



# LYNNVILLE FRIENDS CHURCH

*Making Much of Jesus*

February, 2017

## From the Pastor's Desk...

I just finished reading the books of Ezra and Nehemiah for my devotion time. It is always interesting going back to some of those Old Testament books. Some of them are hard to understand others are filled with intrigue.

Ezra and Nehemiah both are working on rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. The Israelites had been in exile and were now starting to come back and rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. When they started to rebuild these walls they were met with some opposition. Tobiah and Sanballat did not want them to get this done because he felt threatened. Does this ever happen in your life? Do people ever meet you with opposition? You are trying to do something good and positive and they just challenge you at every chance they get? Maybe you feel like you are even doing something directed by God and you are met with incredible opposition.

Well, I think we should actually expect opposition when we are doing the calling of God. Society will often feel threatened when we passionately pursue the will of God in our lives. These guys didn't give up however. They faced a lot of opposition but they stayed the course and God was faithful to them and blessed their efforts.

As you go through your day to day life know that you will face some challenges. Ask God if what you are doing is truly his will for you. If it isn't then God might be providing the opposition to steer you in the right direction. If it is God's will then the devil is behind the opposition trying to deter you from completing the task.

Embrace the journey and the challenge that God lays before you. What stronghold is God asking you to build in your life? Be ready for the opposition but be determined with God's help to complete it.

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## Upcoming Greeters

February 4  
Front: Ron & Maida Dunwoody  
Canopy: Garnet Gertsma & Harriet Fisk

February 11  
Front: Dwight & Kim Harsseelaar  
Canopy: John Gilpin

February 18  
Front: Mike & Janel Hay  
Canopy: David & Peggy Hofer

February 25  
Front: Carl & Kathy James  
Canopy: Curt & Stacey James

# Missions Update

Please Pray for Upcoming Mission Trip to Cambodia

As you are aware, Lynnville Friends Church provides support to a Missionary Family in Cambodia. Nathan and Brianna Martin are originally from Iowa but have now been missionaries in Cambodia for over 8 years. They have two boys, Caleb (age 6) and Jonah (age 3).

On Saturday Feb 10th Julie Jones and Brianna's Mom (Joyce) will be leaving for Cambodia and will return home on Tuesday, February 27th. Brianna and Nathan are most looking forward to Christian fellowship and ministry to their family during this time (Approximately 95-97% of the Cambodian people are Buddhist and less than 3% are Christian). In addition to just "living life" with the Martins and being involved in their normal ministry activities we plan to have a couple afternoons of a mini-VBS with the neighborhood kids who come over to learn English. We will also go out on the "moto" (dirtbike) to rural areas to meet families who the Martins minister to and we will be involved in a three day soccer ministry event that will be taking place in their village of Snoul while we are there.

Thank you so much to those who have donated items, you are a blessing to the Martin family as well as the people of Cambodia!

Please pray for God's will to be done on this trip!

A message from Brianna is "Please give our love and greetings to the church family".

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Just a few updates and prayer request for this month.

Jack and Amber Mututwa will be headed home soon. Please pray for safe and stress-free travel...especially with two little ones. You will find them on Facebook. Search for trail missions or go to their website at [www.trailmissions.net](http://www.trailmissions.net).

It's time again for Take Away Hunger. We will be making meals on Saturday, March 24. Sign up a team with Brenda Terpstra. Can't help that day? Please consider sponsoring a team or several individuals. Cost per person is \$30. Thanks so much for your generosity of time and money. Needs are met globally as well as locally!

Caleb Martin, son of missionaries Nathan & Brianna has completed his rabies shots. Praise the Lord! Please pray for Julie Jones as she takes off for Cambodia on February 10. She is flying with Brianna's mother to do mission work with Nathan and Brianna. They return February 27. Please pray for safe travels for both ladies and that God's Will will be done on this mission trip. We look forward to hearing Julie's story when she returns.

Please remember to pray for all of our missionaries that we support and continue to pray for Katy Sevcik. Her outreach is currently Bangladesh She will be there till February 10.

Thanks for keeping the Missions Committee in your prayers as well.

## Nursery for February

February 4: Chris & Deb Merten

February 11: Glenn & Cris Lewis

February 18: Pat Norman & Lila Turnbull

February 25: Joel & Jen Rozendaal

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### FOCUS Youth Group

### *Valentine's Dinner*

### FUNDRAISER

Proceeds for Houston, TX mission trip, July 22-28

**SUNDAY**  
**FEB. 11**  
**5-7:30 P.M.**

FREE Childcare: Dine in as a family or have a date night and kids can eat a meal and play in the FOCUS room.

Lynnville Friends  
Church FCC Building

DINE IN or CARRY OUT:  
\$15/person or  
\$7/child (12 & under)

#### *Menu:*

Chicken Supreme or Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Salad, Dinner Roll, Toffee Brownie

Please make reservations by Feb. 4.  
Call 527-3371 or visit  
<https://form.jotform.com/LFCFOCUS/Valentine18>



# FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Randy Vander Weerd 1	2	Dee Van Genderen Gorman Rozendaal 3
Joel Rozendaal 4	Missions and Trustees Committee meetings Carl James 5	Dale & Bev Flander 6	Focus 6th-12th K-5 Activities 7	Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. 8	Blizzard Blast for grades 5-8 Mike & Brenda Terpstra 9	Blizzard Blast for grades 5-8 10
Communion during the service 11 FOCUS Valentines Supper Fundraiser	USFW meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Lyn Kinney's home 12	13	Focus 6th-12th K-5 Activities Brilynn Tice Euni Scholten Vernon Terlouw 14	Lunch at Pizza Ranch in Grinnell for anyone interested in learning more about Everence 15	16	Winter Family Banquet at William Penn Haley James 17
Texico Commissioning 18	Elders meeting at 7:00 p.m. 19	20	Focus 6th-12th K-5 Activities Saige Vande Krol Brandon Van Wyk 21	Rita Carlson 22	Work as Worship simulcast live from 7:30-2:30 23	24
Isabella Bogaard 25	Ryan McDonald 26	27	Focus 6th-12th K-5 Activities 28			

\$25 BEFORE, \$30 DAY OF

*blizzard  
blast '18*

*pursuit*

*5th-8th*

GRADERS

*feb*

9TH-10TH

*in marshalltown*

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