

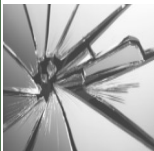
ANNOUNCEMENTS — MARCH 17, 2019 — 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

OFFERING TODAY: Benevolence Fund

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.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Christian Education Fund

Your donation to this fund helps provide our church families with the assistance they may need to provide a Christ-centered education for their children when they otherwise would not be able to meet the cost on their own.



Visual Arts: LENT is a time of reflection on our life and faith. The mirrors invite us to remember that we are broken in sin, and we often don't see ourselves for who we really are. Written on the mirrors are statements we might believe about ourselves that don't fit with the gospel message. Jesus calls us to reflect him in our lives of faith and obedience.

ALL groups are asked to please submit a budget for the upcoming fiscal budget year no later than the 2nd week of April.

Library News: PLEASE do not borrow books from our church library without signing them out! *THANK YOU* for recently donated books!

Join us for the last Ladies Bunco of the season on March 19.

Fellowship Luncheon: On Apr. 7, the Deacons, MAST and Finance Team will sponsor a Fellowship Luncheon. We will share a meal and have opportunity to talk and hear from each other of a time when you gave or received and felt blessed, motivated, or enthused. (*We have in mind any kind of gift: a gift of your time, a gift that used your skill, a gift of attention, or a financial contribution*). The host teams will provide the entree'; you are asked to bring a salad, potato dish or dessert. Plan now to participate in the Fellowship Luncheon.



Sergei Sosedkin, Russian Language Ministry, Back to God Ministries, Int'l. Back to God Ministries International began radio outreach from Russia in 1980; they now have a Russian language web presence in 50 countries! Political conflict continues to create a tenuous atmosphere for citizens throughout Eastern Europe. In this setting, people not raised in the Christian faith are seeking meaning in life. Pray for God's blessing on the Russian language ministry as it provides Gospel-centered resources to people ready to have conversations about faith and life.

BOOK CLUB: Join us **Monday, April 8 @7pm** to discuss "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. "*Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.*"

The **GEMS Girls Club** is hosting a **Scrapbooking Event on March 22-23**. Registration/information forms are available on the foyer table by the office. There's still a little room left! Register TODAY!



"Thaymer and Evelyn Jonker wish to thank everyone for all the beautiful and meaningful anniversary and birthday cards we received. Many good memories were revived!"
—Thaymer & Evelyn

"We thank and praise the Lord for our church family. All the cards, phone calls, good food and most of all your prayers. The road has been challenging, but God who is rich in mercy has taught us how to hold on. A special thank you to Pastor Mike, you are a true blessing! I miss being at church, hopefully I will be back soon."
—Love, Jestine & Elton Ivy



—Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Beezhold who passed away Thursday, March 14. We pray especially for her children and loved ones: Donna and Sytze Nauta, Harry and Ann Sroka, Barb & John Melton, Beverly and Brian Hofer. We pray that the peace of Christ who is the resurrection and the life will comfort and encourage the family in their time of sorrow. Visitation will be Monday, March 18, 3-8pm, and funeral service on Tuesday, March 19 at 11am. The visitation and funeral will be at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, in Orland Park, IL.

—Evelyn Luchtenburg is at Manor Care for care and therapy following her hospitalization. We pray for God's continued healing and strength for Evelyn as she rests in the Lord Jesus.

—Jay Dorn was hospitalized last weekend for treatment of a compression fracture in his back and blood clots. He has returned home to recover and is in good spirits. We pray the Lord will grant Jay continued healing and a renewal of strength.

—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, John Langeland, Pauline Meekma, Mason Patterson, John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.

Community News

You'RE INVITED to the **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON** HOSTED BY BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS ON THURS., APRIL 11 at 11:30AM at TEIBEL'S IN SCHERERVILLE, IN. You'll enjoy a violin concerto by Katie Mattix and get a special "inside scoop" on the Bible League International ministry from Andrew Earnshaw. Tickets can be purchased from a Bible League volunteer for \$18 for chicken or \$22 for perch. Please contact Judy VanderWall (708-745-1617) if you have questions.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join us at our **Spring Banquet, "Come as You Are"** on **Thurs., April 25 at Georgios**, 8800 W. 159th St. in Orland Park. Doors open at 6:30, dinner served at 7. No tickets will be issued, but reservations are needed. Please restrict guests to high school age or older. Contact Kisha Pleasant: 773-264-5665 for reservations or more details.

Tall Tales & Silly Songs: Todd Downing presents a lively show of kids' tunes, wild dancing and fun on Sun., March 24 from 2-2:45pm at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. No advance registration is needed; program is for all ages. For more information about this and other youth programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit www.olpl.org.

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