



SKIFF LAKE

BIBLE CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to read Sandy Wilkins' Chats, please email secretary@skifflakebible.org, requesting a copy of her most recent Chat, and it will be forwarded to you. The most recent Chat is #11.

The **Interfaith Shelter Gospel Outreach**, scheduled for **Saturday, March 28, 2020**, has understandably been cancelled per the direction of the Elder Board.

Pastor and Cheryl Toth will host another evening of fellowship and study on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS) was going to **present a study in the book of Job**, by Lisa Harper, **beginning Tuesday, April 7th**, has been postponed to the fall.

The long-anticipated **Missions Conference** has had to also be cancelled. Recent email from Phyllis Gordon informs us that she, too, is under "quarantine" due to the Coronavirus and has cancelled her trip to the U.S. Maybe she will be able to reschedule her time in the U.S. in the fall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020, BULLETIN

Series: 1 Peter

Sermon: Suffering Wrongfully

Text: 1 Peter 2:18-25

Outline:

Review

Suffering wrongfully: Honorable conduct in the face of difficult people.

Jesus as our example:

The most recent information for:

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FOR MARCH 8, 2020

Worship service	99	Sunday school	69
Prayer meeting	7	Sunday eve activities	24
General Fund required	\$2,896.00	Missions required	\$2,595.00
General fund received	\$3,102.00	Missions received	\$1,925.00
PRAISE for	\$ 206.00	PRAY for	\$ 670.00
Senior Breakfast	7	JCS	\$ 25.00

TO ENCOURAGE A MISSIONARY

Are you receiving a missionary after he/she's had a long day of travel? They just need some time to get cleaned up, and perhaps just relax before they visit with you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FROM MARCH 23 TO MARCH 29, 2020

Monday,	
Tuesday, March 24	6:30 pm, Men's Bible study – the 4 Gospels chronologically, in the Library
Wednesday, March 25	6:30 pm, Prayer meeting in the Library
Thursday, March 26	Pray for health care providers. Please pray for Pres. Trump and his advisors for wisdom during this unusual situation.
Friday,	
Saturday, March 28	6:30 am, Men's prayer in Pastor Toth's office
Sunday, March 29	10:00 am, Streaming live sermon with Tim Sanford

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12, 2020 – **EASTER**

JOB JAR

Is there one of the following jobs around the building and grounds that you will do? When done, contact Dale Thorne.

Trim the hedges on the east side of the building? (11-3-19)

Greg & Hannah Lilly

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Date: February 23, 2020

Hi Everyone,

Thank You for praying for us regarding our tickets. It is not easy to plan so far in advance. God directed us to a travel agent who helped us greatly in finding tickets in our unique circumstances. Tickets are bought and set aside for our return home in early June to settle Lincoln in Bible School, visit the grand babies, and to visit family and our support team and return tickets as well for Lance, Hannah, and I to return to PNG in mid-July! So, Praise the Lord with us today for his leading!

Our emails have lessened of late. We recognize this and want to keep you informed! Since we finished official language study our time has been full of what we came here to do; working in support roles that allow others to share the gospel with those yet to hear. For me, Greg, this has been in areas of construction, wood working, and cabinetry. **I've been tasked with training 3 citizen workers in cabinetry to increase their skillset.** They are very talented men that have not had much time making cabinets...so much of my time of late has been designing a kitchen that will be repeated 4 times in the near future...a kitchen that is usable...easy to make...easy to teach...and repeatable to perfect their skillset... this has taken quite a bit of time converting standard measurements to metric for their sake...the teacher needs to be a learner too after all :). my goal is to build the first kitchen with their help, then to have them build the second kitchen with my help, then to have them build the 3rd and 4th kitchens on their own. My leg accident and rehab have delayed this goal, but I am happy to say that tomorrow the teaching and building begins. Pray with me for clarity in speech. All 3 understand English to varying degrees, but Pidgen English far better so this will be a stretch for all of us. Pray too for safety as we work with tools they may have not worked with or not worked much with. Pray for them specifically if you would. Their names are Segi (seggy), Alex, and Floti (floaty).

