

## Think About What You Think About

This inspiration comes from  
*Anxious for Nothing*  
by Max Lucado

In her short thirteen years Rebecca Taylor has endured more than fifty-five surgeries and medical procedures and approximately one thousand days in the hospital.

Christyn, Rebecca's mom, talks about her daughter's health complications with the ease of a surgeon. The vocabulary of most moms includes phrases such as "cafeteria food," "slumber party," and "too much time on the phone." Christyn knows this language, but she's equally fluent in the vernacular of blood cells, stents, and, most recently, a hemorrhagic stroke.



In her blog she wrote:

This past week's new land mine was the phrase "possible hemorrhagic stroke," a phrase I heard dozens of times used by numerous physicians. Over and over and over that phrase filled my mind and consumed my thoughts. It was emotionally crippling.

This past Sunday our preacher, Max Lucado, started a very fitting series on anxiety. We reviewed the familiar Philippians 4:6 verse: "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*"

I presented my requests to the Lord as I had so many times before,

but this time, THIS time, I needed more. And so, using Philippians 4:8-9 as a guide, I found my answer:

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true..."*

What was true in my life at this particular moment? The blessing of all family members eating dinner together.

*"Whatever is noble."* The blessing of enjoying each other's presence outside of a hospital room.

*"Whatever is right."* The blessing of experiencing my two sons' daily lives.

*"Whatever is pure."* The blessing of all three children laughing and playing with each other.

*"Whatever is lovely."* The blessing of watching Rebecca sleep peacefully in her bed at night.

*"Whatever is admirable."* The blessing of an honorable team working tirelessly on Rebecca's care.

*"If anything is excellent."* The blessing of watching a miracle unfold.

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## LEPC Mission Statement:

*We at Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church, confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We prayerfully seek to do His will through the power of the Holy Spirit in our worship, discipleship, ministry, mission, fellowship and continually strive to make this church one that glorifies God and is pleasing to Him.*





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Both devotionals taken from David Jeremiah's *Morning and Evening DEVOTIONS*

**Rooted in the Word of God**

*His delight is in the law of the lord...  
He shall be like a tree planted by the river of water.*  
Psalm 1:2-3

Your strength comes from God's Word. The psalmist says the righteous person is like a tree planted by streams of water. Just like a tree is nourished by the constant supply of water - without which, under the blistering sun, the tree would surely die - so the life that is rooted in the Word of God will also be established and will be strong.

Your stability comes from God's Word. A fruit tree that is planted by the banks of the river suggests stability. The tree is firmly rooted in the soil so that it can resist the storm.

There are trees standing today that were here when this country was discovered. If you go to the right place, you can see trees that are just as magnificent and beautiful as they were in their prime. Why? Because they've got a tremendous root structure and they are strong. If you've ever seen a redwood, a tree so big that you can drive your car through the middle of it, then you know what invincible means. That's the kind of stability God wants His people to have. And when you put your roots deep down into His Word, you will become a person of great stability.

**Cherishing God's Word**

*How sweet are Your words to my taste,  
Sweeter than honey to my mouth.*  
Psalm 119:103

In his famous volume *How to Read a Book*, Mortimer Adler notes the one time when everyone reads as they should: when reading a love letter. They read it over and over, between the lines and in the margins, taking into account context, insinuation, and implication. Words, phrases, punctuation, and style – all are important to the person in love. A love letter is the most cherished writing in the world.

Isn't it ironic that the world's greatest love letter has not been more cherished by those to whom it was written? The Bible can be rightly viewed as God's love letter to mankind - a disclosure of His love, a record of His sacrifice for His beloved bride, a promise of His faithfulness and fidelity.

How many of us still have shoeboxes filled with letters and cards from the days of our courtship, still savored after so many years? Our hearts and passions are stirred afresh when we read them, just as they would be if we pored over God's letter to us with equal fervor.

Next time you open your Bible, read it as a love letter from God to you and see what a difference it makes. To give God's words the honor they are due is to cherish them above all others.

Submitted by Pastor David Missel

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“*Or praiseworthy.*” The blessing of worshipping a Lord who is worthy to be praised.

“*Think about such things.*”

I did. As I meditated on these , I stopped the dreaded phrase “hemorrhagic stroke” from sucking any joy out of my life. Its power to produce anxiety was now rendered impotent. And when I dwelt on the bountiful blessings in my life happening AT THAT VERY MOMENT, “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,” DID guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. A true, unexpected miracle. Thank You, Lord.<sup>1</sup>

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Did you note what Christyn did? The words hemorrhagic stroke hovered over her life like a thundercloud. Yet she stopped the dreaded phrase from sucking joy out of her life.

