. When that happens, we feel like we're from one world and living in another. We're torn. And if we're honest, sometimes going to church or being a Christian can make us feel that way too. We go to church and what we hear makes sense. We see people living out their faith and it looks perfectly normal, maybe even fun. But what looks good on Sunday doesn't always feel comfortable on Monday. Back in the everyday world, living as followers of Jesus can make us feel like we're from another planet. But does it have to be that way? And what does it look like to live for God in a culture that doesn't necessarily think the same way? Believe it or not, these aren't 21st century questions. Long ago, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church at Philippi as they figured out how to navigate their faith and culture at the same time. As we spend the next few weeks talking about what he said, we may find that Paul's advice to the Philippians is just as relevant for us as we learn to manage the tension and live in a way that is out of this world.

## Think About This

I recently read an article that read " One of the hardest things about parenting students is figuring out rules and consequences at this phase of life. It can seem like every family on your street and every mom in the carpool line has a different opinion on what matters most and what the rules should be for a student at this age. So over and over you find yourself face-to-face with your own son or daughter explaining why they can't go to the same places, see the same movies, or stay out as late as their friends parents allow."

I think most parents can relate to those few sentences, I know I do. Its hard to find the right words to use with your kid when your boundaries look different from others around them.

Something I have tried to do with students and my own kids is plan ahead. In other word, have the conversation about boundaries before you have to have a conversation about boundaries. Take cell phones. Something we will do with our sons is sit down with them and talk about what the boundaries should be. We will include them in the process. Let them help make the rules (you might be surprised at how strict they can be). Allow for some compromise. Once we all agree on the boundaries, I let them know they have my trust to lose. When they cross the boundaries, they lose trust (and privileges) that they have already agreed too. This does not mean there won't be fights, but it will help you keep the relationship in tact when you have to enforce the rules they help create.



6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.  
in the Student Center

Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

No Group on August 3 and 10



9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

Sundays from 5-7 p.m. in the Student Center

Gym open at 4:30 p.m. / No Group on August 7





**Luke McCoy**  
Worship Pastor

## “The Giver, not the Gift”

A few months ago, I was able to visit Israel and Rome with Pastor John and the rest of the team from Antioch. One of the sites that stands out in my memory is the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, Rome where we were able to see the famous ceiling that Michelangelo painted from 1508-1512.

His detailed fresco paintings, depicting the creation of the world, are stunning and deserve more than a moment’s glance. From a physical point of view, the artwork certainly has an inherent value as one can only imagine all the time, effort and ability that it took for him to complete the work.

However, as awesome as the paintings were, I found myself looking around at the people who were all looking up. I don’t believe that I’ve ever been shoulder to shoulder with such a huge crowd of people who are collectively looking straight up.

The experience caused me to reflect and wonder if the crowd was *only* admiring art or if they were being drawn to the Lord *through* the art. I couldn’t help but wonder if they were simply admiring the paintings for their physical value or if they were considering the very God to whom the paintings were pointing.

In a similar way, on occasion, I have to check my own spirit when it comes to our “art” as a worship ministry. We work hard to produce the best music that we can for the Glory of God and the encouragement of the church. However, we never want to become so enamored with the art itself that we neglect and forget the God for whom the art is created.

There is a quote that has always stood out to me as an incredible challenge:

*“In the same way that, according to Jesus, you cannot find yourself until you lose yourself, so also you cannot find excellent corporate worship until you stop trying to find excellent corporate worship and pursue God himself. Despite the protestations, one sometimes wonders if we are beginning to worship worship rather than God. As a brother put it to me, it’s a bit like those who begin by admiring the sunset and soon begin to admire themselves admiring the sunset” – D.A. Carson*

As we experience the incredible adventures and sites this world has to offer, let’s do our best to remember and to worship our God who has provided these experiences. Whether it’s art, the outdoors, a hobby, family, friends, work, vacation, etc., let’s resolve to worship our God who has provided these encounters.

As the angel in the book of Revelation instructed John when he began to worship the creation instead of the Creator to “worship God” (Revelation 22:9) let’s not become so enthralled with the gift that we forget to worship the Giver.

*“Praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done” (Psalm 107:8).*

May the Lord bless you as you continue to bless the Lord!

Luke

## ANTICIPATED OPPORTUNITIES

**Worship Team Training**  
Wednesday evenings through August

**Worship Team Rehearsals**  
Beginning again on Thursday evenings in September





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## In-Seitz

**John Seitz**  
Senior Pastor

So often, the reason people don't reach their potential is simply a failure to pay the price. People see a mountain they want to climb and they get excited about it. They may plan their route to summit, buy the appropriate gear, acquire an experienced guide and prepare physically for the trek. If they decide not to climb to the top, they don't make that decision when they first see the mountain in real scale with their own eyes. They don't make the decision to give up on their dream before climbing, instead they usually make that decision half way up the mountain. It is the time people usually quit, but it is also the worst time. The initial rushes of adrenaline are gone and the physical pain is much more obvious.

Somewhere in the back of the mind is the message "the price is too high, so give up!" The greatest victories in life come at a cost. President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "There are no victories at bargain prices." Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi said, "A man can be as great as he wants to be... If you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done."

I love the words of the apostle Paul: *Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.*

He uses a race and a boxing match as metaphor. The point? Winning in life and for eternity isn't easy and is not free. It comes at a price.

What is the price standing between you and the summit to which God is calling you? A few less hours of television, internet surfing, news reading, sleep, sports, or hobby time? It could be one of many different distractions keeping you from paying the price.

If you find yourself at an impasse, halfway up the mountain, decide what price has to be paid to make it to the top and go for it!