



The Redeemer

Review

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century



Dear Friends in Christ,

What an exciting time we have ahead of us as we get ready for our Vacation Bible School, I wonder.... Have you ever wondered anything? Of course you have! We all have wondered at some point. We may even wonder about things like what makes me unique, what gifts has God given me, what can I learn from those around me, and how can I spend time with God?

Kids love to explore, discover, and experiment. Kids are naturally curious, but how can we harness their curiosity to help them wonder about the God who made them? When you're curious about who God is, it's easy to find ways to make your relationship with Jesus grow. That's why, in this week of VBS, we're going to engage kids' imaginations! Kids will not only get curious about

science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — they'll get curious about the God who created it all! They'll hear from early church leaders like Paul, Peter, John, and Timothy, who helped the first Jesus-followers wonder what made their stories unique, what gifts God gave them and how they could use those gifts to serve, what they could learn from others, and how they could spend time with God.

Through the week of June 12th -16th, our children will learn that we don't have a small and distant god. They'll learn that God is above and beyond, among and within, high and holy, close and compassionate. The real God, revealed to us in the history of Israel and in the life, death, and resurrection of

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Jesus Christ, is magnificent, mysterious, and mighty. They will learn that they through Christ they have the power to grasp the length and width, and height and depth of the love of God for us. The power to comprehend the vastness of God's love for us. They will learn that when we feel that power in us, we then are able to do far more than we ever think, imagine or ask from God. I love that. I love that our kids will be able to know that God's power does more with our lives than we can ever think, imagine or ask.

This will also be an opportunity for us, adults, to reawaken our senses and feel that our God is majestic, that our God is real. Think about this. This is HUGE! Our God encompasses everything: past, present and future; near and far; what we have discovered and what remains hidden.

It is my prayer that you will take this opportunity to bring your children to participate in VBS as we, together with our neighbors at Our Saviour's UMC, empower our children to be followers of Christ. I also pray that you will ask God to thrill you and your family again with a sense of wonder and majesty, to fill you with God's own life, and to show you all you can comprehend about the wide embrace of His divine love.

Pastor Shirley

We are so excited to have Vacation Bible School
together with Our Saviour's UMC this year!

VBS AT OSUMC
701 E. SCHAUMBURG RD

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I wonder ...

june 12-16
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

ages 3-12 **\$10 registration**

REFLECTIONS ON MY TRIP TO VIETNAM— MARCH, 2023

Bruce Bedingfield

I praise God for the help He gave me throughout my trip to Vietnam. I felt called to make one more global medical mission trip before I let my medical license expire. This trip provided that opportunity and was a wonderful blessing to me!

I had made three other medical mission trips in the past. In 1991 I went to northern Chile. (In Chile I crossed paths with our Pastor Shirley, and her husband David!) In 1995 I went to Zaire in central Africa to work with Rwandan and Burundian refugees following the uprising in Rwanda.

Then in 2014 I went with Dr Stan Grogg, a pediatric infectious disease specialist, to do medical work in Nicaragua. Each mission trip was a blessing in my life.

I decided I would like to make one more trip with Dr Grogg. Medical service on his trips also involves teaching (and thus influencing) medical students. At first I considered returning to Central Africa—this time Uganda. But the highly dangerous Ebola virus then appeared there this past fall. Eventually I decided to join a trip he was making to Vietnam. I had never been to Asia.

I felt gratitude for never being forced to go to Vietnam and fight, as had so many of my peers. And if we might consider the Vietnamese to be our enemy, it seemed to be a wonderful opportunity and way to “love your

enemy”!

Gail and I were both aware of and concerned about the long and arduous trip. She suggested I contact Diep Shaw, the wife of our late former pastor, Bill Shaw. Diep, ever the educator, set up a Zoom meeting also including her brother, Thang. They gave us helpful and practical advice, yet encouraged and appreciated the endeavor.

Our medical work in Vietnam involved providing care at orphanages in and near Saigon (now called Ho Chi Minh City). The first day was at a Lutheran orphanage, the second at a generic Protestant community center. Our third day was at a Catholic orphanage, and the fourth at a Buddhist orphanage (the most prominent religion in Vietnam.)

The children were kept quite healthy for the most part, although they had not been examined since before the pandemic. Some did have acute infections and others had various chronic diseases. Almost all had numerous dental cavities. (I sincerely told the medical students I saw more cavities in those four days than I saw in forty years of pediatric practice.) Leaders of our group arranged to have Vietnamese dental students provide care in the future.

The community center was especially disturbing. The children in the “orphanages” were often not orphans; their mothers simply couldn’t support the children and the fathers too often had never been involved. In the community the parents were struggling to parent. We arranged for “Tiny Hearts of Hope”,

a Christian relief agency working in Vietnam, to provide nutritional assistance.

