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in all of life until He comes.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023



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SURPASSING WORTH

*"Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:7-8*

Welcome Jake Ferwerda, *Pastor of Student Ministries*

Meet Memphis John & Lori Touliatos, Gerald Thompson

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1–2, Job 1:21

Songs of Worship Blessed Be Your Name
There Is One Gospel

Elder Prayer Bryan Miller

Choral Praise God of Grace

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4–11

Song of Commitment When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Dismissal of Children (Ages 3 through 2nd grade)

Scripture Reading & Sermon Rev. Jim Fleming, *Interim Senior Pastor*

"Sixty Puzzle Pieces"

Daniel 11:1–21

Readers: Christy Bicknell, Chris Marino, Larry Nobles

Song of Response I Will Wait for You

Sung Benediction 1 Peter 3:14, 4:14 NASB

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Ezra Bennett, Johnny Bennett, Levi Bennett, Carter Boer,
Jeremy Conner, Trent England, Ellie Fuhrman, Lori Ingram, Jamie Scholik, Mae Sistrunk.
Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

“Sixty Puzzle Pieces” Stay the Course

Daniel 11:1–21 | Rev. Jim Fleming, Interim Senior Pastor

In Daniel 11, a warrior angel gives Daniel a very specific overview of future history. This overview is presented in three parts. This morning, we will consider part 1 found in verses 1-20. These 20 verses describe the rise and fall of nations and kings over a span of about 360 years beginning in 539 BC. Part two (verses 21-35) zeroes in for a close up look at 11 years beginning in 175 BC. Part three (verses 36-45) jumps forward to the final years of the last king of the empire of man.

Although everything in part 1 was in the future for Daniel, for us it is all ancient history. So we can treat Daniel 11:1-20 like a stack of puzzle pieces which can be neatly placed in the framework of world history before Christ.

1. A Look Back (Daniel 11:1)
2. From Cyrus to Alexander the Great (Daniel 11:2-4)
3. From Alexander the Great to Seleucis IV (Daniel 11:5-20)
4. Introducing Antiochus Epiphanes (Daniel 11:20)

Application

Holy Week Challenge #2: Think of the three people you are inviting to Palm Sunday. Reach out to the second person and pray with them.



**Reception for Crickett Keeth, Sunday, March 26
12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Please join us directly after the morning worship for a reception honoring Crickett and her 17 years serving as Women's Director. Crickett will be retiring at the end of March. All are welcome to stop by and wish her well in her retirement. There will be a basket available to receive cards and notes.



**"Psalms for All Seasons" Palm Sunday Services
April 2, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Services, Sanctuary**

In the book of Psalms, God gives us 150 songs for every season of the soul. Whether we're joyful or weeping, faith-filled or anxious, zealous or apathetic, the Psalms give us language to pray to God. Join us as we engage with God through key chapters of this book, led by choir, band, soloists, readers, and musicians from the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Nursery for ages 3 and under.



World Prayer Focus, Tonight, 6:00–7:00 p.m., Chapel

Join us for our quarterly time of prayer as we go before the Lord in prayer for our world, country, county, city, and church.

For more announcements, visit www.firstevan.org/loop.

Midweek Fellowship Meal Menu, March 22, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Hamburger/Cheeseburger/Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Corn on the Cob, and Garden Salad OR Garden Vegetable Soup and Salad Bar. Dessert: Four Layer Cake.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Andrew & Lori Spurgeon, GO, Hawaii/Singapore

Praise

- For the renewal of Andrew's Green Card; now, he can travel in Asia and minister.
- For his provisions—God's people and churches continue to support us for nearly 30 years. We are amazed at his provisions through his people.
- For our continued health. By God's grace, we are doing well.

Pray

- For God's guidance for our future. We are willing to serve him where he leads us, but at times, we are confused as to where he wants to lead us.
- For God's grace in our sons' lives. Some are walking with the Lord; others are wandering.
- For God's provision that we'll finish our ministries well, at his timing.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Life Choices

Praise

- That our staff continues to grow to meet the needs of our ministry. God truly brings us who we need.
- That the 20:7 Men's Program already has young fathers seeking help from Mentors!
- That Life Choices facilitated seven adoptions last year!

Pray

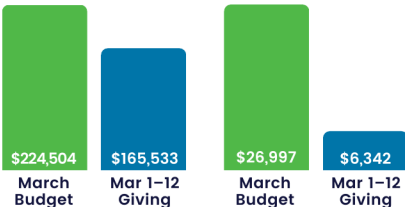
- For our birth mother support group starting on Monday March 13th. We want the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of these ladies.
- For us as we meet with various school leaders to discuss the opportunity for Life Choices to facilitate an abstinence program in schools.
- For our newly launched Abortion Pill Reversal Program that could literally save unborn lives.

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