

# JOURNEY NEWS

A publication of Journey Church of Clinton, Iowa



Psalm 85:6 “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”

Maybe you were aware of the events that took place at the Asbury University revival in Wilmore, Kentucky. A normal chapel service on February 8<sup>th</sup> ended up lasting for over two weeks! Students and people from around the country flocked to the university to encounter what God was doing. The events of Asbury were making a big impact on social media and gained national coverage from media outlets.

As I had shared on a Sunday morning a few weeks ago, God is moving in our nation. This isn't the first time God has made His presence known and it won't be the last. I've been doing some research lately on revivals and awakenings. What I learned is that two main factors have been in place as God's presence came in a powerful way. First, people were awakened to reality of God's holiness. Second, people came to a greater realization of sin in their lives. The following verses became an actual reality for people.

“Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!” Psalm 96:9

“The one who conceals his sins will

not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them will find mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

I've heard many say in my years as a Christian that we need revival in our country. If that is our heartfelt desire, then we need to keep those two factors I mentioned earlier in mind. The verse in Psalm reminds us of what we often forget: that God is holy. We will be “undone” when we truly encounter His holiness. Then we realize we have sin that we can no longer conceal.

The prophet Isaiah is undone in the presence of the Lord as he cries out, “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” (Isaiah 6:5). The prophet recognizes how short he falls from holiness when he is faced with the holiness of God as he stands in His presence.

If we want to see revival take place in our lives and in our nation, we need to avoid the idea we can put God in a box and tame Him. His holiness will not allow that to happen! Then as we encounter this Holy God, we will realize that we must seek His forgiveness as we repent of the sin in our lives.

May you and I experience the holiness of God in ways we never have before. May God reveal the sin in our lives that we might receive His forgiveness and grace. When these two things take place, we will experience in our hearts and lives something only God can do. Yes Lord revive us, and let it begin with me!

**Pastor Michael**

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Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 12



Time to Spring Ahead

# Men's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference April 1



Once a year we mobilize men to the local Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) Men's Conference. This year's ISI Conference is coming again to Davenport, Iowa on April 1. We will be taking as many men as we can to this unique event.

Keynote speakers are Stephen Kendrick and Dr. Joe Martin. There are Equipping Seminars specific to men of all ages 13+.

Early Registration ends March 22. You can sign up at the Connection Point, use the Connection Card or call the Church Office.

Join us for a great day on Saturday, April 1, and let us be as iron sharpens iron to one another.

# LADIES IRON SHARPENS IRON CONFERENCE APRIL 22

*You're invited to...  
...Join us for a Day Out at the  
Women's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference  
Saturday April 22  
Calvary Church, Moline*

Women's Iron Sharpens Iron is an opportunity to connect with women from our church and community, as well as women from across the region, who all want to grow in their relationship with Christ. It's a relaxing, refreshing, enjoyable day away to focus on your faith walk through praise and worship, large group speakers, and small group sessions on a wide variety of topics, all relating to being women of Faith in today's world. There's even a wonderful track designed just for teens ages 13-18. Delicious boxed Chick-Fil-A lunches are available for purchase ahead of time if desired. You can reserve yours when you sign up.



There are several ways to get involved. You can...

- ◆ Meet us there
- ◆ Carpool with the group from Journey and enjoy fellowship on the drive to and from
- ◆ Join the Journey Church group to eat supper together afterwards for a nice time to celebrate and share what we have learned throughout the day before heading home

However you decide to participate, it's a day well invested. You can show up and get a ticket that day or you can sign up with the Journey group by April 11 to qualify for the group discount. Sign up at the Connection Point to reserve your spot. Questions can be directed to Annette Eslick or the Church Office.

# ARCHERY PROGRAM BEGINS MARCH 9



Journey Church is proud to announce the start of our archery class using a curriculum developed by the National Archery in the Schools Program. Our lead instructor is a nationally certified archery coach who taught archery for several years in the Clinton Community School District.

The class is open to students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and will meet on Thursdays beginning March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>. (There will be no class on April 6<sup>th</sup> due to Holy Week.) The class will run from 6:00-7:25 pm and will meet at our indoor range in the gym. The instruction includes a weekly Bible study component that shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The cost is \$10 per student or \$15 per family.

