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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



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*Pictures from the Men's Retreat, April 19–21, 2024.*

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# SING THE GLORY OF HIS NAME

*"Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name!"*

*Psalm 66:1-2*

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Welcome	Christy Bicknell, <i>Director of Women's Ministries</i>
Call to Worship	Psalm 66:1-3a
Song of Praise	Bring Praises
Responsive Reading	Psalm 103
Songs of Praise	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) I Love to Tell the Story (Hymn #498)
God at Work	Bryce Bouchard, <i>Oaks International</i>
Elder Prayer	Mark Gosney
Choral Meditation	O Lord, Most Holy
Sermon	Scott Klusendorf, <i>Life Training Institute</i>

*"Thinking Biblically About Abortion"*

*Proverbs 6:16-19*

Song of Response      Man of Sorrows (Hallelujah, What a Savior)

Benediction

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Olivia Grace Atkinson, Benny Balderrama, Amelia Boer, Jeremy Conner, Trent England, Edrie Gray, Brandon Herrington, Andy Holler, Jamie Scholik. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

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# “Thinking Biblically About Abortion”

*Proverbs 6:16-19 | Scott Klusendorf, Life Training Institute*

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## 1. The sin of shedding blood is a \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.

*Ps 106:37-41, Is. 1:15-16, 59:7 (See also Deut. 19:10, 27:25; Ps. 20:8, 94:21; Jer. 19:3-4, Ez. 22, Rev. 16:4-6)*

Is abortion the shedding of innocent blood? Yes, if \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Forgiveness for the shedding of innocent blood requires \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verses on forgiveness & salvation: Jon. 2:9, Rom. 5:6-10, Isa. 53:4-6, Rom. 8:38-39, 1 Thess. 5:9-10, Eph. 2:1-9, Lam. 3:19-24*

## 3. The shedding of innocent blood calls for a \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 24:11-12).

*1-minute defense of pro-life position:*

I am pro-life because it is wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being. The science of embryology is clear that from the earliest stages of development — from the one cell stage — you were a distinct, living, and whole human being. You weren't part of another human being like skin cells on the back of your hand; you were already a whole living member of the human family even though you had yet to mature. Meanwhile, there is no essential difference between you the embryo and you the adult that justifies killing you at that earlier stage of development. Differences of size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency are not good reasons for saying we could kill you then but not now.

*More detailed notes available at [firstevan.org/sermon-series-resources](http://firstevan.org/sermon-series-resources)*



**National Day of Prayer**  
**"Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World"**  
**Thursday, May 2, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

There will be in-person prayer in the Sanctuary or you can join us via livestream. We will be praying for these spheres of influence in our country: family, church, workplace, education, military, government, and arts, media & entertainment.



**Everyday CoJourney: Step 4**  
**Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

In the final step of this series, Gabor and Edina Gresz will lead us in person to further help us keep evangelism and discipleship simple, relational, and intentional. Topics include keeping in step with the Holy Spirit, building bridges, and art of neighboring. Register at [www.firstevan.org/ec4](http://www.firstevan.org/ec4). Register for childcare by May 12 at [www.firstevan.org/ecchildcare](http://www.firstevan.org/ecchildcare).



**Men's Fish Fry**  
**Speaker: Larry Rea, Host of "Outdoors with Larry Rea"**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall & Chapel**  
**Cost: \$7/person or \$50/table**

Join us for an evening of fish, food, and fellowship. Purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, April 28. Questions: Contact John Dawson, 682–8452, Sammy Bell, 210–7958, or email [men@firstevan.org](mailto:men@firstevan.org).

**Congregational Meeting – Sunday, May 19, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

**Dan & Susan Wicher, Avant, Memphis**

**Praise**

- That Dan has been asked to facilitate some strategic planning for the Tlapaneco Indian Churches (TIM).
- That Rachel Nady, Director of MMC, and her family will be at First Evan from May 4–5 to cast vision for a work team that is preparing to serve in Malaga next Fall.

**Pray**

- That a solid partnership can be forged to establish an outreach in Parkway Village, a heavily Hispanic neighborhood.
- For the Wichers as they help Spanish speaking asylees perfect their conversational English at World Relief.

**MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK**

**Neighborhood Christian Center**

**Praise**

- That we have ten seniors graduating from High School and five students graduating from college in our programs.
- That our very own CEO Ephie Johnson has been honored with the 2024 Remarkable Women Award for her incredible impact within the midsouth community.

**Pray**

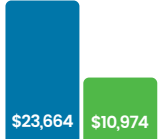
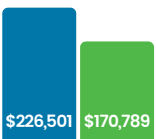
- For the safety of the 300 youth, staff, and volunteers who will be participating in our Summer camps and the funding needed for their success.
- That we will receive enough volunteers to assist with Summer Camps at each NCC site.

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

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**Ministry Fund**

**Missions Fund**



**FAMILY MATTERS**

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**Rehab** Mary Owen, The Village of Germantown Rehab, Room #1115, Call before visiting.

**Hospital** Matt Alford, Baptist Memphis, Room #2387

Russ Clack, Baptist Memphis  
 Jim Henry, Methodist Germantown, Room #311W. Short visits are welcome.