I mentioned earlier the opportunity to teach medical students. I was especially blessed, however, to work with a Vietnamese medical student there. Phuoc served as my interpreter, but had a sincere interest in pediatrics and a desire to learn all she could. How nice to know, although I could only provide care to children four days there, she will for her professional career!

I also mentioned earlier our concerns about the “arduous” travels. Little could I have anticipated what God had in mind for me! Three quarters into the flight between New York and Korea, a passenger experienced a “Grand Mal Seizure”.

Now I hadn’t functioned as a physician since retiring 2 1/2 years before! But God got us through it all about as well as possible.

We, of course, also enjoyed the opportunity to be tourists in a beautiful and now quite friendly country.

Thank you to our congregation for your interest, support and your prayers.

And I thank God for a wonderful “grand finale” to my medical career!

Bruce Bedingfield





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in Faith

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer” - Romans 12:12

Happy May! UWF has been busy the past few months.

We held a very successful Trivia Night March 4, earning over \$700. More importantly, it was wonderful to see a full house with many visitors having a fun evening in Wesley Hall. Tentative plans are to repeat Trivia night annually in March. It took a lot of teamwork- thanks to all the UWF volunteers that worked hard, to the many women that donated homemade deserts, and especially to Marshall and Melissa!

At our quarterly meeting March 7 we filled 11 ‘Love Purses’ adding personal notes of encouragement. These were delivered, along with extra toiletries, to the Elgin Crisis Center. Thanks to the congregation for generous donations of purses and toiletries throughout February, and thanks to Ronda and Pam for their work with this charity.

Following up on our packing night to Feed My Starving Children, the meals we packed on January 27 arrived in Guatemala on March 8 and are feeding children served by ‘Food for the Poor’.

The UWF Retreat will be rescheduled for a later date as we could not secure the location of our choice. Look for an update at our June meeting.

Upcoming UWF Events (add these dates to your calendars):

- o Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.- “Drop-in” for Open Ping Pong games in the Wesley Room.
- o **Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:30 pm** – UWF Meeting and Potluck - Program: Search and Rescue Dog demonstration.
- o **Tuesday, September 5 @ 6:30 pm** – UWF Meeting and Potluck – Program: ‘Jake’s Will’, a participative Murder Mystery.



Rummage Sale

Help Wanted:

For many years the ORUMW Rummage Sale was a much-anticipated event for the community and the congregation. It would be great to bring back that tradition this year! The only thing missing is the leader(s).

The date and details could be decided, and many helpers are available- just need a few good women (or men) to take the lead. Check with any UWF board member for more information.

The next 3 pages include the conference mission challenge to collect items needed for house-hold use, personal care, and student needs. The target is to collect those items to Fill The Truck by June 6 and 7.

184th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Fill the Truck

Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center 1551 Thoreau Dr. N. Schaumburg, IL

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Times subject to change



The NIC Board of Global Ministries is coordinating with Midwest Mission to organize its annual conference collection drive for Midwest Mission's Most Needed Items.

MIDWEST MISSION CURRENTLY HAS A URGENT NEEDS FOR:

- Liquid Laundry Detergent – 100 - 105 oz.
- Liquid Household Cleaner – 54 - 80 oz. (no spray bottles)
- Liquid Dish Soap - 42 - 64 oz.
- Shampoo – 12 - 19 oz.
- Hand towels or other Personal Dignity Kit items (no kitchen towels)
- Rulers (12" long with metric) or other School Kit items
- 24 Heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal.) or other Tornado Kit items
- Receiving blankets – 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" or other Birthing Kit items

If you prefer to make a financial contribution or a bulk purchase, you can:

- Send a check written to the Northern Illinois Conference with the Advance #50000150 in the memo section
- Give to Midwest Mission online midwestmission.org/donate
- Send a check written to Midwest Mission Distribution Center, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558
- For competitive prices on Midwest Mission's bulk supply wish-list items, check the website below for a links

Midwest Mission will be on site to accept the above Most Needed Items and any Midwest Mission kits, bleacher lumber, retired firefighting gear, treadle sewing machines, gently used hand tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

Find out more at umcnic.org/2023MissionChallenge





midwestmission.org | 217-483-7911 | 1001 Mission Dr. Pawnee, IL 62558

Items for the Kit

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Toothbrush - no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap - 3 to 4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12 to 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2 to 3 oz (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste
- Please add your heartfelt prayers to each kit



PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

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INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO**



or go to youtube.com/@midwestmission

For more information on making kits, collecting items for kits, and where to take the donations, visit midwestmission.org/collect-donate



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Items for the Kit

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8 "x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Pencil eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 colored pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 1 Pair of student scissors
- 1 One-handed cloth bag (sewing instructions at midwestmission.org/patterns)
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