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Church Women United Meeting

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Church Women United Meeting

Dexter, Missouri - All church women of Stoddard County are invited to attend the Church Women United Meeting on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Essex United Methodist Church. A brunch will follow after the program and business meeting. They will discuss their next service project which is for the Stoddard County Childrens' Home.

What: Church Women United Meeting

Who: All church women of Stoddard County

When: Friday, May 6, 2016 9:30 brunch followed by program and business meeting

Where: Essex United Methodist Church 110 Darby St. (Corner of Darby and Jefferson)

Service project: Stoddard County Childrens' Home

Items needed:

1. Bath towels (not hand towels or washcloths)
2. Laundry detergent
3. Bleach

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Dexter Baccalaureate Service Set for Sunday

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[Dexter Ministerial Alliance Baccalaureate Service Set for Sunday](#)

Dexter, Missouri - Hard to believe that the Graduating Class of 2016 will soon leave the halls of Dexter High School. It only seems appropriate that this year's Class of 2016 will have their Baccalaureate Service on Mother's Day.

It will be a worship in celebration of and thanksgiving of lives dedicated to learning and wisdom. Dexter's First Assembly of God Church on the corner of One Mile Road and Brown Pilot Lane will host Baccalaureate at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 8th. Pastor Mike Kohlbaker of First Assembly of God Church and father of Josh Kohlbaker, graduating senior, will speak at the service.

All graduating seniors are encouraged to attend as well as their family and friends. The public is also encouraged to attend this momentous occasion. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Seniors are asked to arrive early to line-up for their entrance with their cap and gown. Photos will be take prior to the start of the service.

Thank you to the Ministerial Alliance and those graduating students who have worked very hard to have this wonderful event.

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Sweet Prospect General Baptist Church Begins I AM N Study

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The Voice of the Martyrs 6 - Week “**i am n**” Study

Learn about the true stories of persecution taking place in the Middle East today.

DEXTER, Missouri - Sunday April 17th Sweet Prospect General Baptist Church will be starting the “*i am n*” study about the persecuted Christians in northern Iraq. Radical Muslims (ISIS) are spray-painting the Arabic letter ن, or “N,” on the homes and businesses of Christians.

This publicly identifies the property owners as Christ-followers and soon after the persecution begins.

This 6 week study put together by Voice of the Martyrs and David Cook publishing explores the true stories of Christians who have been persecuted by the radical Muslims (ISIS.) These Christ-followers are given a choice; convert to Islam, leave or die. We will see how these courageous believers refused to deny their faith, and more than 100,000 fled with little more than the clothes on their backs. These 6 weeks will inspire participants to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and witness with boldness and joy to their friends, family and co-workers.

These lessons will challenge us to examine our own lives in light of the stories of persecuted Christians. Each classes will include a scripture, short video, Bible study and response questions focused on the themes of — forgiveness, sacrifice, faithfulness, joy, perseverance and courage. There is also a companion book with 50 true stories of Christians facing Islamic extremists that are organized into 6 chapters reinforcing the 6 themes that participants will read prior to each week’s class.

The engaging video curriculum presents true stories of Christians facing Islamic extremists around the world. Each 15-minute video includes interviews with persecuted Christians as well as commentary and teaching by leaders from The Voice of the Martyrs and other leading missions organizations.

Have you ever considered the cost of following Jesus? Do you ever pray for the persecuted around the world? Have you ever wondered how you would respond if you faced direct persecution as these Christians do? This study will assure you that you do have everything you need to respond well. If you have Christ, you have everything you need.

The goal of this study is not to elicit pity for persecuted Jesus followers in hostile Muslim countries. Nor is it intended to stimulate any hatred for Muslims. The goal is to share the stories of persecuted Christians so you will stand with them, care for them, encourage them and pray for them. The key scripture for the study is, “*Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.*” Hebrews 13:3.

Class leader Rodney Jetton added, “The “*i am n*” study reminds us that wherever we live, we are the brothers and sisters of those who are persecuted. So come meet them and their families. Read their stories. Learn from them, pray for them and deepen your faith in a God who gives us the courage to love even our persecutors.” The meetings will start at 9:45 a.m. at Sweet Prospect General Baptist Church located at 1207 Elk Street in Dexter, Missouri across from the Tyson plant. For more information call or email class leader Rodney Jetton at rodjetton@gmail.com or 573-225-4444.

The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a nonprofit interdenominational missions organization seeking to awaken the West to the persecution faced by our Christian brothers and sisters and to provide ways to stand with them. Our fellowship with persecuted Christians is two-fold: 1) helping with practical needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, and medical and legal assistance, and 2) serving with the persecuted as they advance God’s kingdom by providing them with Bibles, ministry tools, and support for pastors and lay workers. The Voice of the Martyrs works in more than 60 nations where Christians face hostility and systematic persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Founded in 1967, VOM is dedicated to inspiring all believers to deepen their commitment to Christ and to fulfill his Great Commission no matter what the cost.

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First Christian Church Evening Ladies Deliver Easter Dinners

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First Christian Church Evening Ladies Deliver Easter Dinners

Dexter, Missouri - Easter dinners were delivered to the Stoddard County Gospel Mission today. The dinners will be distributed to 100 families in the community.

When this project first began, 25 dinners were completed and the project has continued to grow to now 100 dinners!

The dinners include boxes of macaroni and cheese, cake mix, frosting, cans of corn and green beans along with a ham, potatoes, dinner rolls, and of course a special treat - Easter candy!

The project is made possible through the work of the Evening Ladies group of the First Christian Church in Dexter. They host an annual Cookie Walk and a Kettle Beef Dinner to help raise monies to purchase the foods. What a wonderful way to give back to the community!

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Church Leaves Today For Israel

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Walking Where Jesus Walked!

DEXTER, MO - A group of members from First Baptist Church of Dexter met on Monday morning for a 9:00 AM departure for Lambert Field in St. Louis. With passport and luggage all in tow, the 28-member group loaded up on the bus prepared for a long day of travel from St. Louis to Chicago to London and then into Israel. They will also travel to Italy prior to returning to Dexter on March 14th.

The group is comprised of 25 members of First Baptist Church as well as 3 additional members joining the group. Trip members include: Pastor George Nite and Kathy Nite, Ellen Vaughn, Carol Morgan, Libby Niessink, Megan Niessink, David and Diana Cooper, Jim and Ann Smyth, Joyce Hughes, Mike and Cathy Bagby, Beverly Darter, David and Betty Fleming, Bruce and Donna Belcher, Juanita Fischer, Danny and Judy Williams, Melinda Dixon, Betty Cooper, Rhonda Robinson, Steve and Tracy Watkins and Tim and Julie Holden.

The spiritual journey for this group will begin in Netanya and Tiberias, Israel before moving on to Amman and Petra, Jordan. Day six will return the group to Dead Sea, Israel prior to their 4-day stay in Jerusalem, Israel. The group will finalize their trip with 3-days in Rome Italy.

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