

Sunday Morning Services:
 9:30am Sunday School*
 10:15am Breakfast
 10:45am Worship*
 *Nursery is provided
 Children's Church (4yrs-4th
 grade) during Sermon Time

Wednesday Activities:
 3-5pm Kids Club (K-5th)
 4-5pm Impact (Jr High)
 6:30pm Small Groups

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 309-523-2834
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 cccportbyron@gmail.com
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Steve Allison, Minister
*"Therefore, my beloved brothers,
 be steadfast, immovable, always
 abounding in the work of the Lord,
 knowing that in the Lord your
 labor is not in vain." 1 Cor. 15:58*

Dear Church Family,

If you think our country is going in the wrong direction, I have good news for you. There are about ten candidates running, and more to announce in the future, to be President of the United States. All want to fix everything that is wrong. So rest easy. Everything is under control... right?

Well Israel was in a similar situation as recorded in 1 Kings 20. A nation looking for good leadership. I believe they learned who to follow and I believe the one who gave victory then is the one we should look to today. As Dr. Steven H. Sanchez, a professor of Bible at Moody Bible Institute, makes clear in his online Bible study on 1 Kings 20:22-30:

Steve

Have you ever heard someone say, "You believe what you want, and I'll believe what I want. We are both right"? As Christians, our belief that God is the one and only true God, directly contradicts the all-gods-are-equal philosophy.

Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

PSALM 113:5-6

In 1 Kings 20, God's people were battling the Syrians, a conflict that challenged not just political borders, but also the character of God. In the ancient world, gods were understood to control the borders of the country where they were worshiped. Each nation had its own deity, and while they acknowledged that other gods existed, local deities had homefield advantage, so to speak.

This explains why after their loss in the first battle, the Syrians changed their strategy. They reasoned that because the Israelites lived in a mountainous region, their god gave them victory over the battle in the mountains. But their gods were worshiped in the plains, so if they battled there, they would claim victory (v. 23).

This logic contradicted the theology of Israel. Through Moses, God revealed that He was god not just of the mountains, but of the entire world. Yahweh had no rival. Defeating Israel would not result from better strategy or battling on a different field. Israel would lose only if God gave them over to defeat.

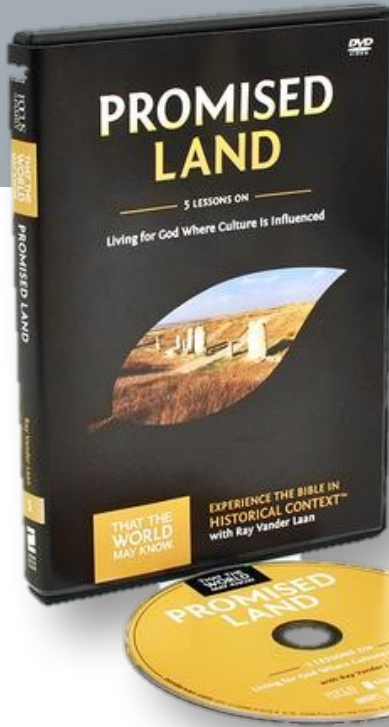
God said, "I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the LORD" (v. 28). The previous victory proved that God had the power to defeat Israel's enemies. This victory over Syria proved that God's power was not limited to one region (v. 29). God's power is everywhere! Ahab didn't get the message. He immediately pardoned the Syrian king (v. 34). But the truth had been told. God's people might long for a powerful righteous leader, but there was no need to long for a powerful, righteous god. They already knew Him.

No matter how powerful the enemy, no matter what the circumstance, our God is victorious.

NEW ADULT CLASSES

New Adult Sunday School Classes starting this month! One is a video class and one is a book discussion. You are invited and welcome to join either of these classes this month. Thank you Steve Allison and Wayne Lotz for teaching our adult classes!

Steve Allison's Adult Class 9:30am



In Promised Land, Ray Vander Laan illustrates how God guided his people to a specific place – the Promised Land – to impact the world both in ancient times and today.

