



JUNE 2019



10 Things You Should Know about Missions and the Local Church
By Andy Johnson
(continued)

6. The church should support those it sends. Not only should our churches send missionaries wisely, but we should support them appropriately. And our support for workers should be as ample as God's Word enjoins. As we commit to send or support missionaries, we should expect our giving to be serious, significant, and sacrificial. Whether we give directly to missionaries or through some cooperative sending agency, our goal should be workers amply supplied so that they lack nothing.

7. The church can care for missionaries by keeping in touch. The foundation of a congregation's ability to care for its missionaries is regular communication. We can't meet needs we don't know about, and it's hard to meet pastoral needs if relationships atrophy. Thankfully, it's probably never been easier to keep up relationships from afar. With email and Skype, there is generally no reason to fall out of touch with workers. But it still takes effort. Busyness, time-zone differences, and sometimes security concerns can push these calls off the agenda. Church leaders should consider setting a regular monthly time when they will call each supported worker. In addition, they might find another member of the church who is willing to keep in regular contact with each missionary and occasionally report back to the congregation.

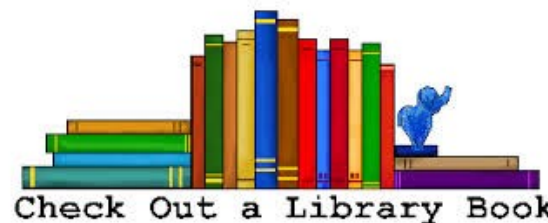
8. Hospitality goes a long way. One of the best ways to care for missionaries is literally to do what the Bible says to do: show hospitality to them (3 John 8). I wish biblical application were always this straightforward. Hospitality is important during brief visits, but even more important during the months-long returns most missionar-

ies make from time to time. During those longer visits home, consider what your church can do to offer free housing to the workers you support. Plan and budget ahead for this. And don't stop with housing. Look for ways to help them be a meaningful part of the congregation. We want our workers to be able to rest, be refreshed, and reconnect with friends and church leaders. They won't be able to do this if financial concerns force them to live far away with relatives or with another church more willing to provide the housing they need.

9. Short-term help isn't always helpful. Supporting workers well also means being sensitive about how, when, and whether to send short-term teams to work with them. It's worth noting that not all short-term teams are a help. Sending people at the wrong time or with the wrong skills, or just sending the wrong kind of people, will not help your long-term workers. The best way to make sure short-term work is genuinely helpful is to send teams that your overseas workers request. Make it clear to your long-term missionaries that receiving short-term teams is not a condition of your support. Rather, give them the freedom to direct who should come, when they should come, and even if they should come or not. Anything else is likely to lead to short-term projects that serve your own ends, but at the considerable expense to the workers you claim to want to help.

10. Long-term vision is key to a good partnership. Your church should work to cultivate long-term overseas workers from your own congregation. At the outset of a partnership, why not articulate the explicit goal that some of your own members will uproot their lives and plant them long term in another culture for the sake of the gospel? Even more, if possible, why not aim to eventually staff an entire missionary team from your church or in partnership with other like-minded churches. Having a team that is on the same theological page right from the start won't solve every problem, but it will certainly avoid many.

Being long term focused may also mean doing short-term trips with the long-term mind-set. Rather than just providing "missions experiences," consider trips that support the work of existing long-term teams to whom you are committed. See your short-term work primarily as a way to support your long term partners in whatever ways they need, and secondarily as a way to raise up your own members to join the work long term. Workers on the mission field generally need more boots on the ground—day in, day out—not just friends passing through.



Deaconess of the Month:
Jan Jourdan
Communion is Sunday, June 2



Michael Mlodzik

June 8,

12:30-4:00 pm

Fox River Baptist Church



Caleb Dohms

June 15,

12 Noon-3 pm

Palisades Park,
Village of Fox Crossings, Menasha

Birthdays:

2—Judy Waggoner
10—Quann Eli Ray
16—Jay Hoffman
26—Renee Brown
27—Beverly Van Rooy



Happy Anniversary

2—Gene & Kara Pogreba
3—Howard & Doris Schimke
5—Keith & Renee Brown
6—Scott & Rhonda Dohms
6—Jeff & Shari Middlestead
20—Don & Chris Wynkoop
22—Bob & Lynn Abitz
23—Carl & Sheryl Zwerg
24—Gaylord & Diane Van Loo

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect non-perishable food items. Place your food items on the table provided in the foyer.



June 2, 5 pm

June 16, 5 pm

June 30, 5 pm, Bible Trivia

June 9, 5 pm

June 23, 5 pm

Evening Service



Fox River Baptist Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.

Nursery Schedule

June 2

Rhonda & Anna Dohms

June 9

Jeff Middlestead & Ian Dohms

June 16

Jeff Middlestead & Ian Dohms

June 23

Stephanie Smith & Elle Pogreba

June 30

Jeff Middlestead



Usher Schedule



June 2

Kyle Tubbs & Ryan Smith

June 9

Ron Kempen & Scott Smith

June 16

Rob & Sam Mlodzik

June 23

Bob Abitz & Gene Pogreba

June 30

Financial Update

May 5-26, 2019

Budget needed weekly: \$ 2606.00

Received: \$ 2380.00

Contact Rob Mlodzik with questions.



Online giving is available on the website:
www.foxriverbaptist.com. Contact Bill Olson if you have any questions.

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Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Backyard Bible & Basketball

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Sign up available on website.



Fox River Baptist Church is inviting all kids ages 6 to 17 to attend our free Backyard Bible and Basketball.

We will be providing supervised care on Friday mornings from June 14th — August 9th (except on July 5th)

Drop off 8:45am to 9am

9am to 10am, basketball instruction

10 am to 10:30am snack/non-denominational devotion

10:30am to 12pm Basketball play

12pm to 12:30pm Lunch will be provided

Pick up 12:30pm to 12:45pm

Fox River Baptist will be providing free lunch, snacks, and water during this time.

****A special basketball free camp will be provided the week of August 12th, more details to follow.**

****Fox River Baptist church will require each youth to sign a code of conduct form**

****Parents will need to fill out an emergency contact form**

****This program is not run by the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department**

Volunteers are needed, contact Jeff Middlestead or Pastor Tim with needs or questions.

