



# The Baptist Bulletin

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## Expectations

No matter what we do in life, we have expectations. Some are good and some are not very realistic. An expectation is defined as “a strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future”. Basically, an expectation is the way we think that something should happen. We have expectations about what Jesus is going to do in our life. Throughout history, this has always been the case. An example of this is found in Mark 8:22-26.

The background of this account is that Jesus and the Disciples came to Bethsaida and were met by some people who begged him to just touch a blind man. They had an expectation of Jesus. That if He just touched their blind friend, then their friend would be healed. Where did they come up with this expectation? As we turn back a page or two in the Bible we find an account of individuals that were sick were seeking just to touch the fringe of his garment (Mark 6:56). The passage states that “as many as touched it were made well”. An expectation was set. Just touch Jesus’ garment and you would be healed.

Now the blind man of Mark 8:22-26 would not easily have been able to touch the fringe of Jesus’ garment. He couldn’t see. So, the people that brought him asked Jesus to simply touch the man. They assumed that was enough. That was the magic formula. Jesus would touch the man right in the city square and they expected that he would be healed.

But Jesus didn’t meet the expectations of the people. Instead, He took the blind man and led him outside the village. Away from all of the people. Mark states that Jesus spit on the man’s eyes and then laid His hands on him. But that didn’t heal the man. He could see, but not well. Then Jesus laid his hands on the man’s eyes a second time and his eyes were opened. He could see perfectly. The man was healed.

Not in the way that people expected. Just touching Jesus was not the answer. Then Jesus spitting on and touching the man didn’t work. But touching Him twice. This account was very different than other accounts of healing. Why?

The answer is not an easy one for us to accept. Our relationship with Jesus is personal and is not about getting what we want or expect. It is a relationship. It is not static, but very dynamic. And we don’t have control over Jesus. He is our Savior. Our Lord. Our King. Our God. He doesn’t work for us. He doesn’t owe us anything. We are redeemed by His work on the cross which is an outpouring of God’s great mercy and grace. We shouldn’t expect Him to do for us the same things that He has done for others.

As we live life, let us seek relationship with the Lord, true relationship that is not determined by us receiving what we expect but one that is grounded in the truth of the gospel. Meaning that we recognize that we are not owed anything, but freely given life. Let us lay our expectations down and trust in the truth of the sufficient, redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

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## Ministry of the Month—Awana Clubs of Gothenburg



Awana Registration Night at Ehmen Park September 7, 2022 6:30-8:00pm (Open House)

Registration for Sparks (K-2nd Grade) & T& (3rd-6th Grade), Free Meal, Family Fun, and meet the new Awana Commanders!

Karman Keith will be the new commander for our Awana Sparks this year and Kenny Beck will be returning as Director. First night of club is September 14th from 6:30—8 p.m. for all K-2nd graders.

### Missionary Candidate Visit on September 25th

Hello, we are Zachary & Sara Prieb and are both from a small mountain community in central California, were married in 2001, and have three children. We began serving in Asia Pacific with Ethnos360 (formerly New Tribes Mission) in 2011. Our primary focus there was to see the gospel expand and grow in the unreached areas of Indonesia by training nationals at a Bible and Cross-Cultural Missions School. We helped run a Skills Program there, teaching basic technology: small engine repair, off grid power for missionary and tribal homes, and water filtration techniques, along with other skills to help aid the graduating missionaries so they could better function at the location they would move to. We also helped with the Discipleship classes, Doctrine and Theology courses, and Sara helped with the Basic Health and Wellness classes offered to the students.

In August of 2021 we transitioned to a stateside role serving at the US-based cross-cultural missions school, known as Ethnos360 Training. Here we work in various capacities ultimately to help train and see off the next generation of missionaries who will go out to reach the “least reached” with the Gospel or Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support as together we can make Jesus known to others.



Zachary, Sara, Elizabeth (13), Mikayla (11) & Elijah (7)





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## MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sept 1 Women's Council meet 1:30 pm  
Sept 7 Awana Registration Night  
Sept 12 Management Finance—6:30 pm  
Sept 12 Elder Board—7 pm  
Sept 11 Potluck / Semi-Annual meeting  
Sept 15-16 Converge meeting—Omaha  
Sept 17 Harvest Festival parade 10:30 am  
Sept 18 Worship Watchcare 12:00 pm  
Sept 25 Potluck / Missionary candidate

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun. Worship Service—9:45 am  
Sunday School—11:00 am  
Youth Gathering—6:30 pm  
Mon Moms in Prayer—9:00 am  
Ladies Bible Study (Genesis)—6:30 pm  
Ladies Bible Study (Heaven) - 6:30 pm  
Wed. Men's Bible Study—6 am at Hospital  
Ladies Bible Study ( 1 Peter)—1:30 pm  
Sparks (K-2nd grades) - 6:30 pm

## Potluck Dinner

Semi-Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, September 11th at Noon

Members will be voting on how to proceed with our Associate pastor search.



Youth Gathering Becomes Weekly starting September 11th

Area kids in Jr. and Sr. High are welcome to attend weekly instead of monthly meetings from 6:30—8:30 pm each Sunday evening.

Come and join to study the Word of God, play a game or two, eat some snacks, and grow in fellowship/friendship.