She did so by practicing thought management. You probably know this, but in case you don’t, I am so thrilled to give you the good news: **you can pick what you ponder.**

You didn’t select your birthplace or birth date. You didn’t choose your parents or siblings. You don’t determine the weather or the amount of salt in the ocean. There are many things in life over which you have no choice. But the greatest activity of life is well within your dominion.

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***You can choose what you think about.***

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For that reason the wise man urges,  
*Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.*

— Proverbs 4:23 NCV

Do you want to be happy

tomorrow? Then sow seeds of happiness today. (Count blessings. Memorize Bible verses. Pray. Sing hymns. Spend time with encouraging people.) Do you want to guarantee tomorrow’s misery? Then wallow in a mental mud pit of self-pity or guilt or anxiety today. (Assume the worst. Beat yourself up. Rehearse your regrets. Complain to complainers.) Thoughts have consequences.

**Healing from anxiety requires healthy thinking.** Your challenge is not your challenge. Your challenge is the way you think about your challenge. Your problem is not your problem; it is the way you look at it.

Satan knows this. The devil is always messing with our minds.

He comes as a thief *with the sole intention of stealing and killing and destroying.* — John 10:10 Phillips

He brings only gloom and doom. By the time he was finished with Job, the man was sick and alone. By the time he had done his work in Judas, the disciple had given up on life. The devil is to hope what termites are to an oak; he’ll chew you up from the inside.

He will lead you to a sunless place and leave you there. He seeks to convince you this world has no window, no possibility of light. Exaggerated, overstated, inflated, irrational thoughts are the devil’s specialty.

No one will ever love me. It’s all over for me. Everyone is against me. I’ll never lose weight, get out of debt, or have friends.

What lugubrious, monstrous lies! No problem is unsolvable. No life is irredeemable. No one’s fate is sealed. No one is unloved or unlovable.

But Satan wants us to think we are. He wants to leave us in a swarm of anxious, negative thoughts.

Satan is the master of deceit.

But he is not the master of your mind. You have a power he cannot defeat. You have God on your side.

So... *fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*

— Philippians 4:8 NLT

The transliteration of the Greek word, here rendered as **fix**, is **logizomai**. Do you see the root of an English word in the Greek one? Yes, logic. Paul’s point is simple: anxiety is best faced with clearheaded, logical thinking.

Turns out that our most valuable weapon against anxiety weighs less than three pounds and sits between our ears. Think about what you think about!

Here is how it works. You receive a call from the doctor’s office. The message is simple and unwelcome. “The doctor has reviewed your tests and would like you to come into the office for a consultation.”

As quickly as you can say “uh-oh,” **you have a choice: anxiety or trust.**

Anxiety says...

“I’m in trouble. Why does God let bad things happen to me? Am I being punished? I must have done something wrong.”

“These things never turn out right. My family has a history of tragedy. It’s my turn. I probably have cancer, arthritis, jaundice. Am I going blind? My eyes have been blurry lately. Is this a brain tumor?”

“Who will raise the kids? Who will pay the medical bills? I’m going to die broke and lonely. I’m too young for this tragedy! No one can understand me or help me.”

If you aren’t already sick, you will be by the time you go to the doctor’s office.

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## Church Picnic at Starr Park Sunday, June 11, 2023

- Meet at the park pavilion following Church.
- Please bring a dish to pass.
- Bring your favorite games to play after lunch and/or just enjoy the fellowship with friends.
- More details will be in the upcoming church bulletins and the weekly “Church Updates” via email.

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### HeGetsUs Update:

HGU (HeGetsUs) has been active since April 1 to receive “Explorers”, and so far we have had 11 people inquire. Since we reduced our proximity radius to 20 miles our numbers have decreased, but two of the Explorers, have sought further conversations.

In addition, the Responders now have a QR Code to enable those beyond our Friends and Members of LEPC to request prayers. This QR code was included on the new welcome banner that is on the side yard, outside the church, close to the parking lot.

If anyone has internet access and a cell phone, and you are interested in being a part of this outreach, please contact Leo or Sharon Richardson for more information.

*Jesus - HeGetsUs,  
Leo and Sharon Richardson  
(HGU co-administrators)*

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### Liturgists Signup

For those who read scripture during Sunday worship, please remember to sign the “Volunteer” list in Fellowship Hall so Pastor knows who is next in line to read. Thank you.

