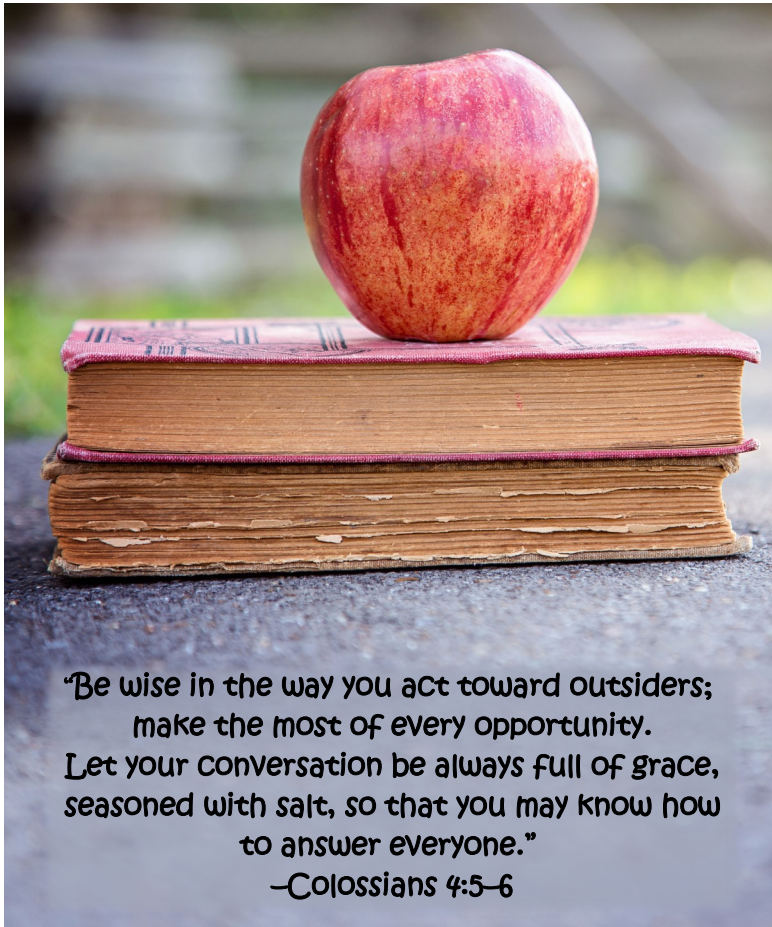


August 2019



“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”
—Colossians 4:5-6

August Memory Verse:

And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands, as at this time.
— 1 Kings 8:61

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Golden Heirs and Ladies Night Out are sponsoring a potluck this month on **August 8th, Thursday night, at 6pm.** The Arkansas Game and Fish will have a program on “**Birds of Prey**”.

There will be at least one live bird of prey. Everyone is welcome — **male and female.** No childcare.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 1** AWANA Equip Training @ Wyatt Baptist Church
- August 4** Guest Speaker — Blake Dailey & VBC Report
Growth Group — “Happy Birthday, America!”
Young Adult Fellowship @ Dailey’s Apartment
- August 8** Ladies Night Out & Golden Heirs — Birds of Prey
- August 11** Guest Speaker — Ryan Coleman
Growth Group — “Here I Am — Send Me”
- August 17** City Evangelism Event for MHC
- August 18** Young Adult Fellowship @ Dailey’s Apartment
- August 25** Youth Volunteer Meeting

Missions Report By Joan Hershberger

Did you know that Marrable Hill Chapel supports 16 missionary families and mission outreaches? Check the back side of the pink prayer slip to see who we support and where they serve.



In June and July two of the missionaries (the Roscoes and Sheppersons) spoke in the Sunday morning service and then went to lunch with the missionary board. A third missionary family, Jacob and

Linda Wiebe and their adult daughter, Cara, who works with them, also met with the board. These meals with missionaries provide a lengthier, more casual meeting with the missionaries and time to hear more specific details that the time constraints of the Sunday morning service to do not allow. If you would like to be included when we have a missionary meal, contact one of the members of the board.

Members of the board include Jamie and Eula Cottrell, Joe Williams, Joseph and Joan Hershberger, David Murphy, Patty Walker, Kay Johnston, Maggie and Bruce Goff, and Billie Ruth Brown.

A couple of highlights that we heard from each of the missionary families:

Kevin and Barbara Roscoe serve in the Middle East reaching out to a variety of ethnic groups. They serve Finish the Task. Much of their ministry centers on the 20 hours of corporate prayer of the believers. Yes, that is 20 hours a week of singing praises, praying, meditating and just waiting in prayer on God. As Kevin said, "It can get kind of boring sometimes."



