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in all of life until He comes.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023



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# THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1*

Welcome	Taylor Park, <i>Executive Pastor</i>
Silent Auction: Student Life Camp & Romania	Jake Ferwerda <i>Director of Student Ministries</i>
Call to Worship	Psalm 27:8
Songs of Worship and Adoration	Holy Holy, Holy (Three in One)
Song of Petition	The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)
Elder Prayer	Chip Barger
Scripture Reading	Psalm 27:1–5
Choral Praise	The Lord is My Light
Scripture Reading	Psalm 27:11–14
Song of Comfort	He Leadeth Me (Hymn #635)
Dismissal of Children (Ages 3 through 2nd grade)	
Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:8–13	Carie Alley
Sermon	Rev. Jim Fleming, <i>Interim Senior Pastor</i>
	<i>"Confident Servants"</i> <i>God's Man, God's Woman, God's Servants</i> 1 Timothy 3:8–13
Song of Response	Lord, I Need You
Benediction	

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Carter Boer, David Brumfield, Mary Brumfield,  
Jeremy Conner, Trent England, April Fichthorn, Dan Gilbert, Andy Holler,  
Tori Martin, Jamie Scholik. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

**“Confident Servants”**  
***God’s Man, God’s Woman, God’s Servants***  
***1 Timothy 3:8–13 | Rev. Jim Fleming, Interim Senior Pastor***

1. Review

2. What is a *diakonos*?

A. A *diakonos* is a common household servant.

John 2:5

B. A *diakonos* is someone in the service of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:5; Colossians 4:7; Romans 16:1

C. We are all called to serve.

Matthew 20:26–28

D. Service can take different forms.

Acts 6:1–6

E. Some servants are church officials.

Philippians 1:1

3. What qualities must an official church servant demonstrate?

A. “men of dignity” = someone you look up to and respect

Philippians 4:8

B. “not double-tongued” = honest, sincere, and consistent in what he says.

C. “not addicted to much wine” = not in bondage to wine

D. “not fond of sordid gain” = a man of integrity as it concerns financial matters

E. “holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience” = tenacious and genuine in his devotion to the profound truths of the faith

F. “beyond reproach” = well-spoken of by all who know him.

1 Timothy 3:10

G. “husbands of only one wife” = singularly devoted to his wife

H. “good managers of their children and their own households” = attentively promotes the true good of his children and his household.

4. What benefits are extended to those who serve well?

1 Timothy 3:13

A. Costly service bolsters assurance in Christ.

B. Service is greatness, according to Jesus.

Matthew 20:25–28



Finals Coffee House  
Volunteers Needed!

**Finals Coffee House, TONIGHT—Tuesday, May 2  
7:00 p.m.–midnight, U of M BCM – Volunteers Needed!**

A comfortable place to study for exams, get free food, free coffee, and meet new people. Updates on Instagram at @finals.coffee.house. Contact Anies Kunda at akunda@firstevan.org, Kassie Sanborn at ksanborn@firstevan.org, or visit [www.firstevan.org/fch](http://www.firstevan.org/fch) to volunteer.



**National Day  
of Prayer**

**National Day of Prayer, THIS Thursday, May 4  
12:00–1:00 p.m., Sanctuary or via livestream**

There will be in-person prayer in the Sanctuary or you can join us via livestream at [www.firstevan.org/watch](http://www.firstevan.org/watch). Join us to pray for these spheres of influence in our country: government, military, media, business, education, church, and family. *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."* – James 5:16b



**MEN'S  
FISH FRY**

**Men's Fish Fry, Tuesday, May 23, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Cost: \$7/person or \$50/table | Speaker: David Nugent**

Join us for an evening of fish, food, and fellowship with speaker David Nugent (former NFL football player and current ECS Athletic Director). Purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays beginning Sunday, April 30. Questions: Contact John Dawson, 682-8452, Jack Pepper, 833-0721, or email [men@firstevan.org](mailto:men@firstevan.org).

For more announcements, visit [www.firstevan.org/loop](http://www.firstevan.org/loop).

**Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary.** On the agenda will be the annual election of Elders, Deacons, and Global Missions Team members, voting on the 2023–24 church budget, selecting Chairman and Vice–Chair of the Congregation, and hearing an update from the Pastoral Search Committee. Reports are available at Sanctuary entrances and [www.firstevan.org/congregational-meeting](http://www.firstevan.org/congregational-meeting).

**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

**Dan & Sue Wicher, Avant Ministries, Memphis/Spain  
Praise**

- That 3,605 individuals connected with Malaga Media Center (MMC) last year, leading to 15 decisions to follow Christ.
- For Team Malaga from FEC that made upgrades to the MMC auditorium and several adjoining rooms. Excellent trip!
- That Susan has had notably less pain in her shoulder in recent weeks. Thank you for praying!

**Pray**

- For the Arabic Conference, a three–day Bible Conference for Muslim background/God seekers starting April 28.
- That the Easter Campaign, April 2–June 16, is effective for sharing the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to Moroccan viewers.
- For God's direction for our next chapter of ministry after Dan passes leadership on to a successor on July 1.

**MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK**

**Restore Corps**

**Praise**

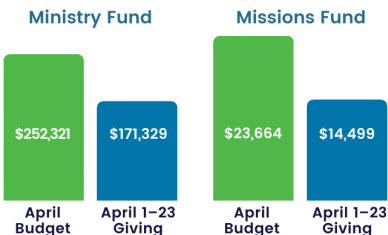
- That various clients have been making strides such as, housing stability, getting a higher paying job, and graduating from college.
- For the graduation of the first cohort of ladies from the RENEW program.
- That we filled a vacancy for a bilingual Survivor Care Coordinator and 75% of that caseload has engaged with her already.

**Pray**

- For continued prayers for all survivors both past, present and those we have yet to encounter.
- For one of our clients that relapsed, that she can recognize all her hard work pick up where she left off.
- For our team, as this work is not easy and we want to do the work with the joy of knowing God goes before us and is the rescuer every one of us needs.

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

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**FAMILY MATTERS**

- Hospital** Matt Alford, Baptist Memphis  
Robby Armstrong, Baptist Memphis Room #2142
- Rehab** Linda Ingram, Cordova Rehab Center
- Deaths** Kenny Phillips, April 24, 2023  
Anna Phillips' father