

Where You Are Family



News Update

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Keith Ferguson - Buildings
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MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome: Scott Carpenter
Song Leader: Fred Walker
Prayer: Keith Ferguson
Communion Prayers: Odell Hamilton
Scripture Reading: JD Berna
Message: DC Brown
Benediction: John Butts



EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer: Scott Carpenter
Song Leader: Bill Rogers
Communion Prayers: Foster Ramsey/Jim Smith
Evening Lesson: DC Brown
Closing Prayer: Lonnie Ritchie



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Evening Worship: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM



SUNDAY ADULT & TEEN BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium:	Minor Prophets	Lonnie Ritchie
Annex Classroom:	<u>Respectable Sins</u>	Bill Rogers
Annex Meeting Rm:	Young Adults	Scott Carpenter
Fellowship:	Hebrews	DC Brown
Library:	New Christians	Morris Fridie
Annex Teen Room:	<u>Wisdom for Life</u>	Nick Schroeder

Welcome!

Your Work in Benin

I am grateful that Lonnie was able to fill in for me on Sunday and I appreciate the elders allowing me to be away. My absence from the pulpit on Sunday was due to my obligations to be in western Kentucky to chair the annual Fall board meeting of FACE – French African Christian Education. Because FACE is one of the mission efforts our church family has supported for years, [I thought I would take the time to share](#) a few things with you about the work we are involved with in Benin.

Student enrollment is now at an all-time high! When the new campus was built for the school of preaching two sets of dorms were built to house up to 50 students. We are now at capacity and beyond! Total enrollment now stands at 56 with an incoming class of 20 new students.

To put this in perspective: The Bible departments of our Christian universities are down again this year in all of our schools. This is not new. It has been trending downward for several years. Schools of preaching in the US are also frustrated with the same issue. At a time when we struggle to find men willing to give their lives to the gospel and willing to commit to even a two-year training program, our brethren in French speaking West Africa are struggling to get accepted into an intensive three-year training program. Competition for the available slots is fierce.

Candidates have to demonstrate the adequate education required to enable them to learn at this level. Schooling is full time and all students live on campus. They also spend two hours minimum each day working on the school farm, either with the crops, swine or poultry. Upper classmen will also be taught how to repair computers and cellphones. Our graduates leave having satisfactorily completed a three-year long curriculum of Bible, preaching and evangelism courses. They will also have acquired skills with modern farming techniques, for those who serve in rural areas, and skills in technology for those who are in more urban areas.

At our board meeting, we approved funds for additional chairs and desks, dorm room furnishings, library computers as well as text books for the new students. We also approved funding for a new married housing unit to be built on campus, which will greatly benefit so many of the men who have come to learn. We increased the monthly budget for the school to ensure that students are able to receive the best and most intensive teaching that can be given,

More than 16,000 Bibles have been distributed in the past two years through our graduates in eleven French speaking countries. Some are in French, others are in African dialects and many are in Arabic languages for the many Muslims who want Bibles and Bible studies. We love to give Bibles out! So many individual Christians and churches here in the states are enthusiastically supporting this effort through online giving.

In 1995 there was only one congregation in Benin, consisting of five people who met in the living room of a rented apartment. Today, because of the school, there are 110 congregations just in Benin. The Irene Morgan Legacy Fund, which FACE administers, has built or repaired 12 church buildings and more are under construction for the 60 or more congregations that have no place to meet. These congregations are growing. Others are being planted each year. Students cannot graduate from the school unless they have been responsible for planting at least one congregation before graduation. Most do more than that!

You can always read more about the work at www.frenchafricanmissions.org. You are part of a tremendous work that is growing! Furthermore, we've seen that men and women who turn away from witchcraft and manmade religions in Benin and in other French speaking African nations tend to remain faithful to the Lord. You are partnering with the Lord in saving souls and in planting churches as you continue to support the school in its efforts to train preachers. Thank you for so many years of support for this great work.