Yet, they have seen God answer impossible prayers in a part of the world that limits the spread of the Gospel or outright shuts the door

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on Christian ministry work. One of the prayers involved a government official who wanted to restrict the worship of Christians. The group prayed. Barbara said, "It was not an eloquent prayer time. The leader was not impressive. It was the most awful in some respect." But they prayed and God answered their prayers with the political leader being replaced with one more favorable with the Christian belief. The key



person triggering the change was a woman who approached one in authority. The answer came on the same day that is remembered in relation to Esther approaching the king to save the Jews — Purim. In a similar fashion, a lower official who could help support the spread of the Gospel was raised to a higher position over today's version of Haman who wanted to destroy God's work. All because the Roscoes and others faithfully go to prayer.

In family life, the Roscoes have a new baby girl with dark hair and a cheerful smile. She should be, she is growing up in a culture where families and children are very welcome. Every family has lots of children. Children were welcome everywhere Barbara said. Children are not sent to the nursery, but join in the family celebration of worshipping God.



Serving in a shame-based culture, Kevin said has taught him to weigh his words. He spoke of the difficulty of even a casual mention of a minor problem. The individual addressed with the problem became unavailable for a time. The Roscoes came back to the states to work on raising support, reporting to their supporters and, of course, introduce their daughter to supporters and family.

Due to a conflict in scheduling, **Jacob and Linda Wiebe** were unable to present their mission in front of the church during a brief visit to the states. They did meet with the mission committee and others to report. They serve in Durango, Mexico planting churches and

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Ladies Night Out (July) By Natalie Butcher



July's Ladies Night Out (LNO) was an Ice Cream Social and Game Night. Thirteen ladies enjoyed a variety of ice cream flavors and toppings.

The ladies got to know each other better during the first game. Everyone had to write something that others didn't know about them on a piece of paper, then the papers were randomly drawn and everyone had to guess which lady wrote each paper. Who raced cars? Who has 5 siblings? Who made her little brother ride on a vacuum cleaner? Who jumped a 5'+ ramp while water skiing? Who worked at a sewer plant? Debbie Langford guessed the most answers and won a prize. If you are curious about the answer to any of the questions, someone that was at LNO would be more than happy to share! A lot of laughter and additional conversations resulted from these questions.

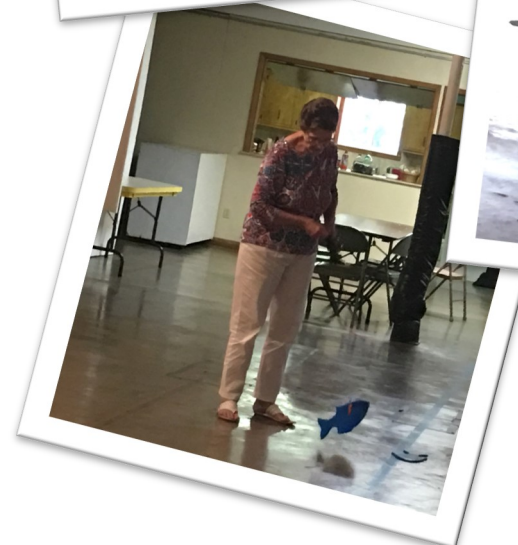


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After learning about each other, two additional games were played. One was a word search. There was a normal word search related to summer and one that was shaped like a butterfly. The other game was a fishing game. They had to cast and catch plastic fish. Debbie Langford taught Patty Walker how to cast. She had never used a rod and reel. She ended up catching 3 fish! She would have caught more, but she wanted others to get a chance to enjoy "fishing" too.

This month's LNO was all about having fun and getting to know each other better.



Vacation Bible School 2019

By Natalie Butcher



The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) was "Athens — Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth". Per Concordia Suppy, "Imagine leaving a life of privilege, power and influence to angry mobs, agonizing imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to share the life-altering truth of God's heart for humanity... In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's boundless!"

Each night the students arrived at the opening ceremony and dressed up like people from different cities — Athens, Corinth, Rome, Troas, etc. During the ceremony, they learned the Bible point for the day — "God loves us all", "God loves and takes care of us", "God loves us when others don't", "God loves us and sent His son, Jesus", and "God loves us and wants us to share His love" along with the Bible verse of the day. There were skits each night demonstrating a lesson for the day. The points and verses were also taught and reinforced through worship songs and motions — "Yes, It's True", "It Was for Freedom", "Love Round", "We Will Live Forever", "Happy Days", etc.



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providing a summer camp for children in the area. Their daughter, **Cara**, who is a college graduate in music and ministry, helps plan and work out the activities for the camp each year. She has taught the local believers how to play the musical instruments for services. However, her other duties have increased and lessons have not fit into the schedule as readily. Last year two communities wanted her to teach musicians. She gave them two afternoons a week for lessons and emphasized how strict she would have to be with her time. They agreed and Cara taught through the school year. As the year neared the end, Cara realized she simply could not do it again, she was exhausted. God intervened. Another mission team has come to Durango to work with the Wiebes. One of the team members is a trained musician ready to step up and take Cara's place teaching music and instrument playing to the believers.

