

The Messenger

Pastor Russell Anderson

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Faithing Forward

Faith is the currency of the Christian. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 reads, "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

How much we have in our bank accounts tells us what we can do after all the essentials are paid. What can I do to have fun? Do I want to travel, eat at the best restaurants, have a new car, or buy a home?

No matter what we have in this world, monetary currency means little in God's economy of fulfillment. A believer in Jesus Christ has something far more valuable than money. It's called Faith! A bank account or "Faith" account can be healthy or near bankruptcy.

Going through this journey, it is wise to check your balance. Luke 14:28 asks us to consider the cost or otherwise what is in your account of faith. If our account is empty, we try to make it on our own strength. Trying to believe in our own to make things happen.

When faith is weak, and life does not work out, our faith account takes another hit! Faith proceeds everything. When faith is inconsistent, dreams die, and we lead a life of complacency. We resign ourselves to a

mediocre life.

We know the faith of a mustard seed can move mountains and do so much. We always have some faith level, but strengthening our faith equity and keeping it built up is no different than building financial equity.

Are you willing to step out in faith, live out a vision, or create new goals? Step into a new call can gain new "Faith Momentum." If we fail, we still have gained much and had a great time doing it. Faith covers everything, even failures. Believe what is next, see what can be done better and move forward.

Jesus calls us to step out of the boat and keep our eyes on Him. If you tried reading the entire Bible and it didn't work, reset your goals, and start again. Have prayer times and invite others to join you. Start a small group with just a few. Faith grows in moving forward. Life requires us to step out in faith.

Faith is not just knowing what is true, but acting on what you believe.

As members of Global Methodists, Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Challenge: If I saw my faith bank account, what would I find, and what can I do to increase it?

Blessings, Pastor Russell

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Church News and God's Kids

Gym Closure

The Gym floor will be cleaned and waxed Saturday October 14—Sunday October 15.

For that reason, no one is allowed on the Gym floor Saturday, Oct. 14– Tuesday, Oct. 17.

October 2023						
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In **September**, the children of God's Kids had their school photos taken. From the smallest to the biggest kids (4-year-olds), they all had a great time smiling for the camera.

In **October**, the children will visit a local pumpkin patch for outdoor classroom time. Let's pray they have safe travels and learn a lot!



Join us for Handbells

For anyone interested in joining our fun-loving handbell choir, please use the sign up sheet located on the table in the lobby. Looking forward to see you all!



Attendance & Giving

Week Of	Attendance	Building Fund	Pledges & Plate	Internet Giving	Tuesday Meals	Missions	Memorials	Youth Home Meals	Total Checking
3	51	800.00	3162.00		25.00	11.00			3998.00
10	53	400.00	1946.00	350.00					2969.00
17	61		1009.00		20.00			25.00	1054.00
24	79	220.00	2206.00		20.00				2446.00
TOTAL	244	1420.00	8323.00	350.00	65.00	11.00		25.00	10467.00

Our Congregational Family



Birthdays

Denise Anderson	2
Lisa Dawes	3
Debbie Kinney	4
Daniel Hayes	7
Will Yoder	8
Barbara Seitz	15
Colton Davis	13
Derek Tapp	19
Megan Yoder	20
Paul Gene Swope	20
Sue Morgan	23
Reagon Hart	23
Cherissa Williams	21
Kayden Smith	22
Marla Gross	28
Judy Moll	30

Anniversaries

Eddie & Judy Moll	4
Sunmi & Matthew Davis	21



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH Great Lakes

Experience the praise and worship, spiritual encouragement, important information, relational connection, and the excitement of a fresh chapter in the Jesus Mission! We're celebrating something NEW!

**Global Methodist Church Great Lakes
Provisional Annual
Convening Conference**
Crossroads Global Methodist Church
1420 N Main, St Washington, IL 61571

Tuesday	Meals
Oct. 3	No Meal
Oct. 10	Veg. Soup
Oct. 17	Burgers and Brats
Oct. 24	BBQ Pork Sandwich
Oct 31	No Meal

Prayer Requests: Families of Wanda Barnes and Dr. Kent Burress, Michelle Duncan, Frank Gentry, Pastor Russell's daughter Carmen and granddaughter Caitlynn, our Church, Cheryl Roethemeier, Mark Morgan, Charles Goldman, Mary Moore, Joe Haseman, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Silas (Jane & Jerry Bennett's grandson), Amy Dubber, the addicted and homeless community, God's Kids, our Haitian children, McCutchanville Firefighters and Law Enforcement.

