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Vacation Bible School Begins Tonight

JUNE 06TH 2016 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Church of Christ will host The Voyage of the Alpha and Omega Vacation Bible School.

Classes are for ages infant to adult and will begin Monday, June 6th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ is located at 1014 N. One Mile Road in Dexter.

"Join young friends, Mateo and Chloe, as they board the Alpha and Omega in search of ancient treasures. Commander Abel and First Mate Zia, a brother and sister sailing team will navigate treacherous seas and battle the bumbling pirate, Captain Capsize, to help these youngsters follow the treasure map and discover the riches of Jesus."

Lesson 1 – Harbor of Peace

Bible Text: John 6:1-15 (Feeding the 5,000)

Focus: I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)

Lesson 2 – Lighthouse of Hope

Bible Text: John 9:1-12 (Healing of the blind man)

Focus: I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)

Lesson 3 – Compass of Guidance

Bible Text: John 13:1-17 (Jesus washing disciples feet)

Focus: I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)

Lesson 4 – Lifeboat of Safety

Bible Text: John 20:1-9 (Resurrection of Jesus)

Focus: I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

Lesson 5 – Anchor of Salvation

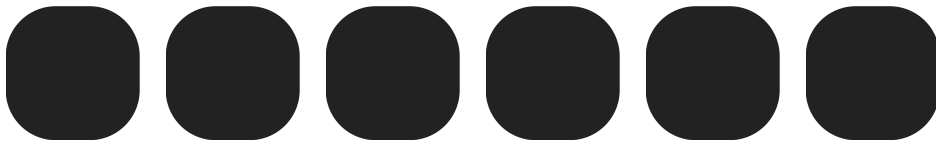
Bible Text: John 21:1-18 (Breakfast by the Sea)

Focus: I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

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Church Women United Meeting

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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

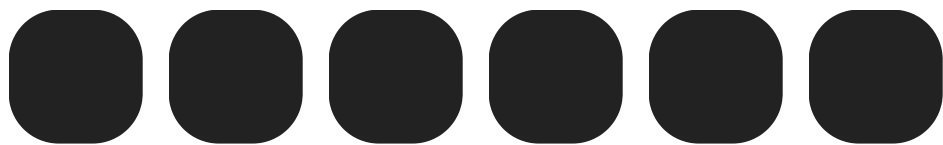
Items needed:

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 taken 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.

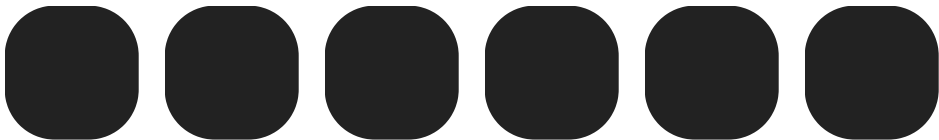
Class leader Rodney Jetton added, “The “i am n” study reminds us that wherever we live, we are the brothers and sisters of those who are persecuted. So come meet them and their families. Read their stories. Learn from them, pray for them and deepen your faith in a God who gives us the courage to love 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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