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*Anxiety weighs down the human heart.*

— Proverbs 12:25 NRSV

But there is a better way. Before you call your mom, spouse, neighbor, or friend, **call on God**. Invite him to speak to the problem.

*Capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.*

— 2 Corinthians 10:5 NCV

Slap handcuffs on the culprit, and march it before the One who has all authority: Jesus Christ.

Jesus, this anxious, negative thought just wormed its way into my mind. Is it from You?

Jesus, who speaks nothing but the truth, says, “No, get away from here, Satan.” And as the discerning, sober-minded air traffic controller of your mind, you refuse to let the thought have the time of day.

Lay claim to every biblical promise you can remember, and set out to learn a few more. Grip them for the life preservers they are. Give Satan no quarter. Give his lies no welcome.

*Fasten the belt of truth around your waist.* — Ephesians 6:14 NRSV

Resist the urge to exaggerate, overstate, or amplify. Focus on the facts, nothing more. The fact is, the doctor has called. The fact is, his news will be good or bad. For all you know, he may want you to be a poster child of good health. All you can do is pray and trust.

So you do. You enter the doctor’s office, not heaved by worry, but buoyed by faith.

### *Which do you prefer?*

Christyn Taylor discovered calmness. Recently she and her family went back to Rebecca’s doctors in Minnesota. Seven months earlier Rebecca was barely surviving. Now, one day before her thirteenth birthday, Rebecca was vibrant and full of life. She had gained a remarkable thirty pounds. Her health was improving. She was named the hospital’s “walking miracle.”

Christyn wrote: “I watched these interactions with a silent sense of awe. It is easy to praise God during seasons of wellness. But it was during my greatest distress when I felt the Lord’s presence poured upon me. And it was in those heartbreaking moments I learned to trust this God who provided unimaginable strength during unimaginable pain.”<sup>2</sup>

He will help you as well, my friend.

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### Guard your thoughts and trust your Father.

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Submitted by Carole Missel

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### “Prepare to Stand” - The Berean Class Starts a New Series

Christian Ed: The adult and teen Berean Class began a new series on Sunday, May 21st entitled, “Prepare to Stand”. This will be a 7 week study to help Christians prepare for the difficulties associated with persecution for our faith. Many believe this could happen even in our country and has already begun. This study was developed by EPC Pastor and Missionary Andrew Brunson from what he learned while being wrongfully imprisoned in Turkey from 2016 to 2018 and what Scripture warns. It is never to late to join the class. We meet Sundays in Fellowship Hall from 9:40 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.

## God Sees, Understands, and Cares

By Xochitl Dixon  
Our Daily Bread Ministries

Sometimes, living with chronic pain and fatigue leads to being isolated at home and feeling alone. I've often felt unseen by God and others. During an early morning prayer-walk with my service dog, I struggled with these feelings. I noticed a hot-air balloon in the distance. The people in its basket could enjoy a bird's-eye view of our quiet neighborhood, but they couldn't really see me. As I continued walking past my neighbors'

*Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*  
Psalm 147:5

houses, I sighed. How many people behind those closed doors feel unseen and insignificant? As I finished my walk, I asked God to give me opportunities to let my neighbors know

that I see them and care for them, and so does He. God determined the exact number of stars that He spoke into existence. He identified each star with a name (Psalm 147:4), an intimate act that demonstrates His attention to the smallest details. His strength—insight, discernment, and knowledge—have “no limit” in the past, present, or future (v. 5).

God hears each desperate cry and sees each silent tear as clearly as He notices each sigh of contentment and belly laugh. He sees when we're stumbling and when we're standing in triumph. He understands our deepest fears, our innermost thoughts, and our wildest dreams. He knows where we've been and where we're going. As God helps us see, hear, and love our neighbors, we can trust Him to see, understand, and care for us.



## LEPC Was Blessed to Host a Piano Recital by Dr. Bill John Newbrough on May 18, 2023

### *Benedictus in Musica*

An exciting and unique classical program featuring sacred themes, with works by composers such as Bach, Haydn, Liszt and others, was assembled and performed by Dr. Bill John Newbrough. The church was filled with music of worship and praise as God was glorified in his program.

It was a beautiful evening that ended with refreshments and a time to visit with others who attended the evening's event.

