

ANNOUNCEMENTS — AUGUST 11, 2019

OFFERING TODAY: Mission Fund

Your donation will help support 6 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: Alan Breems-Evangelist Training Program, Moreno Valley, CA; John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGMI, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGMI, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Benevolence Fund

A donation to this fund gives the deacons of our church the opportunity to show our loving care and support of those in our church family and surrounding community who may be in need of assistance while facing a hardship.

LATER THIS WEEK, Matt Mulder will begin working with us at Grace Community Church. An introduction to Matt is in our Reflections of Grace Newsletter. We pray for God's guidance for Matt as he works among us.

We value our time to share coffee and a snack after worship, a time to connect and care. Those who volunteer to serve make it all possible. If you would be willing to serve more regularly (whether it is once a month or once every other month) please contact Jim Kamper at 708-302-4484 or jimkamper@ymail.com. If you are unable to serve but would like to help out, you are more than welcome to bring something to share.



Missionary Update

Jerry An, Chinese Language Ministry, Back to God Ministries International. The Chinese ministry is publishing *The Song of a Wanderer*, a four part book series that answers questions about the Christian faith. This year, the third book is published: *The Reason for You*, containing 40 unique testimonies of young Chinese Christians. Including stories of the inner pain of a person suffering from depression, the hardships of a single mother's

journey of growth, and behind the scenes darkness and struggles of several brilliant stars. We pray that God will use this series to encourage those who struggle to draw close to Christ for his guidance, hope and life. For more information, see backtgod.net/ministries/chinese



—**Our sympathy to Patty Young and the family and friends of Lorraine Foster** who passed away Wednesday evening, August 7. We pray that the comfort of Jesus' resurrection will strengthen and give hope for all who sorrow. Arrangements are for visitation on Monday, August 12, from 3-8 pm and a funeral service on Tuesday, August 13 at 10am with a committal service to follow. The visitation and funeral are at Colonial Chapel in Orland Park, IL.

—**Clara Togtman** was hospitalized last weekend and has returned home. We pray for God's strength and healing for Clara as she rests in the Lord.

—**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military & their families, and those in continuing care or homebound, including: Carol Breems, Dorothy Brink-Schutt, Helena Creaney, Marv DeVries, Jay Dorn, Ben Dykstra, Connie Dykstra, Rich Knudsen, Char Kros, John Langeland, Pauline Meekma, Mason Patterson, Ray Peterson Jr., John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.



Our GEMS Club is in need of 2-3 counselors starting this fall. If you have a heart for ministry and can help out twice a month, please see Pam Johnson TODAY.

Community News

Family Classics Car Show: Wednesday, September 11, from 5-7:30pm. Help us honor first responders on this Remembrance Day. Join us for a car show including classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, and hot rods, "touch-a-truck" for the kids, great food, and more. Held at Orland Park Church, located at 7500 Sycamore Drive; dinner by donation. Proceeds benefit Orland Park Christian Preschool. For more information or to register a car for free, go to www.orlandchurch.com.

Are you an artist or a crafter? Your donations make the annual Dutch Fest a success! Please share your giftedness to support children and adults with disabilities at Elim. Donations of new handmade craft items for this event are being welcomed now through September. The **annual Elim Dutch Festival** will be held on **Sept. 28**. Questions? Contact Laura at 708-293-6509, or Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org. Thank you for blessing Elim's children and adults!

There's still time to register for the **Sing! Chicagoland** morning summit and evening concert with **Keith & Kristyn Getty**. Hosted by the Bible League Volunteers on Thursday, October 24 in Crown Point. Go to: bibleleague.org/tickets. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. To give an opportunity to partner in the Great Commission, an offering will be taken for Bible League Ministry.

Crochet Club: Work on your project or learn how to crochet; all skill levels are welcome the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month from 2-4pm at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Beginners are asked to bring an H hook and yarn. Donations of yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles or craft supplies are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Computer Center. For more information call Patty Lerner in the Computer center (708-422-4990) or visit olpl.org.

Southwest Chgo. Christian School is seeking an accompanist for our two high school choirs (including concerts, choir show and fine arts performances) as well as playing for concert performances for our two middle school choirs. High school choirs meet Tuesday & Wednesday mornings for 2 hours each morning. Performances are scheduled throughout the year. Please fill out a support staff application form on our website: www.swchristian.org/new-website/EmploymentCareers and submit it to Choir Director Maria Luttjeboer via email at: mluttjeboer@swchristian.org.

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