



Installation of Pastor Dizzy

On July 7th, Dizzy Murphy was installed as Senior Pastor of Garden Community Church. Dizzy was born and raised in Puerto Rico and came to know Christ as his Savior at the age of 12 on a mission trip to Mexico. Dizzy graduated this spring from Dallas Theological Seminary.

As a part of the installation service, Rob Hiebert gave a brief glimpse of God's faithfulness to Garden in sharing some of GCC's history. Dale Janzen was also with us and gave a charge to the congregation, followed by Steve Crist giving a charge to Dizzy. Following the service there was a potluck meal in the fellowship hall.

A special thank you to the Search committee for their work searching for the next pastor of Garden and thankful that God lead Dizzy and Garden together. We as a church are privileged to have Dizzy & Carla and their kids, Valiant, Noble and Wisdom as a part of the GCC family!



Baby Dedication

Baby Dedication was held on Father's Day, June 16, Bryson and Grace Huxman dedicated their son, Daniel Lee. Keep the Huxman family in your prayers as they strive to raise Daniel and also Enora and Colton to come to know the saving grace of Jesus in a personal way.



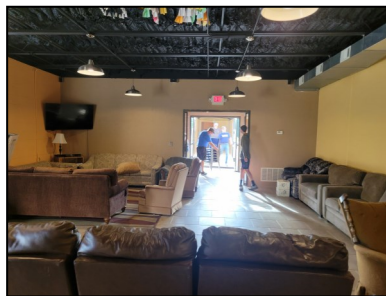
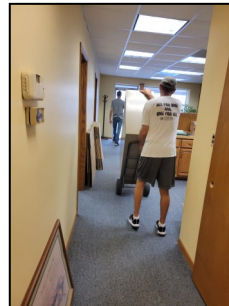
CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES



David Trubek with Chosen People Ministries was with us Wednesday evening, July 17. Chosen People Ministries is a ministry to the Jewish People—Proclaiming the Jewish Messiah to God's chosen people. David and his wife, Victoria and two children are serving full-time with the Chosen People Ministries Team in Israel. He shared with us about Israel: God's Unfolding Plan and also gave a ministry update.

WE HAVE MOVED!

While there were still some projects that needed to be finished at the office we needed to move out of the old office and move into the new location at 349 N. Old Hwy 81 in Hesston. So on June 22 two groups met to make the move! A group of ladies who met at the new office to clean while a group of men met at the old location to begin loading up boxes and furniture. Thanks to many hands the office was moved over to the new office within a few hours! Even though there are still a few things to get settled and kitchen cabinets are still being installed on the Activity side the new office space has already been a blessing for multiple groups who have been able to meet in the new space. An open house is being planned for the new office this fall.



Vonnie's Views

The first quarter of 2024, I rapidly read through the Bible. After completing that, I decided to read my favorite books in a slower more deliberate way: Paul's letters, the book of Genesis, and the prophets. Currently I'm reading the Isaiah—an eloquent prophet who explored the nature of God, human sin, and divine redemption. Isaiah's prophecies reveal God's holiness, His "otherness," the divine response to sin, and the promise of Messiah.

In a time of political upheaval, Isaiah experienced a profound encounter with the holiness of God. Isaiah had a vision in which he found himself in the very throne room of God! There he saw the Lord sitting on a majestic throne, surrounded by seraphim, who proclaimed "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts" (6:3). Overwhelmed, Isaiah was undone as absolute holiness exposed his sinfulness. Lips cleansed with a burning coal, Isaiah's guilt was removed, he received God's commission and empowerment to proclaim God's message to a sin-darkened society.

Isaiah repeatedly emphasized the uniqueness and supremacy of God. God is not on a "gradient" or a "scale" with any created thing (including humans, seraphim, or angels). He is entirely distinct from all creation and unparalleled in majesty. "I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'" (Isaiah 46:10 NIV) Unlike non-living idols, the Lord is described as the Living God who knows His people intimately and calls them by name (43:5). Throughout Isaiah, the call to recognize God's uniqueness served as both a warning against idolatry and an invitation to trust God's unfailing love and salvation.

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

Isaiah 46:9

In stark contrast to the holiness of God, Isaiah detailed the horrendous sin patterns that characterized God's chosen people. The "woes" of Isaiah 5 specified the depths to which God's people had fallen: aggressive greed (vs 8-10), sinful excess (vs 11-12), self-deception and mocking of God (vs 18-19), redefining truth (vs 20), arrogant false wisdom (vs 21), and a drunken, corrupt justice system (vs 22-23). These sins were present in a people who maintained a rigorous religious façade, which made God recoil (Isaiah 1:11-15). God's judgment against his people's covenant unfaithfulness was stark; yet tempered with hope. God didn't hold back from displaying how hurt he was by Israel's unfaithfulness and how much he desired restoration rather than judgement.

