

Stepping Time - April 2, 2019

We rejoice that Christ is opening new outreach possibilities here in Debrecen. Recently, we met with several university students at a local restaurant. The students were from places such as Egypt, India, the Emirates, Nigeria, and Hungary. The discussion was focused on how Christianity is different from other world religions. Several Christians at the table shared their testimonies. They kindly and boldly shared why following Jesus was worth the risk even in the most difficult situations. We wholeheartedly agreed.

As we step out in faith, we think of God's promise to part the water. God parted both the Red Sea and the Jordan River. When the people crossed the Red Sea, the water was stopped before they walked across. When the people crossed the Jordan River, the water was stopped only after they had already begun to walk. In Joshua 3:13 it says, "as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap." The lesson is clear: sometimes God clears the way *before* you step and sometimes you step in faith knowing that God *will* clear the way. Either way, following Jesus always requires a step of faith. **It's stepping time for us!**

Prayer Requests

Pray that ministry pieces will come together just as the Lord leads.

Please pray that we will continue to learn the Hungarian language and that God will use our efforts. Continue to pray for our kids. They are doing great here in Hungary but still face challenges. Please pray that the window of opportunity to share the Gospel will remain open.



Yours in Christ, Jon and Amanda

Jon and Amanda Good Missionaries We Support

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 16 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study 10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Monday, June 17 1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. – Trustees Meeting

Teachers for June 16

Nursery

Mary Bishop / Brooke Tonner

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe / Chris McFarren

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Remain in service – summer break

Stewardship Report

June 9, 2019

Giving Toward:

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Current Expenses	3,446.00
Missions	195.00
Building/Maint Fund	215.00
Deacons	85.00
Match Fund	720.00
Bible Study Books	22.00

Total \$ 4,683.00



Pray God's Comfort

Please pray for the peace of Jesus to be upon Phyllis Pease and family in the passing of her son. Don went to be with Jesus on Saturday. We rejoice that he is free now and enjoying the beauty of heaven.

Harry A. McFarren



Students connected with First Baptist Church who are pursuing post-high school education are invited to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year. Stop by or contact the church office in order to receive a scholarship application. The deadline to submit a scholarship application by mail or in person is Sunday, June 30, 2019.



We will have the draft of an updated church directory in the foyer again this Sunday. If you didn't last week, please take a minute to look at it and make sure your contact information is correct. Please also check any friends or family members that might not be in attendance. After this Sunday, we will print them up for distribution.



Administrative Board Meeting

Administrative Board members, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00p.m. We will have a meeting at the church.

International Ministries

Part of a Great Tradition.

Baptists in America were led into mission beyond our borders by George Liele, a former slave who courageously responded to God's call to mission service in Jamaica in 1782. Thirty years later, Ann and Adoniram Judson again led Baptists into mission as they responded to God's call to mission service in Burma. Their friend and fellow missionary, Luther Rice, was used by God to call Baptists in America to form a team that would commit to support what God was doing through the Judsons. For over 200 years, God has used that team to bless the people of the earth. International Ministries (IM) eagerly welcomes you and me into that same team today.

To Embody the Love of Jesus IM Seeks to:

<u>Invite People to Know and Love Jesus</u>

- Respectfully and creatively help people to begin a relationship with Jesus by sharing the good news of Christ.
- Walk together into a deeper relationship with God in Christ.
- Learn together how to serve as leaders among God's people.

Work for Justice, Peace, and Abundant Life for All

- Welcome strangers and serve refugees.
- Seek peace by transforming conflict.
- Overcome all forms of human trafficking and enslavement.
- Enable all to grow in knowledge, skills, and wisdom.
- Help communities create jobs and a better life.
- Enable people to be healthy in body, mind, and heart.

Equip Ourselves and Others to Respond to God's Call to Global Mission

- Encourage everyone, everywhere to respond to God's call to mission.
- Help people and groups experience God-honoring, life-changing mission.
- Expand opportunities for youth and young adults to do mission.
- Work to grow everyone's ability to serve God in more and better ways.

Jesus Called Us to Pray:

May God's will be done "on earth as it is in heaven."

In Mission Together with You!

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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B Clyde Shady – Room 228B Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114 Betty Grove – Room 118

Home

Ed Goetz Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service