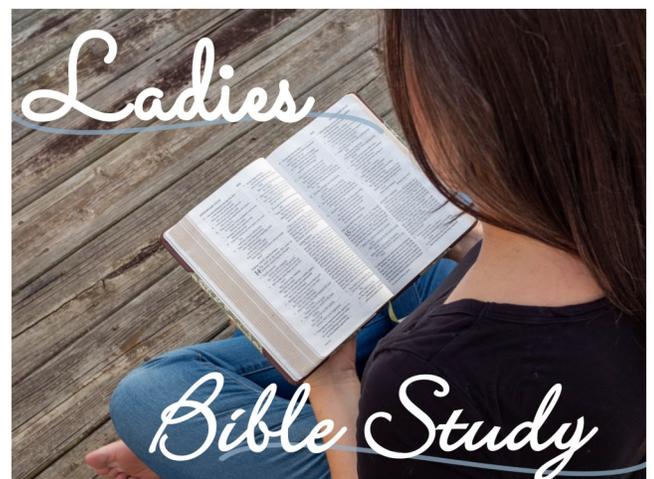


## TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 'I Will' PASSAGES THROUGH THE BIBLE

BY ANNETTE ESLICK

Join us Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30 as we dig in to learn more about some of the promises of God and see how He is at work through the ages and in our own lives today. As we grow in our understanding of who God is and how He relates to our lives, it helps us become stronger followers of Jesus who are better equipped to impact our world.

We'd love to have you join us!



# AWANA NEWS

BY ANNETTE ESLICK

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:-15 - 7:45 PM AGES PRESCHOOL - 6TH GRADE

Awana is going strong!

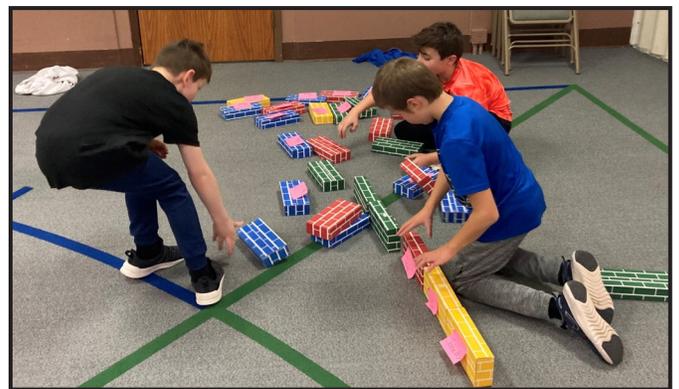
We have got a great group of kids and leaders who love Jesus, are learning and growing in their relationships with Him, and want to impact the world around them with Jesus.

Each week we have Bible study lessons from our handbooks where we dig in and see what God's Word has to say about life and faith, then we play fun games to help us better understand and remember the Bible verses so that they can become a part of our daily lives. We recently had the Eipperle family visit to talk with us about life as a missionary family.

Please see Annette Eslick if you'd like more information about how to get involved with this exciting ministry and see firsthand how God is at work - the future church is getting started on their faith journey now and it's exciting to witness!



KYLE & CARRIE EIPPERLE TALKING TO THE AWANA KIDS ABOUT LIFE AS A MISSIONARY FAMILY



TRUTH IN TRAINING KIDS ENJOYING A HANDS ON ACTIVITY RELATED TO THEIR LESSON

## Hi Ladies,

We are looking for women interested in providing occasional meals for people in our church due to illness, etc. You do not need to be a member to participate in this important ministry. Also, we are looking for ladies to donate salads or desserts when we supply a meal for a funeral in the church. We would love to get to know you better by working together in these ministries.

If you are interested, please call Marianne Fier at (563) 243-9107.

Please respond by March 12. Thank you!

*The Deaconess Board*

## JOIN THE HOST TEAM!

Everyone likes to feel wanted and appreciated. That's why it's so important from the moment a person steps into Journey Church that they receive a warm inviting welcome with a genuine smile. Journey Church has a team of faithful people who come a little bit early to do just that.



Currently, we could use more people to greet. We try to schedule greeters on the dates and times that work with their schedules. If it doesn't work out or something comes up, we're flexible and can change it. So, if you've greeted before and want to be on the schedule again or never greeted and would like to commit for one quarter to see if you like it, please call Becky Campbell at 563-613-1232 or Joy Hinrichsen at 563-243-1383.

# Missionary Focus - GRACE GLOBAL PARTNERS

BY JERRY & JOYCE DUEY



In 2007 Pastor Casey Danley traveled to India to speak to nearly 500 pastors gathered from around the country. He recognized that as the spread of the gospel and the growth of the church was increasing rapidly, he saw pastors who were pouring themselves into faithfully shepherding their churches while facing great challenges. Many were lacking the basic training needed to teach and minister to their congregations.

The US Center for World Missions estimates that nearly two million pastors in the world today have had no training to prepare them for the ministry of teaching and caring for their church. Few have access to the formal training of the Bible institute, college or seminary. Even if they would have access, most do not have the educational prerequisites or financial resources necessary to enter into the formal training program.

Efforts to offer formal or non-formal training to pastors around the world is not able to keep up with the rapid growth of the church and the need for godly and properly prepared pastors. In 2010, Grace Global Partners (GGP) was incorporated to serve Christ and His church in meeting this need in India. This is done by bringing skilled pastors to train and mentor these local pastors over a two-year commitment. In doing so, the concept and curriculum developed by the Bible Training Centre for

Pastors is used. National pastors, evangelists, and church planters are taught the Bible and Bible doctrine, preaching and teaching skills, church ministry, personal spiritual life, evangelism and missions.