The promised Messiah was revealed in Isaiah with absolute clarity. "See, my servant will act wisely, He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand." (Isaiah 52:13-15 NIV). Prophecies like those found in Isaiah 9 and 53 spoke of a child born to us who would carry the weight of human sin and bring about redemption. This Messiah would be humble and gentle (40:1; 66:13), bear the weight of human sin and suffering (52:13-15; 53:4-6), and fulfil the divine promise of restoration (9:2, 11:1-10; 61:1-3).

Through its exploration of these themes, the book of Isaiah invites us, as we read this book, to recognize both the seriousness of sin and the incredible grace of God. The Gospels clearly confirm that Jesus Christ fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies (Luke 4:14-21).

As the Messiah, Jesus taught that everyone falls short of God's standards (Mark 10:18). Yet, in grace, He extends forgiveness to all those who believe in Him (John 3:16). By believing this good news through repentance of sin and putting one's faith in Jesus for salvation, sinners exchange the judgment Isaiah pronounced and instead receive all the promised blessings (Mark 1:15).



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:11—He protects His flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them in the fold of His garment. He gently leads those that are nursing.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Pray parents have wisdom with each child, teaching & training in the way they should go.	2 Pray for Laudree For-ester.	3 Pray for Brett and Aiden Friesen.	6 Pray for Noah Goossen.	5 Pray grandparents help instill godly values in their grandkids.	6 Pray for Greyson & Lincoln Hanzlicek.	7 Pray for Katherine & Elise Harms.
8 Pray for our Sunday School teachers to rightly handle the Word of God.	9 Pray for Kylee, Brett & Jenna Nelson.	10 Pray Christian teachers have discernment & insight.	11 Pray for Drew Hiebert.	12 Pray for Enora, Colton & Daniel Huxman.	13 Pray for Elisabeth Kitto.	14 Pray for Alexis, Brayden & Callie Klaassen.
15 Pray for Josh & Matt Koehn.	16 Pray for Karlee, Harper & John Kohls.	17 Pray for ears to hear and hearts to understand for each of us.	18 Pray for Kaycee Mason.	19 Pray for Matthew Morrison.	20 Pray for Layton & Javan Pyle.	21 Pray for Avery, Allie, Anna, & Aubrey Schrag.
22 Pray for Esther, Cora & Abigail Quick.	23 Pray for Noble, Valiant & Wisdom Murphy.	24 Pray for Wyatt, Weston & Jaycee Sommerfeld.	25 Pray for Macy Wohlgemuth.	26 Pray for Jonathan & Eli Williams.	27 Pray for Daniel, Tito, Filipe & Gabriel Goossen.	28 Pray for Lucas, Levi & Annika Kunkee.
29 Pray for Zephaniah & Seilah Hansen.	30 Pray God continues to raise up workers from among us to serve Him.					

New Hope News

Happenings at New Hope Shelter • July 2024

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

I read Proverbs 18:9 in my daily devotions recently: "One who is slack in work is close kin to a vandal." NRSV version. I thought about the verse for a few minutes. I was curious as to the exact definition of a "vandal" because that person is equated with a slacker. I learned that a "vandal" is involved in deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property. To put it in practical terms, a person who is slack in their work, and is able-bodied is in the process of vandalizing/destroying their life.

The majority of the people who come into the New Hope Shelter come in without a job. They have little or no money, and are at a low point in their life. Our response to able-bodied people is sympathy and direction. We try to understand the barriers they are facing to employment and to work with them to overcome those barriers to get a job that will sustain them.

Occasionally we run into those who are slackers, who are committed to vandalizing their lives. We try to encourage, give direction, and encourage some more. After a reasonable time, if that effort does not work, we set a deadline for the person to find a job. If a job is not found by the deadline, that person is asked to leave.

To protect the innocent, I will tell you the story of a woman we could not motivate at another shelter where we served. We went through the process described above for a series of weeks to no avail. She kept promising that the 'interview on next Monday is going to produce a job for me.' It never happened. A deadline was set. It came and went. Still there was no job.

I remember the Monday when I went to her room and told her she needed to move. The air was filled with curses and invective. "How could we....." "How dare we....." She packed up her car and left. We did not hear from her again for more than six months.

One afternoon, my wife, Marilyn was in the parking lot of the local Walmart. She heard someone shouting her name. She looked up and this woman was coming in her direction. Marilyn told me later that she did not know what to expect.

