

Missionary Highlight:



Good News Jail & Prison Ministry



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Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Chaplain Shane Hardesty

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We are thankful for all the resources that the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry provides to those in need at the local county jail. Please keep Chaplain Hardesty in your prayers as he enters the jail weekly to minister to lost people in dark places that live without hope. Please be in prayer for the hearts of the inmates and that many would come to saving faith in Christ. Please also pray that Bible programs would be able to be held regularly so that inmates can attend classes and learn the truths of the gospel.

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Pray for the Martins that are displaced and currently living in Brasov, Romania. Pray that the conflict between Russia and Ukraine would end quickly. Pray for their follow up efforts from their VBS. Pray that they would be able to connect with families who participated and that from these interactions they would be able to develop more relationships with their local community. Also, please pray for Jill's mother, Sarame Vander Ark, who has been receiving hospice care since last December.

How can I support Missions?

PRAY for our Missionaries | **GIVE** to Missions | **GO** on a Missions Trip | **JOIN** the Missions Team

Local:

- Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Chaplain Shane Hardesty

National:

- Presbyterian and Reformed Chaplain Corp (PRCC)
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UF, Pastor Steve Lammers
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at FSU, Pastor Kelly Jackson

International:

- Middle East Reformed Fellowship, Pastor Victor Atallah
- Brenda Carter, MTW San Yi, Taiwan
- Chris and Savanna, MTW (sensitive)
- Franklin and Beth Beaver, MTW Worldwide
- David and Jill Martin, MTW Odessa, Ukraine/Brasov, Romania
- Ang Bahay Parola (The Lighthouse) Children's Home, MTW Manila, Philippines
- Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Perry and Betty, MTW (sensitive)
- Robert and Lisa Stewart, MTW Nagoya, Japan
- Verne and Alina Marshall, MTW Santiago, Chile
- John and Lu Elliot, IXO Nicoya, Costa Rica

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Newsletter

Our Highest Purpose and Desire

by *Landon Jostes*

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God – 1 Cor 10:31

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. – Psalm 73:25-26

In the first text, Paul is giving the great and highest purpose of mankind: the glory of God. No one is excluded from this purpose, and no one can opt out of God's grand design for all the descendants of Adam. Proverbs 16:4 states, "The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble." For the glory of his name, God raised up Pharaoh to display his power in all the earth (Rom 9:17). For the glory of his name, God raised up the spiritual seed of Abraham to display the riches of his mercy in Christ (Rom 9:23).

The first text also shows the extent of our chief end in life. It is not some of our actions or the sum of all our actions that are to be directed to the glory of God, but every last one of them. Whether we eat, drink, wake, sleep, converse with friends, discipline our children, read to our grandchildren, drive to work, grocery shop, play board games, or sit with our feet in the sand at the beach, we are to do all to the glory of God. Man's chief end is to glorify God.

In the second text, the psalmist is giving his great and highest desire in life: the enjoyment of God. With all the pleasures in this world vying for our attention, the psalmist understands that the ultimate joy that will ever be experienced in this life is to make the Lord GOD his refuge. Marriage, children, promotions, vacations, and good health can be great desires, but, as Thomas Boston says, the psalmist takes God above everything else so "that in him alone his soul may rest."

Psalm 73:26 goes on to give the reasons why his chief desire is the enjoyment of God. As we all experience at times throughout life, our flesh and hearts fail. There is a gnawing emptiness in our body and soul that finds no rest apart from God. We may run to the pleasures of this world, but our desires are insatiable. When looking to the created world, our souls will never be satisfied. We must rise above the dividing line between creature and Creator. Only in our Creator and Redeemer God will we find the strength of our heart and our portion that will pass beyond the grave and into glory forevermore.

Out of these two texts naturally arises man's highest purpose and desire.

WSC Q. 1, What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

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Sundays Weekly:

Prayer Meeting- 8:00
Sunday School- 9:00
AM Worship- 10:15
PM Worship- 5:30

Highlights for
October:

- Kids Art Day- 10/2
- REFORMATION DAY- 10/25

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-11AM NextGen Meeting- 5:30-7PM	4 Carpenter's Apprentices- 6-7AM	5 Food Ministry- 9AM	6 Prayer Meeting- 9AM
7	8	9 Session Meeting- 5:30PM Women's PM Bible Study- 6-7:30PM Diaconate Meeting- 6:30PM	10 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-11AM NextGen Meeting- 5:30-7PM	11 Carpenter's Apprentices- 6-7AM	12 Food Ministry- 9AM Family Game Night- 4:30-7:30PM	13 Prayer Meeting- 9AM
14 Lord's Supper- AM	15	16 Ladies Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM	17 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-11AM NextGen Meeting- 5:30-7PM	18 Carpenter's Apprentices- 6-7AM	19 Food Ministry- 9AM	20 Prayer Meeting- 9AM
21 Officer Nominations Closed	22	23 Ladies Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM Women's PM Bible Study- 6-7:30PM	34 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-11AM NextGen Meeting- 5:30-7:00	25 Carpenter's Apprentices- 6-7AM	26 Food Ministry- 9AM	27 Prayer Meeting- 9AM
28 Missions Lunch Lord's Supper- PM	29 Missions Meeting- 5:30-7:00 PM	30 Ladies Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM				

Key: BLUE- Church Wide Events | PURPLE- Bible Studies | ORANGE- NextGen | GREEN- Children's Events | BROWN- Food Ministry | RED- Meetings | BLACK- Holidays

Quarterly Communion Offering: Harvest House- a non-profit food pantry serving families in Destin, FL