

International Justice Mission

Rescue is not only possible. It's happening.



By Chris Santasiere

For our Super Sponsorship Sunday this year, we worked with International Justice Mission (IJM) to help with their rescue and recovery efforts of victims of human and sex trafficking. It was timely that our Super Sponsorship Sunday is held on Super Bowl Sunday. The Super Bowl is a major human and sex trafficking event in the United States, prompting New England Patriots veteran players, Benjamin Watson and Matthew Slater, to organize a campaign amongst their fellow players which raised over \$38,000 for IJM.

Once again, our congregation responded to the sponsorship challenge. In approximate numbers, our congregation gave \$1500 in special gifts, signed up for 12 sponsorships that morning, and 25 people said they were going to sign up for a sponsorship at home online. Our IMPACT Team will be sending an additional monetary gift to IJM at the end of February.

Remember, modern-day slavery still exists, and we can join the fight to end it. Take a stand to protect innocent people from being beaten, abused, raped, and enslaved by becoming an IJM Freedom Partner.

Visit ijm.org for more information.

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New Sermon Series Begins March 1st

If you think about it, we really don't have many firm details about heaven. What we DO know is pretty telling, though. David says that it will be a place where we will be with God. Jesus says that He is building us a home there. Revelation says it will be a place of indescribable beauty and splendor. Revelation also gives us a few hints at what we will do in heaven. If our actions in heaven were to be boiled down to one word, that word would be "worship".

Worship is fundamental to who we are as Christians. We worship a God who loves us and has provided an avenue to eternal life. We worship a God who has created this immense universe and the baby cooing in a crib. We worship a God who invented grace, love, forgiveness, and hope. Worship is a part of who we are and is built into our DNA. Though we often think of worship as what we do during our worship hour on Sunday morning, worship is actually a lifestyle. It is something we do privately, as a church family, and wherever we go on a daily basis.

On March 1 we will begin a sermon series on worship that we are entitling ... "Worship". That one word says it all. We live a life of worship. What does a lifestyle of worship look like? How do I worship alone? What should worship on Sunday mornings look like? How do I worship meaningfully through the many elements of a worship service? Our preaching team will tackle these and many other questions regarding worship.

Too often we focus on what WE get out of worship. Worship becomes about OUR likes, OUR preferences. We forget that worship has nothing to do with us. Worship is 100% entirely about God. The awesome thing is, though ... when we focus on God and God alone, we emerge from worship more blessed than we ever imagined.

Bring some friends with you and be blessed as we learn about worship – as we are inspired to worship – and, most importantly, as we actually WORSHIP!



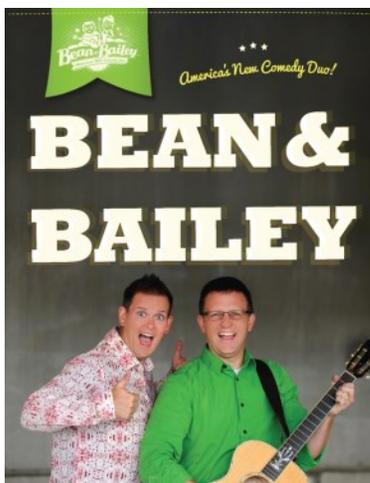
IMPACT DAY

Saturday, February 22nd*

*February 29th - inclement weather date

Meet at the tan storage building at 8:30am.

Be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our community for those who need a helping hand. Those include the elderly, widows, physically unable, and financially unable; whether a part of our church family or anyone in our community. We'll be doing basic home repairs, yard work, painting, cleaning, etc., etc., etc. This is a great volunteer opportunity for the whole family! **Volunteers are Needed:** Please sign up at fccsignups.info/ImpactDay or contact Ed Muller at 240-2299 or edwardmuller@mullerconstruction.com.



Night of Love & Laughter
Saturday, February 22nd
7pm (doors open at 6pm)

TICKETS AVAILABLE
ONLY FROM WPER.ORG



Mexico
Shareholder
Tickets on Sale
\$20 each!