How is teaching cabinetry to citizen workers a part of getting the gospel to those least reached? I heard that question in your mind :). It has come to my mind too from time to time... I'm reminded of Venezuela. When we were there, there was a missionary that I was so surprised to find out how utterly lost he was in the use of a hammer or any skill to build even something simple. It was ASTOUNDING to me how inept he was in this regard...he would admit this, so I'm not being mean here...he really couldn't put two boards together. As I got to know him, I found out how INCREDIBLY GIFTED he is in Translation, Language, and Culture learning, something that is equally beyond me. He is an incredible teacher...ASTOUNDING in his ability to take the scriptures and open them up into the world of an unreached people group. He had gifts that I do not have...yet...God has given me gifts that He does not have...but together guys with my skillset could build what he needed to further him into getting the gospel to the "P" people of Venezuela. The "P's" heard the gospel, and many are now our brothers and sisters in Christ! Teamwork!!!

Here in PNG, we have citizens who are now believers, who are maturing in their faith, and want to be a part of getting the gospel to their countrymen who speak a different language using the gifts they have. I've been asked to share cabinetry with 3 of them. Pray with me that I will teach them well...that their minds will understand and that their hands will develop the skills. We have many missionaries on the field now and in the coming months and years they will need cabinets for their homes in the bush when they move into more of the "least reached" people groups of PNG. Remember there is no Lowe's or Home Depot close enough to just buy cabinets off the shelf. Some of these new missionaries are like my friend from Venezuela...gifted in areas of the mind and not in areas of the hands... yet it takes a team to get the gospel to these very remote locations. Wouldn't it be great if their cabinets would be made by one or all of these 3 men?!? I think it would be! Pray with me to this end... I won't go into detail, but this is a higher goal than you might think and a needed goal for our field.

So tomorrow afternoon we begin...and on the docket for learning is me learning their terms for the tools we will use...the verbs...the nouns...the descriptions, etc...so language learning will continue... then it'll be my turn to show them the cabinets they will be making...to encourage them with needed accuracy...and share with them the whys to the cabinets we are used to... have you ever wondered why a kitchen cabinet has a "toe kick"...it's that indentation at the bottom of your cabinets so your feet have a place to go so you can get close to the sink as you work there... well imagine you live in a home that doesn't have cabinets. These men live close to us and have worked on the property for quite some time so they are familiar with the way we live, but go home every night to a much different reality... this different reality has an effect on their understanding of the how's and why's something seemingly as simple as a cabinet is to be made.

This past month I have had the privilege of helping figure out several sets of stairs. Have you ever been on a set of stairs where the top stair is a higher than all the rest?...you naturally expect the top step to be the same and your toe hits the front of the step and you trip... or have you been on a set of stairs where the bottom stair is a very small step compared to all the rest...you expect to come down further than the floor, so you stumble. Teaching the guys the principles of why it's so important for each stair to be the same height is important...but for them...it really doesn't matter in the least - as they do not naturally rely

on steps being even...but we do... so these seemingly simple principles to us are a little difficult to grasp...yet they are able to grasp them with time and patience. The stairs they've made have been turning out very well and will last a long time...it's been fun helping them along.

I have complete confidence that these men have the skills necessary to increase their knowledge of woodworking. Pray with me that I will be patient, understanding, and apt to teach them clearly the principles of woodworking that they have yet to learn and that I too would be a learner from them as they have knowledge I do not have yet.

Hannah is currently filling in as the Art Teacher for the Elementary School here. Pray for her as she shares her talents with the children. The kids are missionary kids and kids from the local community around us who attend school here.

Thank you for Praying for us as we Serve the Lord together as your outstretched arms!

Greg & Hannah, Lincoln & Lance Lilley

IT IS A JOY TO SERVE OUR SAVIOR!!! BEING A PART OF MAKING HIM KNOWN!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN THIS TOO!!!

Bob & Stephanie Caudle

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Date: February 28, 2020

Our Missionary Life!

What a privilege that our vocation is working for the Lord full time; (sharing the Gospel and our lives). It is something we never want to take for granted, and the weight of being entrusted with such a high call is an ever-present companion.

The end of 2019 and beginning of 2020 has especially brought these thoughts to the forefront of our minds as hospital stays (for Stephanie's mom) and ER & doctor visits (for both Stephanie's mom and Bob) have consumed a lot of our time. (We had the EMT's here 3 times in three weeks.) We are sure you most likely, and even to a greater depth, understand how health issues (ours or others we care for) "interrupt" and back up or even put on hold "life". Depending on the severity - times with friends stop, jobs go undone, projects and plans get pushed to another hoped for day.

Jeremiah 29:11 - "I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD..." Have you ever had to stop and remind yourself that God wasn't surprised by your new circumstance?

