

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

An article in Reader's Digest described the actions of Dave Shoemaker, captain of the 180-foot fishing vessel, "Galaxy," somewhere off Alaska's St. Paul Island. The article read, "When a disastrous engine fire wreaked havoc for the Galaxy and its crew, Captain Shoemaker bravely walked through the smoke and flames with no protection but a bandanna around his mouth to radio for help. Shoemaker continued to put the lives of his crew first and worked to help them to safety despite incurring three broken ribs, extensive burns to his skin and the increasing chance of going down with the ship. Like a true captain, he made certain he was the last of the crew to be rescued by the Coast Guard, who arrived thanks to his initial Mayday call. The Galaxy was completely lost, but thanks in great part to Shoemaker's courage under fire, 21 of the 25 crew members survived." Captain Shoemaker, a modern day hero, put his own life on the line in order to save the life of his crewmembers.

Let's reflect on our ultimate lifesaver, the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember that he willingly suffered, bled and died--taking our own sin and shame on Himself as He hung on a cross-- that we might be saved from an eternity of separation from God. In his resurrection from the grave, Jesus broke the power of sin and death--and guaranteed rescue--to anyone who believes in Him. He is our most shining example of heroism in action.

Yet, the story doesn't end here. We, in fact, are destined to become part of the story. For Jesus calls all of us who have experienced His rescue to become part of his rescue team--to act heroically, willingly putting our lives on the line--in order to help rescue others. "Snatch others from the fire and save them," is how the New Testament book of Jude puts it. It's a simple act of gratitude for we who have been given a lifeline, to share a lifeline with someone else.

Today, offer a prayer of thanks to Jesus, our ultimate lifesaver and consider someone around you with whom you can share your own Easter story of rescue. You never know. In doing so, you just might "snatch someone from the fire."

**ITALIAN THEME POTLUCK** - April 23, following the morning service

**CHURCH WORK DAY** - On May 6 beginning at 9am we will begin removing the brick from the front side of the church. Anyone who is able to assist with this project would be most appreciated. We anticipate it taking roughly 8 hours from start to completion.

**ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP** - August 11th -13th .at Fort Custer. Each family needs to reserve their own campsite on line. Lot 1-11 & 40-45 are ideal. If you have any questions please see Brandi or Cole Roberts.

**UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL** - The Family Affordable Event of the summer! Guests will be, 10th Avenue North, Toby Mac, Matthew West, Casting Crowns, Carrollton, Zach Williams, and Matthew West to name just a few. Discounted tickets available in the Church Office. \$25 for 1 day pass, \$45 for 3 day pass and \$175 for 3 day Family Pass.

**YOUTH MURDER MYSTERY DINNER** - Tickets are going fast! Hollywood Presents "Final Cut" - Saturday April 22 at 6pm at 12th Street. Tickets are \$20 each and are available for purchase in Welcome Center.

**LEADERSHIP GROWTH CLASS** - Begins April 19 from 630-730pm. Learn the 21 irrefutable "Laws of Leadership" by John Maxwell. Sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.

**SMALL GROUPS** - Our next segment of Small Groups will begin on April 23, 2017. We are in need of Hosts and Leaders. Our study will be on the book of Philippians - Just Live It! Sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Center

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING** - Today following the morning service. Any questions see Jim Deters.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** - April 14 at 6:30pm.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** - Join us Saturday April 15 at 3pm . We are hoping to reach 200-250 kids this year. Donations for prizes and candy (individually wrapped that will fit in the eggs) will be collected during the next few weeks. We are also asking that you spread the word, as this is a great way to share the Gospel. If you would

like to help please see Krista Asher. Volunteer sign-up sheets to bake, clean up, and stuff Easter eggs is available in the Welcome Center. Come for the Easter Egg Hunt and stay for our Easter Cantata at 5pm.

**EASTER CANTATA** - April 15 @ 5pm & April 16 @ 11am

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS** - Wednesday May 10 LAC is sponsoring a trip to Holland Michigan for the Tulip Festival. The bus will leave the church at 9am. 1 hour Trolley Tours are available every 15-30 minutes for \$20 pp and \$8 for children under 12 if interested or you can wonder on foot to quaint downtown Holland and take in the parade, Dutch dancing, floats and marching bands that perform daily. The Bus will depart Holland at 3p stopping at Russ Restaurant for dinner before heading home. This event is open to ALL who want to attend. Sign up available in the Welcome Center.

**UGANDA CHILDRENS CHOIR** - On July 16 at 12th Street Baptist will be blessed with the Uganda Children's Choir on Sunday July 16 morning service. The choir & chaperones will arrive in Kalamazoo the evening of July 13 and will depart Kalamazoo after the morning service. We are in need of Host Families to house 2-3 children and a chaperone on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. As a host family you will need to provide breakfast and dinner as well as sleeping arrangements for your guests. During the day hours they will be doing their school work and rehearsing at the church each day from 8:45-430pm. Lunch each day will be provided at the church. We do ask the Host families to provide transportation to and from the church. Detailed information on what is required to be a Host family is available in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions or need additional information please see Cheryl Campbell. You will want to be a part of this blessing!

**MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA** - The Fagaly mission trip to Uganda is scheduled to take place July 13 -29. They are allowed to prescription medicines, non prescription medicines and vitamins with them (Expired is ok if less than 1 year) Prescription medicines such as antibiotics can not be expired.) Following are items they are accepting donations for to take with them to Uganda: Multivitamins for Children and Adults, Prenatal vitamins, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Antibiotic Cream or Ointment, Allergy medicine, such as Benedryl or Zyrtec, Amoxicillian for children or adults, Robitussin, Zicam- cough medicine, Zantac, Prevacid, Pritosec (heartburn), Lisinopril, Imodium, Metform, Oral Rehydration Salts, Antifungal creams, Lotrim. For questions please see Carolyn or Dave Fagaly .

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - It's that time again . . .looking forward to spring, summer & VBS! Please mark your calendars Monday, July 10 - Thursday, July 13. We need all the help we can get!! Please be in prayer for this to be all that God wants it to be!!! VBS is such a powerful ministry.

If you are interested in helping, please see Brooke Camp. Thank you and God bless!

**UPCOMING SUMMER CAMPS AT BAIR LAKE** - We have information at the Welcome Center for the following summer camps. Kids 8-11 years old, camps available June 25 - July 1 or June 25 -28 or June 28 - July 1. Middle school camp grades 6 -8 or July 16 - 22.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** - Tuesday 8:30am at McDonald's on 9th Street.

**AWANA** - Wednesday @ 6pm.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Sunday 5 -7pm

**NEXT LAC MEETING** - April 4th 10am

**FOOD PANTRY** - Help others in need of food. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson

**VISIT** www.12thstreetbaptist.net for sermons, bulletin, events and other updated information. For Members only you can view new member pictures and prayer requests, as well as our Member Directory, deacon assignments and pictures. Password is: 12thStreet

**JUST LIVE IT!**

*Nursery for March*

- 9 Amanda D, Retha K, Emma Penning
- 16 Barbire and Callista
- 23 Asher and Arianna
- 30 Bekha W, Tami S, Nate Thompson

*Last Week*

- Tithes & Offerings .....\$5,966.00
- Coffee/ Donuts/Fellowship. .... 5.61
- Total.....\$5,971.61

MONTHLY BUDGET 12/4/15/17	YEARLY \$412,944.00
\$27,000.-	\$345-
\$21,000.-	\$265-
\$15,000.-	\$185-
\$9,000.-	\$105-
\$3,000.-	\$25-
2	10,000
\$372	\$10,632