Support our FCYM Mexico Mission Trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico by becoming a shareholder! Each share purchased gets you a mission trip t-shirt, trip updates, and a seat at our Shareholder Dinner. Your donation helps offset the cost of the trip for the participants. **Visit us at the kiosk in the Worship Center lobby through Feb. 23rd.**



Onward Giving Campaign Final Results

I remember as a child learning that my grandfather lived in a tent city for a period of time while growing up in New Jersey during the Great Depression. He never talked about it, but I am sure it was a stressful time in his young life.

I cannot imagine the pain of living in such uncomfortable conditions, not to mention the embarrassment of a child having to tell his or her schoolmates of their plight, the lack of running warm water to bathe in or to clean their clothes. But the part that haunts me most is the lack of a comfortable warm bed in which to sleep; it has to be hard to concentrate in school if you are tired, cold, and hungry. Maybe that is why the Moments of Hope village project has touched my heart as much as it has, as well as the hearts of many in our congregation.

In the beginning of December, the leadership of the church announced a goal of \$350,000 for our Onward Giving Campaign, with a tithe going to the village project. We were astounded by the generosity of God's people as that goal was surpassed with gifts of over \$416,000. That meant that we were able to do two things: pay down our mortgage which was originally \$5.4 million and is now \$3.8, a reduction of \$1.6 million in just a few short years; and present Moments of Hope with a check for \$41,603 to address homelessness. But God's love didn't stop there. Through a gift left to the church from a member's estate, we were able to add to the original gift another \$58,397 to come up with a total of \$100,000. And not to sound like an infomercial and say, "But wait, there's more!", but wait, there's more! Another committed follower of Christ has come forward to offer a tithe on that \$100,000 which brings the total amount to \$110,000 being donated in the name of Christ.

In Matthew we read, "When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Fairmount has always been known for giving to those in need and this once again proves where our hearts are. Walking in faith means more than reading God's word, it means living out what Jesus taught. It's following the Holy Spirit no matter where the walk takes us, and it's practicing selfless love to reach the "least of these". On behalf of the staff and the elders I want to thank you for your willingness to walk in the light of His love.

Kevin Bartlett



Women's Event IF:Gathering March 13 & 14

As a community we want to gather, get in the Word, experience powerful teaching, dive into authentic conversations, and worship Jesus!

Join us for IF:Fairmount, our local simulcast of IF:Gathering 2020. IF:Gathering desires to disciple the next generation of women to live out God's calling on their lives.

Get details and register at
fairmount.iflocal.com.

For more information, contact Heather Card at heathermcard@gmail.com.



Being Married God's Way March 1st through May 17th

11am-12:15pm in the Family Life Center.

For more details, contact Ray or Robin Williams at 804-291-6193 or email robin@thehusbandandwife.com.



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 15th
9am-1pm, Rm. 174
Use outside entrance.
Do not enter the gym.
Bible School classes
meet from 9:15-10:45.

While walk-ins are always welcome, it's very helpful if you sign up in advance so enough supplies can be brought.

You can register for a time slot at
fccsignups.info/GiveBlood.

Thank you for giving the gift of life!



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OUR CHURCH

Manna Sunday - March 1st

It's Dental Health month at the MCEF one-stop shop. Donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and mouthwash are needed.

Also needed: JELLY/JAM (not grape); paper bags w/ handles; pancake mix & syrup; pasta sauce; personal hygiene items; canned pasta; canned meats; individual packages of goldfish, grahams, trail mix, nabs, instant oatmeal & grits.

Bring your dental hygiene donations, along with your regular Manna Sunday donations, on March 1st.

Visit 4mcef.com for more information.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

	02/09	02/16
8:15 Traditional Worship:	140	140
Children's Worship:	3	3
9:30 Contemporary Worship:	503	442
Children's Worship:	52	57
Online Views	104	69
11:00 Traditional Worship:	179	173
Children's Worship:	98	77
11:15 Modern Worship:	324	340
Online Views	53	30

Total: 1,456 1,331

Bible School: 619 610

Budget Requirements: \$49,127 \$49,127

Budget Receipts: \$39,048 \$40,235



Fresh Hope
Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

A peer-to-peer support group for those with a mental health diagnosis and their loved ones.

freshhope@fairmountcc.org

SERMON SERIES



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