A participant pastor writes, "I have been doing ministry in a remote area of India. The (Bible) class is more than 150 kilometers (95 miles) from my place of ministry. For attending two classes a month, I must spend much money towards travel. Since joining the class, the Lord has used it to transform my life and ministry. I have gained so much understanding which I had never known before. Beginning with the first course and throughout, I have gained a solid direction to my ministry and greatly improved my preaching skills. I began to see spiritual growth in myself and my church members. When I travel to remote places and preach, people now listen to my preaching very attentively. I am blessed to part of this training program."

Casey as Co-founder and President of GGP works along with Sunil Masih, the Indian Ministry Director. Casey will present an update of the ministry with Journey Church March 19 during Moment for Missions.

Grace Global Partner Prayer requests:

- Pray for these pastors who have devoted themselves as shepherds of God's flock. They are attending classes and doing course work while pastoring their churches
- Pray for the trainers as they teach these courses and mentor students
- Pray for effectiveness as trainers instruct and mentor these faithful leaders.
- Pray for the provision (\$29 each) of a study bible in Hindi, an invaluable resource for the pastors who have no other tools to help them prepare to teach from God's word, upon completing the Bible course

Information taken from [www.gracegp.org](http://www.gracegp.org)



## Thank you for supporting us!

Thank you, Journey Church for the generous donation of diapers, pull-ups, wipes, and diaper cream. We really appreciate your generous and thoughtful gifts!

Be Blessed!

*Amy Stoddard*

Wise Women/Boutique Coordinator



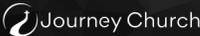
## Save the Dates...

**THE PASSION EXPERIENCE**

A family friendly walk-through experience of the last days of Jesus!

**Good Friday, April 7**  
**Come anytime 6—8 pm**



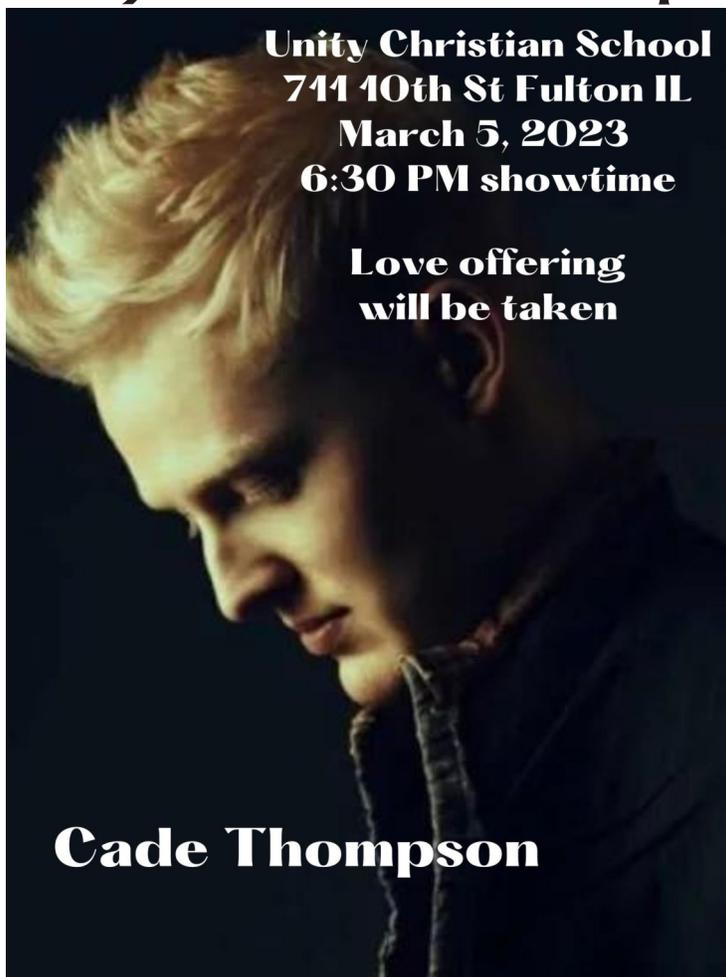
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OF TRUST

Science-Inspired, Christ-Focused, VBS Program

Plan now to join us for an awesome week of  
**Science Summer Camp!**  
June 12 - 15 from  
6:00-8:30 pm  
Family Meal served each evening

## Unity Christian School Upcoming Events



**Unity Christian School**  
**711 10th St Fulton IL**  
**March 5, 2023**  
**6:30 PM showtime**

**Love offering will be taken**

**Cade Thompson**

Unity Christian School's

*A Knight to Remember*



**Gala Auction**  
**SATURDAY**

**MARCH 25 5-10 PM**

**The Tuscany**  
2417 Cleveland Street  
Clinton, Iowa



**Tickets \$25 individual at**  
**[charityauction.bid/aknighttoremember2023](https://charityauction.bid/aknighttoremember2023)**

*Includes entertainment, dinner, and auction*