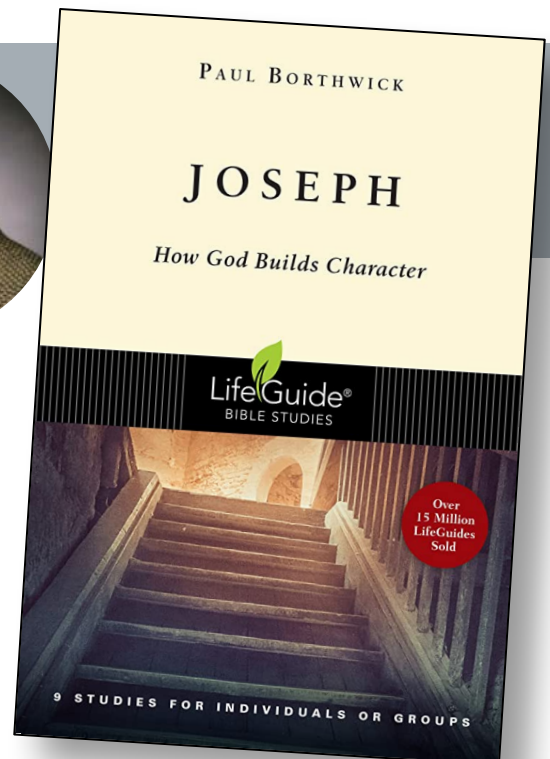
Filmed on location in Israel, this unique video series brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

Wayne Lotz' Adult Class 9:30am



Joseph faced hard times--more than once. He was sold into slavery by his brothers. He spent years imprisoned because of a false accusation.

And yet Joseph was able to live in forgiveness and hope, and God did great things in his life every step of the way. Paul Borthwick invites you to explore Joseph's story as a way toward discovering how God's dreams might be fulfilled in and through you.



In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.

VBS 2023

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT II



JULY
23 - 27
6 - 7:30PM

Game
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VBS



K - 5TH GRADE

2023 VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
Giving God the Controller
Join us this year as we explore
how to "give God the
controller" of our lives!



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Matthew 19:14: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

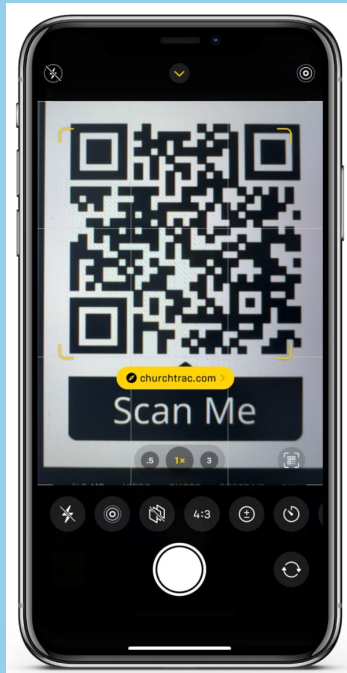
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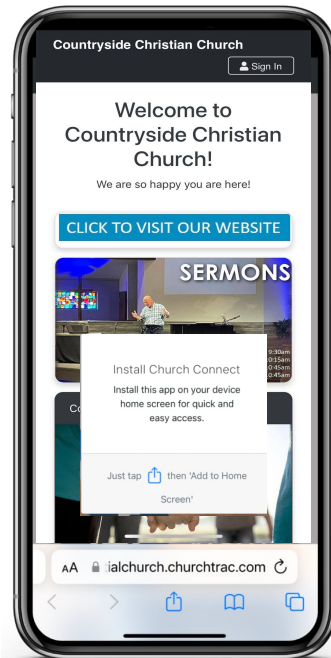


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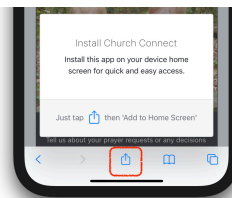
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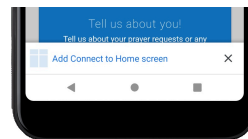
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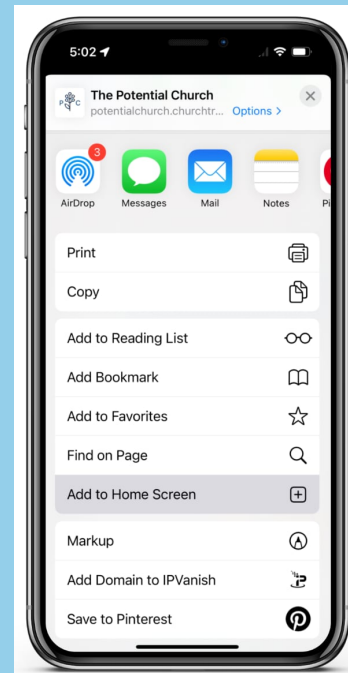


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If you need help with any of these steps, we would be happy to help you!!