Isaiah 55:8 - "...For my ways are not your ways, declares the LORD." How about in the midst of what we believe is the best way to do "life" God changes our path? Can we accept that perhaps He will get more glory and be better known through our lack than through our ability?

We are beginning to grasp that it is not by all the activity, programs, Bible studies or even mentor meetings, but by living out our life with God in front of and in community with the people He has called us to that we are fulfilling His call, and "life" is not on hold!

SO, HEALTH DETAILS!

Just before Christmas both Bob, and Zoa (who is 79) caught a respiratory virus. For Zoa, it eventually turned into pneumonia and a 5 day hospital stay. For Bob it increased his atrial fibrillation and put him into congestive heart failure (CHF). Medicines proved helpful to both, and though Zoa is doing better we are told it will be several weeks before she regains her full strength. Bob's CHF is under control and he underwent a heart ablation on February 5th to correct the AFib. As of this writing, he feels good, but his heart continues to move in and out of AFib. We are working with doctors to decide best next steps. Can we be honest? and say, "This has been hard, we are tired and a bit discouraged." Will you also hear our hearts when we say, "we know God is good. He is and has been our rock, our fortress, and we shall not be greatly shaken!" – Psalm 62:2

On the "actual" ministry side: We are back on with Friday & Tuesday night dinners and Bible studies. Over President's Day weekend (Feb 15-17) Bob and our partner Becky took a group of airmen and soldiers up to Fairbanks to brave -40 degree temps for the International Ice Sculpture Contest. They visited Chena Hot Springs as well, and spent both mornings in the Word together. Times like these build community and strengthen faith.

We would be remiss too, if we did not mention how this community that we serve has served us and filled in the gaps! We are so blessed!

Friends,

Thank you for your partnership with us in sharing the Gospel and our lives! Thank you too, for sharing your lives wherever He has you!. May you be encouraged and strengthened as you remember that no life lived for Him is ever wasted, forgotten, or without eternal impact.

Serving together our Risen Savior,
Bob & Stephanie Caudle

Bob & Sharla Buhler

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Date: March 2, 2020

Dear Friends:

Several weeks ago, Bob and I traveled to Mexico to be a part of the 20th anniversary of the Summer Missionary Program. This is a ministry we were privileged to help get off the ground back in 1999. Since its inception we have seen the powerful and undeniable hand of God blessing this ministry. It now has solid national leadership and is going strong...reaching thousands of children with the Gospel, equipping young people to effectively lead evangelistic children's clubs, and assisting the church to proclaim the Gospel to needy areas throughout Mexico. To think of where God has taken this ministry and the fruit that has come out of it is truly mind blowing. Praise the Lord for the great things He has done over the past two decades. Thank you for the part you have played through your prayers and generosity.

Bob & Sharla

John & Paul Oliver

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Date: March 2020

Dear Friends at Skiff Lake:

We're excited that our daughter, Joy, having completed her two nursing degrees (ASN & BSN), recently started training in her new nursing job – at a local Advent Health hospital, working on a transplant unit!

Last weekend, Paula and I were able to participate in a Marriage Encounter in Tampa. It was a special opportunity for us to take some time to improve our communication, discuss our thoughts and feelings on various topics, and take a fresh start toward turning our good marriage into a great marriage!

Meanwhile, I had my tooth #30 extracted last month. It was quite traumatic, as the roots had to be dug and pried out, but the healing process is underway. Unfortunately, though, ever since then, an adjacent tooth (#29) has been aggravated. It may end up needing a root canal, but for now, I'm giving it a little more time to see if it recovers. Your prayers for God's care, guidance, and healing are appreciated!

Thanks very much for your recent \$250 gift. We appreciate your love, prayers and support!

Your Missionaries,
John, Paula, Nicholas, Joy & Hannah

Jake & Jasmine Posey

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Date: March 5, 2020

Dear Skiff Family,

Thank you to all for the prayers and gifts and meals as we welcomed our sweet Abel! We are so encouraged by the thoughtfulness.

We love you all and are so glad the Lord put you in our lives.

Thanks again!

The Posey Family

Jack & Pat Barentsen

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Date: March 5, 2020

We have never gone white-water rafting. Exciting? Yes! But scary too. Perhaps we've missed the adventure of a lifetime. But then we realized we've been white-water rafting for decades not on literal white waters down a steep canyon but in white waters, nevertheless. The white waters of church life perhaps, once upon a time, they were quiet. Today's society holds many surprises, hidden obstacles, unexpected dangers. Church is in the middle of them navigating unexpected eddies, avoiding rocks just beneath the surface moving many different people in the same direction without falling out of the boat.