Do you have a prayer request that you would like listed in the bulletin? Please contact the church office.

Our Missions and Outreach



The McC Food Trailer is ready to head down to Franklin Street for the 102nd Fall Festival!

We will be open for business October 2—7
Booth 113

Menu: Strawberry Shortcake with Ice Cream, Chicken Fried Rice, Egg Rolls and Crab Rangoon.



There are boxes and gift ideas in the lobby. The National due date for shoe boxes is November 13-20. Watch the bulletin and announcements about participating in this fun and worthy mission.

Remember your WOW items!



The Mountain Mission Truck will be here

Monday, October 23

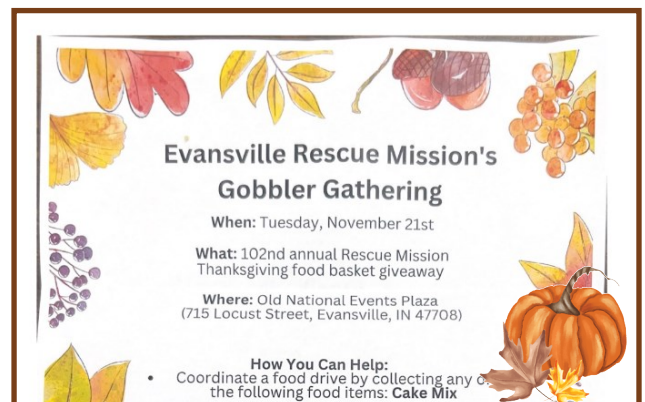
Items may be brought to the church and placed under the coat rack in the main hall.

Urgent Needs: New and used/good toys for Christmas.



- Breakfast Cereal (preferably not high sugar varieties)
- Crackers
- Pasta
- Rice
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned vegetables (green beans, peas, corn, etc.)
- Canned beans/pork n' beans
- Canned Soup
- Tuna
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter

All food must be commercially produced, shelf stable, and unopened.



Our Missions and Outreach Cont.

Fall Fun Fest

To be held at the church on October 31, 5—7 pm. More details will be announced soon!



1-812-499-4172 or 1-812-479-7490

Ministry to the homeless and the working poor

Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816

5130 Lincoln Ave. 47715



Hello everyone!

I'm always thinking about you and wondering how you are doing. Hope all of you are well!

Since this past Monday was a holiday, we didn't go out on the streets in our van. Whenever this happens, OR if the van is not working, then Jesus and I generally go out using my car. Well!! This is what happened this past week! More about that shortly! Anyway, I took two bags of children's clothing over to the House of Bread and Peace along with some hygiene supplies for the Moms who are there. They generally have a "crowd" of homeless individuals at their site, so all of this worked out well as our mission trip for the day.

HOWEVER, when we went into the church on Thursday a.m., we discovered that the battery of the van simply was NOT working! We had just had a new battery and other work done on the van over the past 3-4 months, so we had to call our van "expert", Joe Peterson, to check it out for us. The last I knew, it was still not working (it is about 20 years old). So, we are hoping and praying that we will be able to have a usable van this coming Monday when we try to head out on the streets again.

We had already decided with the "Fresh Start Recovery Center" out on Kratzville Road to bring the women and children housed there some needed clothing and hygiene supplies. All these women have recently been released from prison for one reason or another and we want to help them all we can. So, at church that morning, I packed a LARGE shoulder bag FULL of hygiene supplies, some clothing items they needed, a lot of healthy treat bags, AND some Bibles and copies of "Our Daily Bread". We also have some nice Christian pamphlets which many of them enjoy reading. Usually, there are approximately 10 women and a few children at this site. That day, there were 12 women there, along with a few children. They were most appreciative of ALL the above! While there, I had the great opportunity of meeting "John", the maintenance man for their facility. We had a wonderful, enlightening conversation! Since this shelter is operated by the "Volunteers of America", WHICH ALSO operated "Hope Hall", primarily for men in the same life situation out on East Franklin Street, John gave me some details as to what caused the HUGE fire that destroyed the latter facility over the