The woman told Marilyn, "Thanks for everything you did for me. By kicking me out, you kicked me in the behind. I needed it so bad. I went out and got a job. I have you to thank for my job, car, and apartment. Now I have the money to support myself. Thanks."

At the New Hope Shelter, we are committed to accountability and to restoring hope to people's lives and helping them become productive citizens once again.

We Love You, Brian Bisbee

SHE CAME IN TIRED AND HUNGRY, WITH BLISTERS ON HER FEET

She literally walked out of an abusive relationship in Southeast Oklahoma. She had blisters on her feet from walking that distance in the heat. You provided her food and shelter from the sun and rain, and a place to rest. In a few days she was on her way refreshed—headed to Missoula—at the ripe old age of 62.

She said, "Thanks."

DID YOU KNOW?

That we serve Hungry families and individuals every week through our Food Pantry which is open every day from 8AM to 8PM.

That BMO Bank in Newton supported us with Paper Goods and supplies?

That White Eagle Credit Union has recently supported us with a check.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COUPLE GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO SERVE ON OUR BOARD

We have a great group of Board members. We can use a couple more. If you have a strong commitment to bringing hope to Homeless people, maybe you would like to serve on our Board. Give Brian a call at 316-283-7711 to discuss that possibility.

WE ALWAYS NEED FOOD. Here are Four Practical Ways you can Help (Keep this List)

1. Bring us your leftovers from Church, Family, Business, or School Events. Accepted any time.
 2. Bring us sliced bread, butter, jam, jelly, cereal, peanut butter, and milk for our breakfasts.
 3. Bring us Frozen beef, hamburger, pork, beef, hams, turkeys and chicken.
- Bring us Canned goods—even Institutional sized cans.

DOG AND CAT LOVERS — WE NEED YOU

A percentage of the Homeless population are accompanied by animals. We can't accommodate them because of Health and Safety concerns. We don't want to turn those people away, so we are developing an alternative for them. Would you be willing to temporarily foster a dog or cat for a Homeless person so that they could come into the Shelter. If you would be willing to do so, please give Brian a call at 316-283-7711, Thanks.

*Current
Needs
List*



Scotch Tape
Masking Tape—one half inch
Napkins
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

All-Purpose Floor Cleaner
Laundry Pods
Sliced Bread
Sliced Sandwich Meat
Ranch dressing and
other dressings

Our mission at New Hope Shelter, Inc. is to provide a sanctuary for those experiencing homelessness in Harvey, Marion, McPherson and Butler counties by uniting the local church into a nurturing community which restores hope through a growing relationship with Christ.

It is through the love of Christ we share with those in need of hope.

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We made it back to the USA!

After a long travel night through Houston and then to Minneapolis, Minnesota, we made it safely back to the USA. Shortly after arriving, we made a quick trip for the 4th of July weekend to Phillips, Wisconsin, where Josh's mom is from, for a big family reunion. The kids enjoyed their first 4th of July parade despite the rain that came about halfway through!

If you are in Minnesota, come see us on Sunday, July 14th

We will be at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus on Sunday, July 14th for both the 9am and 10:30am services. Stay after to connect with us.

Then, at 6:30pm on Sunday, July 14th, come to Ron and Mavis Shriver's home (5751 Deer Trail, Woodbury, MN) for a dessert reception. We would love to see you if you can make it!

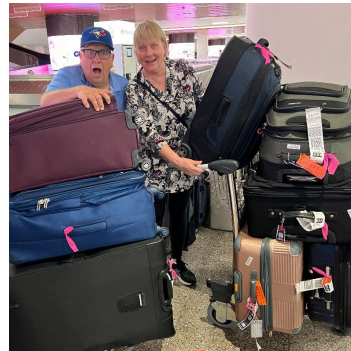


Our last few weeks in Ecuador were so bittersweet as we anticipated our move. We had a sweet birthday party for both kids with friends and Hannah's parents. Dakota is now 4 and Riley is 2! It was a special time to celebrate. We were sad to say our final goodbyes to those we love and will miss in Ecuador.

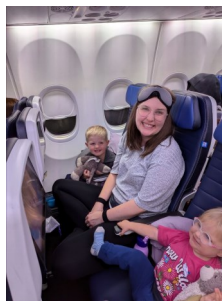




Hannah's dad, and a few other friends from Woodbury Lutheran Church, came to visit and put on a retreat for Hannah and her team. This was a beautiful time to connect, rest, and focus on transition. They gave sessions on healthy transition, which was helpful and timely. Hannah's local team prayed over her and gave her words of encouragement and appreciation. Then the team prayed over and shared words with the new director of the ministry, Patty. It was a very special and meaningful last time as a ministry team before Hannah left.