How do you do it? What are the secrets? How do you 'save' others without drowning yourself? Those are the questions of church leaders as they navigate down white waters in a fragile boat called community. I think you get the picture. Church leadership is a great privilege but also as a great challenge. In our ministry, we have experienced that many times over, as I'm sure you have.

Jack has joined hands with a Dutch Christian leadership trainer to write a book on leading the church on new journeys in pursuit of God's mission. We want to put a valuable resource into the hands of many pastors and church leaders in the Netherlands and Belgium, to equip them for church leadership in the 21st century.

We need your help to complete this project by September of 2021. A total of \$12,000 is needed to finish all the research, writing, editing and publishing. We have a Dutch publisher who will work with us. There will be some proceeds from the royalties, but in the small Dutch language market, this will only cover a fraction of the need.

Your donation will put a valuable resource into the hands of Dutch church leaders to enable them to lead their church faithfully amidst the rapid changes of the 21st century. We are looking for 15 to 20 people to support this project with \$25-\$50 a month until September 2021, as well as a few individuals or businesses to donate \$1,000 in a one-time gift.

For a detailed book project proposal, please write the authors (jbarentsen@gmail.com or oeds@undefendedleader.nl).

Donations can be made online:

<https://www.biblicalministries.org/support/give/> or by mail (send a check to Biblical Ministries Worldwide, 1595 Herrington Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043). Please designate your gift to the "Literature Fund / Book Project" of the Barentsen ministry, so that the entire amount of the donation will go towards this project.

Dutch sponsors may write Oeds Blok for further details (oeds@undefendedleader.nl).

PRAYER REQUEST LIST

GOVERNMENT LEADERS: U.S. Supreme Court Justices Roberts, Alito, Breyer, Ginsburg, Gorsuch, Kagan, Kavanaugh, Sotomayor, & Thomas

CHURCH MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Elder: Rick LaFlamme; Deacon: Tim Clore; Member/Friend: Barb Parks; Skiffkids Teacher: Renita Schryer; Nursery: Marce Wandell; The Music Team: Barb Parks; Usher: Dan Wandell; AV: Tim Clore; Teen: Katy Hosmer; SLBC child: Nora Sanford; AWANA'S SPARKS: Rebecca Gilliland;

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Brent Buhler, Nathan & Tara, & Erin Caudle, Nicholas & Hannah Oliver, Allie & Lindsay Rasmussen, Austin Scheiderer*, Megan Schmidt, Moriah Shafer*, Jonathan Simpson, Cameryn & Camille Smith, Beth Ulrick*, John Ulrick*. Doctoral programs: Scot Keen, Jenny Riepma; *Denotes Ethnos360 student.

HEALTH NEEDS: Steve Ivkovich-16 week recovery: Phyllis Gordon's ear to clear before she flies; Cindy Zull-gastritis; Feb. operation to separate conjoined twins postponed again; Rex & Kay Swihart; Carol Demel-home; Pete Zull's "Ka'zoo" bro; George Armstrong; Andy LaBreche-heart health; April Keen-doing much better; Deb Clore; Mike Riepma; Shirley Langowski; Sylvia Hosmer; Dennis Campbell; Dr. Mark Bailey; Marsh & Marge Blomberg; Lois Reeves; Abbie Huff-CF; Hudson Thorne-heart block; PREGNANCY: Jessie Loker; Emily Beard; Amanda Thorne; Nikki Hein, Regina Rodman, Jessica (Roulo) Coleman

CANCER: Phil Daley's cousin Jeff-esophageal; PT's Father; Mike Booher (Ramona's hus'd); Barb Goolsby; Cheryl (friend of Rosanne Venema), Dr. Jennings' daughter Angela-melanoma; David DelloStritto (Freemans' son-in-law), Cindy Zull's bro Lee; Dave Schryer (Mick's bro); Marie Smith's sis Betty;

SPECIAL PERSONAL: P&A Wilson; Nathan, Horns' foster son; Beth (Parks) & Col. (Ret.) Tom Roy's trial postponed to 4-20-20, pray for God's peace, grace & perfect will to be accomplished; Kathy LaFlamme's mom; Taylor, Holly Horn's niece; Adam Beard; Scot Keen-study time for DTS classes, online classes, rec'd schp for May Israel trip-PTL; Pavan, Rex Schaffner's friend's salvation; Melissa Toth; four unspoken-one resolved, one improved;