In a similar manner, Jacob Wiebe, who is retirement age, has worked for years among three different ethnic groups, planting churches, holding Bible studies, teaching and preaching with only Linda's help.

In the last year, they have been blessed with individual believers and churches asking Jacob to train them to preach and teach in the local churches, to prepare them to take over from Jacob. They are rejoicing in the increase of interest in learning and studying to prepare for spreading the gospel and planting other churches.



Leadership Training

For a number of years the Wiebes have lived under the threat of the drug cartel's control. They have not encouraged outside groups to come help with building projects. However, of late, the situation has vastly improved and they invited Marrable Hill Chapel members to help. Some have expressed interest if their presence would not make more work for the Wiebes.

Zac and Kim Shepperson returned stateside this summer to prepare

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their youngest daughter to enter Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have four children. This year two daughters will be in college in the United States and two sons will return with them to Slovakia.

Zac talked about his ministry of reaching out to train youth leaders in 14 European countries. He said that the youth pastors, teachers and musicians may only serve for a few years, and then Josiah Ventures has to train another set of leaders. The bonus is that those leaving the youth ministry go on to be better trained leaders in local churches. “We are training the future leaders of the church with basic beliefs and how to teach,” Zac said.

Both Kim and Zac grew up in El Dorado and attended Marrable Hill Chapel. They were sent out from MHC nearly 20 years ago to serve



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An offering was also given by the kids during the opening ceremony. This year's mission offering was to Operation Kid-to-Kid — a project that Group Publishing and World Vision partnered together to help mothers and children in Zambia. Each \$10 donation through Operation Kid-to-Kid provides supplemental nutrition and education to a mom and child for 1,000 days (pregnancy to 2 years old). This year the kids raised \$214.78 for this project — enough for 21 moms and kids!

After the opening, the citizens of the different “cities”, went across the street where they went to different markets. They could eat at the food market or make crafts. They got to hear the awe-inspiring story of the Apostle Paul... straight from Paul himself (played by Paul Sandifer)! There were also fierce competitions during game time — including chariot races!



At the end of the evening, there was a closing ceremony where the lesson for the day was reinforced again — points of the day, Bible verses, and songs.

VBS was a great success this year! The kids learned about Paul, (VBS — Continued on page 11)

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Jesus, and God and how He loves us — all while having fun and making friends. It takes a lot of people to make VBS a success! To everyone that prayed, donated, and helped at VBS, THANK YOU!!



REACHING RUSSIA & EASTERN EUROPE

Hello friends!

An amazing chapter of my life has come to an end as I have graduated from Arizona State University with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree in Special Education and International Communication! I've had many options after graduation to pursue a higher education or get a full-time job and I have been so stirred by the Lord to give my life to full time missions in Eastern Europe!

The Lord has recently connected me to a fiery group of revivalists and evangelists called the Circuit Riders who are based in Huntington Beach, California. They are a branch of the missions organization Youth With a Mission and they exist to bring the love of Jesus and the message of the Gospel to young people across America and Europe!

Starting in September, I will join them to get trained for three months in California and then we will launch out in teams to pioneer evangelism and mercy ministry throughout Russia and Eastern Europe! This is an area of the world that is becoming more open to the Gospel, but there is still much work to be done! I was in Moscow in 2017 serving orphans and the special needs community and I saw firsthand how many thousands of children and individuals have yet to be brought into the family of God and to experience the love of Jesus.

My vision is to rally the passionate young missionaries that make up the Circuit Riders and connect them with churches and local ministries in Russia and Eastern Europe to see a nationwide outbreak of salvation and outreach among young people! I have been carrying this vision for *five years* and been patiently waiting for doors to open in this area of the world. It is SUCH an honor to finally step into this mission fully with the Lord! In order to fulfill this assignment and travel throughout the year, I am raising monthly support as well as collecting donations that will sustain my mission and enable me to give generously to the precious people of Eastern Europe.

I am selling calligraphy artwork this month every Sunday at Marrable Hill Chapel and looking for financial partners who have a PASSION for reaching the nations with Gospel of Jesus! If you would like to learn more about the wild move of God among the Circuit Riders, visit crmovement.com. You will be so encouraged by the fruit of their ministry and the way that they are shifting culture around the world!

To partner with me monthly to see Eastern Europe reached, you can contact me at wiyunshepperson@gmail.com or call at 480-685-0952. I would love to hear your heart & partner in prayer! To give a one-time donation to help me reach my goal of \$10,000, you can give on:

PAYPAL: [paypal.me/JasmineShepperson](https://www.paypal.com/US/m0/jasmine/shepperson)

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We are living in an INCREDIBLE time in our nation where the word over the church is to "GO"!! Thank you so much for reading my story and considering supporting me to see Europe saved and reached with the love of Jesus! May God bless you abundantly!!

MUCH LOVE,

Jasmine Wiyun Shepperson

(Granddaughter to Brother Sam Shepperson, founder of Marrable Hill Chapel)