past several months. At that time, all of these male residents had to be moved to other locations around town and some were even released on their good behavior. I had the name of the person in charge of Hope Hall. I called her this afternoon because I want us to continue going to that site and helping these dear people all we can. She told me that there are approx. 30 men there at this time. ALSO, there are approx. 38 men on house arrest in our area. She was THRILLED to hear of our CONTINUED interest in helping the people who are in these V.O.A. facilities! SO, this next Thursday, our first stop will be at this large men's housing unit on East Franklin Street. As with the director mentioned above, WE, in this Christian ministry, are LIKEWISE MORE than delighted to help them out! Just as a note of interest, the fire that burned down their large housing unit (Hope Hall), along with a lot of the other buildings at that site, was started by a homeless man in our area who was just trying to keep warm that night! At the time, I guessed that was the situation, but the Hope Hall director confirmed it to me just today. Oh my! The people we see on the streets are VERY MUCH in need!

To continue my couple of hours out on the streets this last Thursday, I went over to the Salvation Army. There were a lot of people outside waiting for their lunch. Many of them knew me and came over to my car to talk with me and to give and receive hugs. These are DEAR people.

I went inside to check out the health clinic and to talk with the students who were there. Jane, our nurse practitioner, is out of town this week but I had a nice conversation with the medical student and the senior nursing student who were both there talking with people. When Jane returns, I want to get the educational mounted displays to her for use in our clinic. I know she will want them because they are excellent for public education. We had used them before in the V.C. jail as displays AND they were very well received AND appreciated by the inmates at that time.

The Salvation Army is ALWAYS so gracious about permitting us to take several box lunches (25) downtown for the people at the Mets Bus Station. We always take cold, bottled water with us for distribution. In addition to individuals waiting to ride the bus to a specific location, there are always several of our street people just sitting

there because they don't have anywhere else to go. I know the community has tried to discourage that kind of behavior, but we certainly see many of our people at that site. There is generally a police officer on duty there.

We are scheduled to go out on the streets this coming Monday in the van to assist our people as much as we can. We are hoping and praying that it WILL START!! When we first started this ministry back in January of 2020, we were driving my car to all of the sites we visited. We will continue to do so as needed. We just hope and pray that our church van will be functionable. We can do SO MUCH MORE for our people when we have a van to carry our supplies and donations in. We will keep you posted on this. Thank you!!

Some of you have asked that I send out the link again for our Amazon Wish List. It is as follows: <https://a.co/e7ui4oP>

Some of you have been ordering supplies from the above site for our street ministry. This is SO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!! We are forever indebted to you and your assistance in helping the people Jesus asked us to serve.

We SO VERY MUCH sense His Presence with us out on the streets of Evansville. Thank you, everyone!

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Hello everyone!

This edition may not be as long as my usual "Street Talk" that you receive generally every week, but I do have some things I would like to share with you. I am so very thankful that we have the opportunity to go out on the streets of Evansville and minister to people in need. On Monday of this week, Pat, Kathy, Jesus, and I were able to see and experience some things we would like to share with you.

We generally make 3 major stops when we are out on the streets on Mondays and Thursdays, BUT we also will stop if we see any particular person or situation that warrants our attention. Also, we try to make one or two other brief stops at different locations once or twice each month to see how our people are doing. For example, on the 14th and 28th of September, our additional stops were (and are) at Patchwork Central downtown. We LOVE to stop at this loca-

tion. John Rich and his team do a GREAT job there for the people of that neighborhood PLUS with our people who sleep down by the river. Also, the people eating their breakfast there always like for me to play the piano for them, which I dearly love to do. It is a blessing for them AND for ol' granny (me)! Thanks, John, and your staff for letting us minister at your site. We are blessed to do so!