We did not send a shipment back with stuff, so everything we brought back had to fit in suitcases. Thankfully, Hannah's parents and other visitors took suitcases back when they left so when we got on the plane, we only had four big suitcases and our carry-on items.



We moved out of our house in mid-June and into an Airbnb for our last few weeks. The kids and Hannah are pictured above with our last carload of stuff moving out of our house. It was a few long days, and we were very relieved when that process was behind us. The Airbnb worked great for our last few weeks, despite that fact that they didn't have a bathtub - but we innovated and you can see the kids having a blast in a bin for a tub! The airplane ride went mostly smoothly and the kids did sleep quite a bit, which was a huge relief. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and our family as we go through this very big transition.

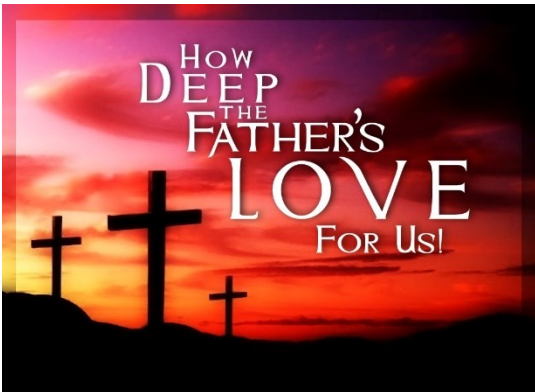
Ways to Support Us

1. We will let you know when we have our finalized plans for transitioning out of the ministry work in Ecuador and into new jobs. It will be either the end of August or the end of September. If you are able, please continue to give until we let you know when to stop. Thank you!
2. Some people have asked if we need anything for these months or when we arrive in Los Angeles. If you would like to give us an Amazon, Target, or Aldi gift card, all of those would help pay for our necessities in the coming months or put toward new home items in the future once we are setting up our new home. Those can be sent to 2937 Aldrich Trail, Woodbury MN 55125, or emailed to jhzook93@gmail.com. No pressure at all, but since some have asked, we thought we would include that info here.
3. Please continue to pray for all of us, for our emotional and physical health through this huge transition. That we would be able to rest and process.

Thank you all so much for your love and support! ~Josh & Hannah Zook

Dear Friends,

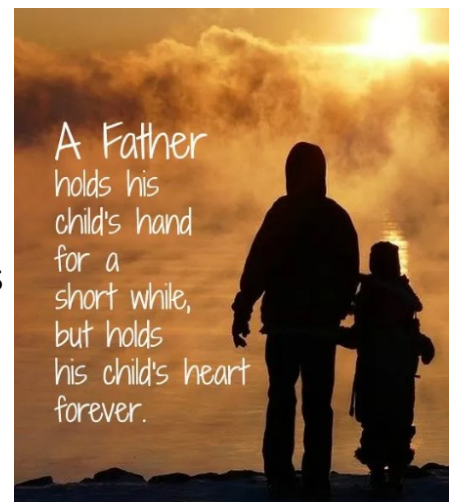
During the month of June, we set aside time to reminisce about our fathers and thank them for all they have done for us. This reminds me to think about my heavenly Father and all he has done for us. His love is greater than our earthly fathers. He has always walked beside us and carried us when our burdens become more than we can bear. He sent His son so we could be saved and then gave us the Holy Spirit to help us live in freedom!



We are so thankful for our heavenly Father! This past month has been a time of need for us. Ev has been experiencing pain in her back since January. However, recently she had such excruciating pain that we ended up in the ER on a Saturday. When the doctor asked her what her pain level was out of 10, she said it was 14! After a CT scan was completed, they found a kidney stone. Ev was trans-

ferred to Wichita to Wesley Woodlawn where the doctor determined the stone was too large for her to pass. She underwent surgery on Sunday to remove the stone. Ev stayed in the hospital until Wednesday afternoon. The pain in her back is basically gone, and she is doing well with Home Health Care checking in on her several times a week.

Norv has been experiencing pain in his back this last week. He went to the doctor's office today, and they said that they think it is muscular. They gave him medication to help with swelling. We are hoping that will take care of the problem. He has been such a help with Ev. He likes to cook, so that has been wonderful. He also willingly does dishes, vacuums the floors, and even helps with laundry. Though our lives may be restricted to our house, in this season, we love to serve you and others through our prayers! What an honor and privilege it is to stand with you before the throne of God! We are so thankful for all of you and the continued, generous support you have shown to us!



In Christ's Love,

Norvin & Evelyn Schrag