– DC Brown

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Bob & Kitty Mobley
- ◆ Nancy Morrow
- ◆ Cliff & Barbara Purvis
- ◆ Jack & Katheryn Bullock
- ◆ Jimmy & Charlene Ware
- ◆ Evelyn Stalcup
- ◆ Reina Butts
- ◆ Rick & Sherry Damazio
- ◆ Charlotte Smith
- ◆ Paul Miller
- ◆ Frances Poehl
- ◆ Jerry & Janice Walker
- ◆ Rosemary Lunt
- ◆ Wilma Davenport
- ◆ Louise Hairgrove
- ◆ Barbara Loving
- ◆ Connie Matics
- ◆ Langley Family
- ◆ Debbie Brown
- ◆ Virginia Smith
- ◆ Bryan Maret
- ◆ Joe Liles
- ◆ Vanessa Botkin
- ◆ Melissa Satcher
- ◆ Harvey Blasingim
- ◆ Melanie Leonard & family

Our Active Military : Cody Damazio, Ricky Damazio, Matt Gilley, & John Neidrich

Prayers for the friends and loved ones of our church family:

- ◆ Robert Telschow, Janie Satcher's father (UTI)
- ◆ Billy Witcher, Charlene Ware's caregiving patient (peaceful passing)
- ◆ Hadley Daniel, Jean Lowery's great granddaughter (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
- ◆ Ellis Clepper, Frequent Guest (health issues)
- ◆ Becky Whittington, Johnny & Opal Singletary's daughter (heart and diabetic health issues)
- ◆ Greg Schroeder, Nick's brother (life struggles)

*Sympathy is extended to the family of
Phyllis Willis,
Kitty Mobley's sister*

*Sympathy is extended to Brenda Rigdon
and her family due to
the loss of her sister*



EVENTS & UPDATES

ELDER IN CHARGE FOR SEPTEMBER - SCOTT CARPENTER (832) 525-7324

- ◆ Prayer Meeting will meet September 18,25 in the teen room at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Men's & Ladies' morning bible class will meet September 19,26 at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Game Night will meet on September 21 in the fellowship room.
- ◆ MNFTM will meet on September 24 in the fellowship room at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon is on September 30 following AM assembly. There will be no PM assembly.

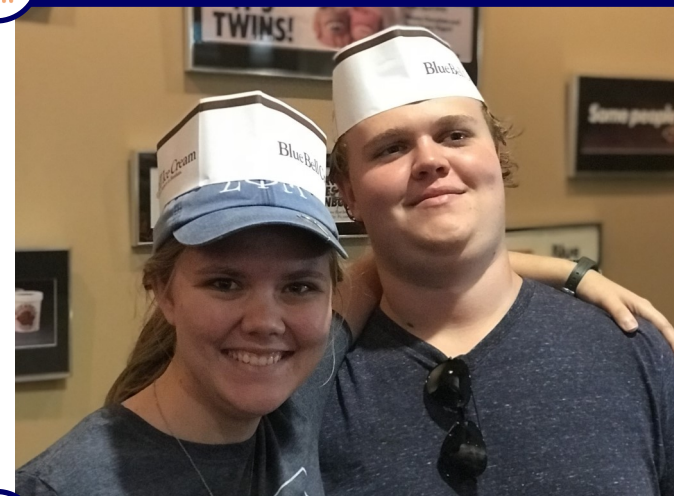


DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY 17 - Ezra, Psalm 137; TUESDAY 18 - Haggai; WEDNESDAY 19 - Zechariah 1-7;
THURSDAY 20 - Zechariah 8-14; FRIDAY 21 - Esther 1-5; SATURDAY 22 - Esther 6-10



YOUTH UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Ladies Day - October 6**
- ◆ **Camp Recharge - October 19-21**
- ◆ **Trunk or Treat - October 27**

Register for Recharge online on the church website, under Connect



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Ladies (and gentlemen), we are asking for donations of homemade goodies (non perishable foods, jams jellies, any crafts, etc.) for the 2018 Ladies Day. If you have questions, please contact Megan Schroeder.

Game Night

Will be on the 3rd Friday this month, September 21st in the fellowship room.



5th Sunday Potluck

Invite your friends & family on Sunday, September 30th. Potluck following AM Assembly. No PM Assembly.



Small Groups

Will resume Sunday PM, October 7th. Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer



RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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Sunday Bible Class:	107	Contribution:	\$9,226
Morning Worship:	154	Budget:	\$8,020
Evening Worship:	48	Over/(Under) Budget:	\$3,184
Wednesday Bible Study:	50		