*"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12*

In honor of Father's Day, here are 15 principals about being a Dad to encourage each of you great dads:

1. All good parenting begins with a fear of the Lord.

In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. [Proverbs 14:26]

2. Fathers set the tone for their household. Make sure your God is at the center of your family.

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." [Joshua 24:15]

3. The chief job of a father is to teach his kids biblical wisdom at all times.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. [Deuteronomy 6:6-9]

4. Always remember that children are a blessing from God.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. [Psalms 127:3-5]

5. Find your parenting strength in God.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9]

6. Talk to your kids about the Bible and help them to learn scripture. Use scripture as the basis for your parenting.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. [2 Timothy 3:16-17]

7. God works through fathers to impact their children and families. How is he working through you?

For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." [Genesis 18:19]

8. Teach your children wisdom and they will bring you joy.

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. [Proverbs 23:24]

9. Teach your children to lead their live based on a biblical worldview.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. [Proverbs 22:6]

10. The way you lead your life can be a blessing to your kids. Lead a godly life.

The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him! [Proverbs 20:7]

11. Remember that your choices and actions will impact your kids and their kids and their kids.

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." [Exodus 34:6-7]

12. A good father disciplines his son out of love and with love.

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. [Proverbs 3:11-12]

13. Do not provoke your children.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. [Ephesians 6:4]

14. Parenting is a temporary stewardship. Marriage is forever. The best thing you can do for your kids is to be a good husband.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [Genesis 2:24]

15. God cares about the relationship between fathers and their kids.

And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." [Malachi 4:6]

Happy Father's Day!

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Me & My House

Josh and Susan Sanchez are missionaries who established the church in Manzanillo, Mexico and are now working with the church in Colima, Mexico. They have worked in Mexico since January of 2006. Josh grew up in Mexico City, Mexico and attended Central Christian College in Moberly, MO 1999-2003. Susan grew up in Mexico, MO in the Christian Church. She attended CCCB in 1999-2003 also.



This past year the Sanchezes have moved from Manzanillo to Colima to establish a new church. The year has presented many challenges in moving as well as getting established in a new area and starting a new church. They have also taken in teenagers, Rafa and Scalett who previously lived in Manzanillo.

Josh has always enjoyed wood working and is using that creativity to connect with people. He helped Manuel make a kitchen storage area for his tiny apartment. Oralia lost parts of her home in a hurricane and Josh continues to make pieces of furniture to replace what was lost.

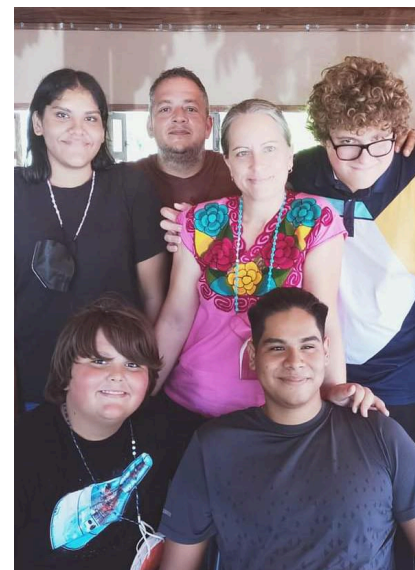
"April 30th is Children's Day in Mexico, and this year it is already very hot. So the kids painted, decorated their own cupcakes, ate pizza, and spent the remainder of the afternoon playing with water guns and balloons. Since hunting plastic eggs for Easter isn't a thing they do here in Mexico, we decided to have an egg hunt instead of a piñata for Children's Day. I have not pictures of the egg hunt or the water war, it was chaos, but boy was it fun!"

"Rafa finally moved into his own student apartment this past Monday. It wasn't the smooth transition we imagined, but it was four years and far from the kid that showed up on my doorstep with his entire world in a black trash bag. It was a range of emotions, but he is no longer the 16 year old high school dropout, that spent a night in jail, had 8 cavities, lice, thick dandruff to hide it, a black toenail thick with fungus, malnutrition, and in need of glasses. He left our home healthy and with a suitcase." Newsletter April 2023)

How to pray

- ▶ Safety in the storm of this drug war
- ▶ Isaac in high school in Texcoco
- ▶ Jean and Isis home situation
- ▶ Rafa and Scarlett's family issues
- ▶ The carpentry ministry
- ▶ Evangelizing the unreached
- ▶ Camaliet's heart issues

You can read more about the mission in Colima and the Sanchez family in the mission booklet on the mission table.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

QC RIVER BANDITS VS PEORIA CHIEFS

Fireworks after the game!

Ticket includes a box seat and a voucher for a hot dog, bag of chips, and regular soda

Sign up by June 1st at Countryside Christian Church or by calling: 309-523-2834

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ADMISSION TICKETS

JUNE 21 WEDNESDAY
6:30PM

Happy Father's Day!

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Let's celebrate the men in our lives!

Our annual Father's Day Baseball outing is June 21st
(Wednesday) at 6:30pm

Quad City River Bandits vs. Peoria Chiefs
Moline, IL

Tickets need to be reserved by **June 1st**
(sign up at church or call 309-523-2834)

Ticket includes:

Box Seat

Meal Voucher for a hot dog, bag of chips, and regular soda

FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME!!