LOSS OF LOVED ONES: The Horton Family; P&A Wilson; The Zull Family; The Toth Family; The Rasmussen Family; The Rice Family; Lynn Adams and family;

EMPLOYMENT: Dennis Campbell; ARMED FORCES: Joshua Denning-recently deployed to Iraq; David Denning, Zak LaFlamme; LAW ENFORCEMENT: Andy Schurman-Chicago; Marc Smith-Jackson;

UP-COMING EVENTS: 3-21-20, Men's prayer, 6:30 am; 3-28-20, Interfaith Shelter Gospel Outreach, 10 am to 2 pm; 4-25/26-20, Missions Conference

MISSIONS PRAYER LIST

Missionary of the Week: Scot & April Keen, Jon Wiley, Madison, Sadie; Ethnos 360, Online Ed. Academic Dean; Support needs, home repairs; Home schooling

ALLEN: Prepare chronological teaching lessons, start end March; open hearts

BAKER: Opportunities talk with others about EBI ministry, raise support; home school

BARENTSEN: More attend ETF Seminary; Teach clearly; Help students w/ research

BUHLER: Avant-Mexico Summer Mission Program growth; Bob to Guatemala late March

CAUDLE*: Bob's heart health; Fri. & Tues. dinners & Bible study; discipleship; stamina

EDWARDS: Camino Avant Ministries Member Care; God's direction; sell house

GORDON*: Work with M check translations, wisdom, clarity; Speak at Skiff mission conf. cancelled

HIEBERT: Remodel office to apt.; Summer in WA be w/ Ron's Mom; Lead Bible study

KEEN: Meeting neighbors; Scot's studies, coordinate online courses; Home school

LaBRECHE: CIT Facilities Mng.; Missionaries attend Second Language Acquisition course

LANHAM: Wisdom as we interact with and encourage different missionaries; stamina

LILLEY: Home to U.S. June; Craig, Hannah & Lance back to PNG be Dorm Parents for year

MACKAY: Jana - Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF); Health Good News Club volunteers
MARKLEY: Language consulting; 1 yr. home assignment June 2020, need housing Albion
MEISSNER*: To Mich June; Torre to Mexico help with missionary home build 3/7-15
McCUTCHEN: Walk alongside staff dealing w/ past trauma; Wisdom as minister
MILTON*: OffGrid Tech building project plus regular responsibilities; Hannah's health
OLIVER: Make payroll changes in preparation for new accounting system; John's teeth
POSEY: Single Ladies Dean; Thurs. Bible study in home; Film online classes
REEVES*: Planning & wisdom for ministry options in next few months; Health, strength
RIEPMAN: Ese Ejja church leaders; Jenni & Silvana ministry in village;
RODMAN*: Move software to cloud; Bible translation video; Baby due Sept.
D. SANFORD*: To PNG July; Wisdom re: what to take; A peace about traveling
G. SANFORD: March-Nov. very busy at Wayumi; New business software
S. SANFORD: Steve now Director of Mobilization: short term trips, overseas internships
SCHAA: Candidate evaluations; Teach trainee ladies; Learn new finance system
SCHAFFNER*: 3/16-5/25 online class; Connect with alumni; Dev. online mentor program
SHEHADEH-JETS: Finish areas of campus; An academy will join campus for K-12 ed.
SIMPSON: March to Argentina-wisdom about how to best minister while there; Stamina
SMITH: Dinangat church leaders learn to shepherd; Wisdom as consult w/ tribal works
SULLIVAN: 2/12 lead 6 week Wednesday night Bible study; Work on class for April
VANDERWERF: Prepare Summer Music Camp July, includes discipleship; Funding

WILSON: Pray for new Indonesia teams just moving in to start their ministry interior
WILSON, P&A: Andrea back to PNG, then entire family to U.S. in March-July
WINDLE: After a training, return to E. Asia delayed so ministering where temp. located
YOUNG*: Be Supply Buyer Western PNG, start fall; Weekly Bible lessons for community
ZULL; M, H, D, S, & A will trust Jesus; Cross-Cultural Ministry Workshop end March
* Missionaries sent by Skiff Lake Bible Church;
PNG = Papua New Guinea;
Also Pray For: Button, Green, Hatton, PNG Amdu; Jenks; Nancy; Shafer, Canada; Shinabery;