



April 9th

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The Baptist Bulletin

April 2023

Everything Changed in a Week

In 2019, my family had planned a vacation in Mexico with our friends, Bill and Peggy, who were missionaries serving in Mexico. The plan was for us to drive to their home and spend a couple days in Zarahemla, Baja California North. Then we were going to head about twelve hours south to Mulege, Baja California South and celebrate Thanksgiving on the beach. Our family was very excited for this trip. The plan was to spend 10 days camping on the beach, ten feet from the Gulf of California. Enjoying life with our good friends. They had not gone on a vacation in over ten years and were ready as well.

We were going to leave for Mexico on a Saturday. The Tuesday before we received a message from Bill stating that his 27 year old son, Micah, had been killed in a car accident in South Dakota. We were shocked. We didn't know what to do or how to serve our friend. They asked us to still come to their home and to still go on the trip with them. They asked if I would do the service for their son prior to leaving for Mulege. On the day before Thanksgiving, we had the privilege of loving our friends by serving them through a funeral.

The day that we arrived at their place, Bill asked for me to go for a ride with him. He was going throughout the community inviting his friends and the friends of his son to the funeral. Before we returned to his house, he stopped at the top of the hill overlooking Zarahemla. He looked me square in the eyes and asked me a question I couldn't answer. "How could everything in his life change in one week?"

I think this is a question that the Disciples asked each other during the Passion Week of our Savior. A week prior to the crucifixion of Jesus, he was welcomed into to Jerusalem with a parade. As we study John 12:13-19, we learn of the Triumphant Entry that we now call Palm Sunday. The crowd was laying down their cloaks and palm branches because they believed the Messiah was with them. Fast forward one week and we discover that the same crowd participated in calling out for Jesus to be crucified by the Romans (John 19:6).

The Disciples trusted and knew that Jesus was the promised Messiah. They walked with Jesus as the crowds cheered for him. They were excited to see the crowds of people starting to understand who Jesus truly is. But the next thing they knew Jesus was put to death on the cross. So much changed in a week. That was not the plan they had for the ministry of Jesus.

They shut themselves up in the Upper Room and lacked hope. That is until they learned the greatest truth in the history of the world. Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He alone overcame the power of sin and death. They were able to fully comprehend what Jesus had been telling them for three years. Their lives were not meant to be centered upon this world. They were meant for eternity in heaven with the Lord. Which is only possible through the gospel, the redemptive work of Jesus.

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Missionary of the Month ~ Dan & Sandra Wahlgren (TWM)

CAMP UPDATE:

February Mexico Mission had a great trip being a part of what the local missionaries in TJ are doing, seeing God's hand in the work there. Next team goes out early June. We appreciate your prayers.

Another cabin build is on the horizon. Guest housing project to start in the spring.

Currently hiring summer staff. We need a few more college aged staff for 8—10 weeks. Continue to pray for our staff's endurance.

Chapel on the hill has been a great addition. It is set aside for prayer and solitude.

Let us know if you are interested in volunteering at camp or in a future mission trip.

Dan & Sandra Wahlgren

Table in the Wilderness Ministries

Centennial, Wyoming



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Back to Bill's pickup. I sat there with no way to comfort my friend. I put my hand on his shoulder and through tears told him that the gospel is still true. It may not feel like that in the moment, but God so loved Micah, Bill and Peggy so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus. I reminded Bill that they each believed in Jesus' redemptive work upon the cross.

Their son Micah had recently rededicated his life to the Lord. He had been sober for the first time in years. And more importantly, he was now in the place where he was created to be. Heaven. The gospel is our hope. So much so in our times of grief. We will suffer great losses and hurts in this life. Each moment of this life is showing us just a little clearer the great hope of what heaven truly is.

Life can change so much in a week. But that change isn't the end. Bill and Peggy give praise to the Lord that they were able to see their son healthy and walking with the Lord prior to his death. They praise the Lord even as they still grieve the loss of their son to this day. How? Because they know that through the power of the gospel, the Lord is preparing them for heaven with Him.

We won't have the answers to all of the why questions and hurts of this life. But we do have the greatest answer to any hurt of this world: the gospel. No matter how much everything changes in a week, the gospel is always true.

Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$168,875.00
Fiscal Year ends 2/28/24
Offerings Received for 1 months:
\$ 9331.92
Expenditures Paid for 1 months:
\$ 13,777.39

Greeters ~ ~ ~

1st week Jim Flesch
2nd week Marsha Weeks / Joyce Sabin
3rd week Kim Crisman / Kelli Beck
4th week Val Parsons / Connie Sitorius
5th week Sara Coleman & boys
(See Kelli Beck or Marsha Weeks to volunteer)

Birthdays ~ ~ ~

Jane Wahl April 6
Jake White April 10
Mossy White April 15
Velma Schriver April 22
Larry Schweitzer April 26
Tucker Keith April 26

Nursery ~ ~ ~

April 2 Marsha Weeks
April 9 Alisa Crown
April 16 Connie Schweitzer
April 23 Dawn Urman
April 30 Kelly Peterson
(See Kelly Peterson to volunteer)



Thank you for supporting the 22nd annual
Walk for Life!
Saturday, May 6th & Sunday, May 7th

You can make a difference! You can help to save the lives of unborn babies! You can help the WRC provide another year of services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy. Here's how: Put on your walking shoes and join the 22nd Annual Walk for Life! WRC is a non-profit pregnancy help center that receives no state or federal funding. They rely on individuals, churches and businesses in the area that believe in what they are doing to provide the funding needed. Help them reach and even exceed their goal of \$100,000 this year!

The Gothenburg walk will be held Saturday, May 6th at 10 a.m. at Ehmen Park. Join the First Baptist team. See Dawn Urman for a pledge form to give to WRC and if you plan to walk or pray during the walk sign up at the Welcome Center for a T-shirt.



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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- April 2 Christian Education—12 pm
- April 6 Women's Council - 1:30 pm
- April 7 Good Friday Service—7 pm
- April 9 Easter Sunday
- April 9 Management Finance—7:30
- April 9 Elder Board—8:00 pm
- April 12 Sparks Award Night—6:30 pm
- April 16 Worship Watchcare—12 pm
- April 22 Ladies Luncheon—11:30 am
- April 23 Fellowship Outreach—12

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sun. Worship Service—9:45 am
Sunday School—11:00 am
Youth Gathering—6:00 pm
- Mon Moms in Prayer—9:00 am
Ladies Bible Study - (1Peter) 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

"Showers of Blessing"
Ladies Salad Luncheon
Saturday, April 22nd
11:30 a.m.

Invite a friend and plan to join us. Debbie Shimmon will speak on the blessings of serving as missionaries in Thailand for many years.



Sign up at the Welcome Center and if you would like to furnish a small salad, add a kind of salad beside your name.

Good Friday Service
April 7th @ 7 p.m.
Cornerstone Commons

Joint service of Cornerstone, Victory, Trinity and First Baptist Churches