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
[Proverbs 22:6]"*

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

2022-2023 Offering Budget: 92,403.85

YTD Offering Actual: \$96,928.61



Pioneer Bible Translators
Norm & Jill Weatherhead
Translators, Papua New Guinea



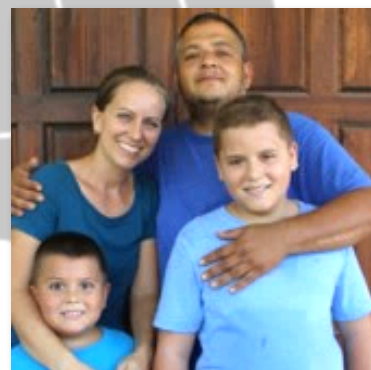
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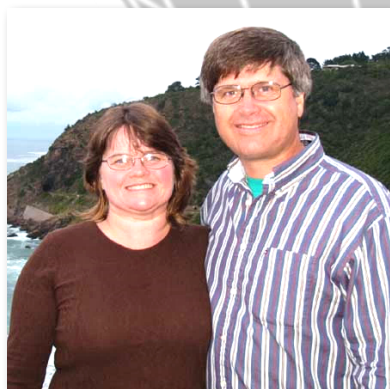
International Disaster Emergency Service
David Stine, Director



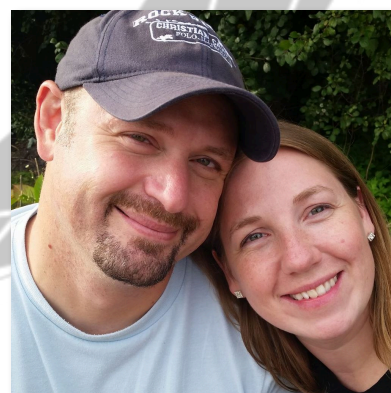
Chinese to Christ Ministries
Wing Wong, Director



Me & My House
Josh & Susan Sanchez



Outreach International
Dale & Sonja Hawkins, Directors



Rock River Christian Camp
Dan & Leslie Augenstine, Directors

As of right now, our goal for the 2023-2024 Missions Year is:

\$52,390.00!!

Thank you for supporting the work of missions!

"So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

June BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Jill Weatherhead
- 1 – Mikey Chamra
- 12 – Paul Mills
- 14 – Corey White
- 17 – Dorothy Wells
- 19 – Dawn Kaecker
- 20 – Lisa Jones
- 20 – Reg Stearns
- 22 – Shirley Baxter
- 24 – Jo Gibbs

June ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Steve & Karen Allison
- 5 – Reg & Jane Stearns
- 19 – Jason & Becky Collis
- 19 – Jim & Dawn Kaecker
- 21 – Randy & Sarah Denekas
- 27 – Greg & Lisa Jones
- 30 – Jimmy & Jamie Schumpert

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Childrens Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
			Children's Church			Nursery	
Date	Teacher's	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper
			*Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering *Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:40-12:00				
June			June				
4	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	4	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
11	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Gail Horst	11	Sarah Denekas	Gail Horst	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence
18	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Becki Winger	18	Sarah Denekas	Alicia Simms	Shanie Bird	Connie Curry
25	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	25	Sarah Denekas	Ruthie Coverdill	Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

GREETERS

- June 4 – Jim Kaecker
- June 11 – Ryan Schmidt
- June 18 – Wayne Lotz
- June 25 – Teresa Garcia

Please sign up for a Sunday that works for your family! Welcome people, direct them to the sanctuary, nursery, or restrooms if needed, and hand out bulletins.

Breakfast



VOLUNTEERS

New sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Please sign up for a Sunday that works best for you! Provide breakfast treats and help serve coffee and clean-up between Sunday School and Worship.

Church

BUILDING CLEANERS



- Gail Horst & Kathy Kohrt
- Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- Mike & Becki Winger

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38

June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." Psalm 103:13</i></p>				<p>1 Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Gym in Use all day – Garcia's</p>
<p>4 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p> <p>Volleyball Tournament 12:00pm</p>	<p>5 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p>	<p>6 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p> <p>Kids Club /Impact Planning Mtg- 6pm</p>	<p>7 Elder Mtg – 2:30pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>8 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>9 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>10 Women's Coffee 9:30am</p> 
<p>11 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p>	<p>12 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting</p>	<p>13 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p> <p>Kids Club /Impact Planning Mtg- 6pm</p>	<p>14 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>15 Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p>  <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>21 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p> <p>River Bandits Game 6:30pm</p> 	<p>22 Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> 
<p>25 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p>  <p>Food Pantry Needs</p>	<p>26 <i>Steve leaves on Vacation</i></p>	<p>27 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>28 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>29 Worship Team 6:30pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>