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"We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify His gospel in all of life until He comes."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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# THE SERPENT-CRUSHER

*“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15*

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Welcome	Taylor Park, <i>Executive Pastor</i>
Senior Adults	Mickey Bowdon
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:21–28
Songs of Worship	Jesus, You Alone House of the Lord
Scripture Reading	Luke 9:18–22
Choral Meditation	I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus
Elder Prayer	JP Hickey
Sermon	Rev. Jim Fleming
	<i>“Aware”</i> <i>Last Word</i> 2 Corinthians 2:10–11; Ephesians 6:10–13
Song of Confidence	A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Benediction	

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Amelia Boer, Mary Brumfield, Jeremy Conner, Trent England, Andy Holler, Jamie Scholik, Mae Sistrunk, Ryan Wiley. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

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## ***“Aware” Last Word Series***

*2 Corinthians 2:10–11; Ephesians 6:10–13 | Rev. Jim Fleming*

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2 Corinthians 11:23–28

### **1. The Corinthian Debacle**

2 Corinthians 1:23; 1:12; 2:9; 2:5–7, 10, 11

### **2. Satan’s Schemes**

2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Peter 5:8; Zechariah 3:1; Matthew 16:23;  
Mark 4:15; Luke 22:31; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 2 Corinthians 11:14–15

### **3. Prevailing Strategy**

Ephesians 6:10–13; 2 Timothy 2:24–26; Luke 4:13

### **4. Bottom Line**



**Fall Blood Drive, THIS Wednesday, September 20**  
4:00–7:00 p.m., A124

By being a blood donor, individuals are truly giving the ultimate gift – LIFE! Giving this gift will provide patients the opportunity to create and share more precious moments to cherish with their caring loved ones! Sign up to donate and fill out the Fast Track Questionnaire at [www.firstevan.org/blooddrive](http://www.firstevan.org/blooddrive). Questions, please contact Sam Hezlep at 901-486-6237.



**Men's Fish Fry, Tuesday, September 26**  
6:00–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$7/person or \$50/table

Join us for an evening of fish, food, and fellowship with speaker Dr. Joe Carson. Purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Email [men@firstevan.org](mailto:men@firstevan.org) with questions. Full details and speaker bio at [www.firstevan.org/mens-fish-fry](http://www.firstevan.org/mens-fish-fry).



**Church Picnic, NEXT Sunday, September 24**  
12:00–2:00 p.m., East Lawn

Our annual picnic will have all the staples: John Dawson's BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, grilled corn on the cob, inflatables, rock wall, putting golf games, and more! Dress casually for church, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy fellowship with your church family! There will be a special opportunity for greeting the Flemings as Pastor Jim wraps up his time as Interim Senior Pastor.

Please Note: The Discover First Evan Class scheduled for today has been postponed to a later date to be determined. If interested in membership, please contact Jacki Stieferman at [jstieferman@firstevan.org](mailto:jstieferman@firstevan.org).

Midweek Fellowship Meal, Wednesday, September 20, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
MENU: Fried or Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Country Vegetable Blend, Garden Salad, and Thrown Roll OR Fiesta Chicken Soup & Salad Bar with Thrown Roll. Dessert: Strawberry Cake.

**GLOBAL PARTNERS OF THE WEEK**  
Brian & Joanne, Middle East

**Praise**

- For the Emirati woman who seems to have come to faith. She is asking to be baptized and join the church.
- For the eight new babies born to members of our congregation. Pray that these families raise their children to trust in Jesus.
- For the good partnership with a missionary couple who are members of our church and partner well with church leadership.

**Pray**

- For the young married couple who recently came to the church for help restoring their marriage.
- For more men to aspire to be elders in the congregation and take the steps to grow in maturity so they would be qualified.
- For Brian and Joanne as they make decisions about Joanne's aging mother (94 years old) whose health is declining.

**MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK**  
Refugee Empowerment Program (R.E.P.)

**Praise**

- That more and more of our participants are gaining citizenship for themselves and their children.
- That we had our highest number of first-week enrollments for our after-school program.
- For the hard work of our amazing volunteers that make our after-school program possible.

**Pray**

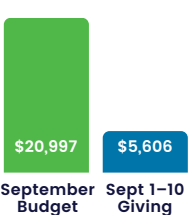
- That the conflict in Sudan ends and the people can return home to live in peace.
- That we find the right candidate God has in store our Adult Education Program.
- That the rest of this school year will continue to go well and R.E.P. students will be blessed through it.

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**Ministry Fund**



**Missions Fund**



**FAMILY MATTERS**  
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**Birth**

Ruth Elaine Peeler, September 12, 2023  
Parents: Huffman and McKenzie Peeler  
Grandparents: Huff and Jamie Peeler  
Great Grandparents: John and Donna Toulaiatos and George and Molly Peeler  
*Please be in prayer for Ruth Elaine. She will need surgery in a couple of months to address a heart issue.*

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, Tuesdays, October 3–31  
Sign up to pray: [www.firstevan.org/40daysforlife](http://www.firstevan.org/40daysforlife)