Then, we head over to see our people at the United Caring Shelter. This week, when we left Patchwork and were heading over to the UCS, we passed a group of our people standing out in front of another shelter on 8th street-just a couple of blocks North of Washington Ave. Several of them had grocery cars full of the only worldly possessions they own. This shelter is a Christian based program operated by NOW Counseling whose main office is downtown on MLK Blvd. We stopped to help those individuals at that site who were in need. As happens often, I was able to talk with a 40's y.o. woman whom I had first met several years ago over at Stepping Stones on Stockwell Road when I was employed there. Thankfully, she was getting some more help for her alcohol and drug problem which has been a life-long battle for her. We were very glad to see each other

When we arrived at the UCS, one of the first persons we saw was the woman that I had encountered in one of our downtown city parks a week or so ago. At that time, she had been severely beaten up on by her "ex-boyfriend". In talking with her this time (at UCS), I discovered that she had been beaten up on AGAIN by someone else! She could hardly raise her head to speak with me. This just makes me SICK!! She was back living out on the streets. I am thankful that some of our community social service agencies have staff members who visit these other sites to provide care as much as they can. ALSO, our local EPD officers make visits over to area shelters to see what they can do to intervene as much as possible. They also visit the downtown parks where many of our people "hang out". One officer in particular mentioned to us a couple of weeks ago that the "Line Street Park" is one of those sites. AND would you believe it, this park has children's "play equipment" there for the kids to "enjoy"!! Oh, Dear Father! We pray for your continued guidance, direction, AND PROTECTION for the children who DO

play there AND for the police officers who regularly supervise these parks. Just thinking about what I mentioned to you just now upsets me VERY MUCH!!

On Wednesday of this past week, a friend of mine told me that she was driving down Fulton Ave. and saw a large number of what appeared to be homeless people sitting and/or lying on the ground down the side street from the Salvation Army. I believe this area is city property. This has happened before, several times, but they had been asked to leave that area by the city. In the past, I have seen our people either sitting or sleeping there. When they leave, there is a lot of clutter left in the area where they were eating, ? drug use, and sleeping. I am so very sorry that this happens. We also have been seeing MANY MORE grocery carts piled high with personal belongings AND dogs, in particular, along the sidewalks in this area AS WELL as in other parts of town. This is SO VERY DISTRESSING to all of us in this ministry.....do any of you have any suggestions as to how you think the city should deal with these problems?

One more point of interest here. We are starting to have some of our people requesting sweatshirts to wear particularly at night and during the morning when they are just starting to move around town. We have approximately 300 sweatshirts in our clothing mission room at church. Honestly, we hadn't thought about people needing sweatshirts this early in the season. Well! Apparently, we are wrong! I discussed this with our mission room leader and with other team members and I think I will start putting piles of sweatshirts in my car, grouped according to size, and will start taking them around town a couple of days each week for 2-3 weeks. Of course, we can take some with us in the van when we are out on the streets on Monday and Thursday, but since they are bulky, we may have to use my car and do this, too.

Every Fall, we have a sweatshirt drive in which we ask for donations, but perhaps we shouldn't have one for now in case any of you have wondered about this. We will discuss this further and then will get back with you regarding this. We are ALWAYS in need of various hygiene items so perhaps we should focus on this at the moment. Will get back with you regarding any further changes in the needs for our dear people.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	This	Week	Is Fall	Festival	Thru	Oct 7
1 World Communion Sunday 3:30 pm Gym Reserved	2 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	3 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	4 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm NO Bible Study due to Fall Fest. 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	5 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	6	7
8 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 3:30 pm Gym Reserved	9 Columbus Day—Office Closed** 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	10 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	11 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	12 Office Closed** 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	13 Office Closed**	14 Gym Closed for maintenance
15 Gym closed for maintenance 3:30 pm Gym Reserved	16 Gym closed for maintenance 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	17 Gym closed for maintenance	18 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	19 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	20	21
22 3:30 pm Gym Reserved	23 The Mountain Mission Truck arrives 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship	24 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	25 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	26 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	Global Methodist Church Great Lakes Provisional Annual Convening Conference Crossroads Global Methodist Church 1420 N Main, St Washington, IL 61571	
29 3:30 pm Gym Reserved	30 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	31 1:30 pm Gym Reserved Fall Fun Fest 5-7pm	NOV. 1 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	2 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall		

****The office will be closed on these days due vacation time of Secretary and/or Pastor. This week is typically Fall break for local schools. If you need anything please contact the Pastor Russell at 618-676-4698.**