*Many thanks to Dr. Newbrough for sharing his God given talents with our church and the community.*



## LEPC has a New Printer/Copier

Our old copier finally copied it's last copy. So a new Epson Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax machine has been purchased and is situated in the Fellowship Hall at the same location as the previous one. Like the old one, this copier is available for church members and friends to use and is similar to operate as many personal copiers. There are operating instructions to the right of the copier.

Any problems or questions, contact Leo Richardson, 585-382-3153.

## Monthly Celebrations

### June Birthdays

8 Cathy Mlyniec  
19 Toni Yunker  
21 George Briggs



### Anniversaries

27 M/M David Missel

As of 2022, the qualification for the Steeple Birthday/Anniversary List: LEPC Active Members & Shut-ins, their spouses (member or not), and their young children living at home, and all non-member regular worshipers at LEPC, and our Education's Child.

## Prayer Ministry

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives...* Colossians 1:9 niv

Please pray for opportunities for us to share the Gospel with others, as a congregation and individually.

## Neglecting Evangelism

This is one of many  
"Commonly Tolerated Sins"  
May 2023 issue of  
TABLETALK Magazine

**EVANGELISM.** As soon as we say the word, most of us begin to cringe. Guilt creeps in, our shoulders ache, and our spirits sink. That isn't necessarily a bad reaction. In some regard, it's right to feel this way. Almost every single one of us could serve better as an evangelist. Too many of us neglect evangelism altogether. In fact, it is a far too easily accommodated sin by far too many Christians.

Let's think about evangelism a little differently, however. Evangelism is not, as we so often think, a weight, a burden, or a box that we need to check. Nor is it a merit badge that we must earn. *It's a gift. Maybe the greatest surprise of the kingdom of Christ is this: that He chooses to extend His kingdom through us. He ministers to people by people.*

It seems rather silly. He is the King of all and could employ anything or nothing. And yet He chooses to use us. In part, it is a kindness directed toward us. He grants His people the great privilege and honor of laboring for that which lasts for all eternity. That is a gift. *Do you want your life to have meaning? Then invest in what lasts. Labor for the kingdom is eternal.*

Frankly, I think most of us make it much harder than it needs to be. *Evangelism is nothing more than speaking of the One we know and love. If you know Christ, you know enough to share Christ.*

If this world is all that there is, then focus on politics, food, drink,

vacations, money, sports, and having our best body now. But if there is more to come, then we must live in light of the more to come and desire others to live this way as well. *In fact, we love our neighbors by evangelizing.* As Christians, we care about all suffering, but especially eternal suffering. We care about all sin, but especially the sin of unbelief. We care about all life, but especially eternal life. Making disciples matters to each of us because it truly matters forever.

Maybe we hesitate because we think there remains so much to learn. If you feel as though you have much to learn of Christ then welcome to the club called "discipleship." A disciple is by nature a learner. The moment we come to saving faith, we enroll in the school of Christ. It is a lifelong school from which there is no graduation. But also recognize that when we enter the school of Christ, we enter not only as a student but also as a teacher. *If we know Christ, we know enough to share Christ.*

Jesus gives this commission to all the disciples: *"Go therefore and make disciples"* (Matt. 28:18-20). Not to those with perfect faith - because there are none. Nor did He give it only to those with the greatest faith. Neither did He simply charge those with the most mature faith to make disciples. All are to go and make disciples.

When the disciples went out as evangelists, they did not go with academic degrees, wealth, prestige, armies, or political power to assist them. Christ simply sent them out with His Spirit and His Word. And from that little band of disciples, the faith spread to the ends of the earth. *If you know Christ, you know enough to share Christ.*

## A Voice from the Past...

### Francois Fenelon

Born in France in 1651 and died in 1715, Fenelon was a well educated French Catholic Archbishop, theologian, poet and writer.

The Saturday Morning Mens' Group has discussed a few selected "encouraging letters" from one of Fenelon's books, "*The Seeking Heart*". Two of his letters are printed below.

All men are welcome to join this small discussion/prayer group that meets Saturday mornings, 7:30 a.m. at the church.

## LIVE OUT GOD'S TRUTH

As you read a passage from the Scriptures, pause after each verse or phrase to hear what God might be saying. Consider how Jesus practices what you are reading. Think how other faithful believers live out God's truth. Consider what may keep you from living the truth out yourself. As you sense your inability to live out some truth, come before God humbly and silently. See clearly how incapable you are. Ask God to live His life in you, and to do for you all that you cannot do yourself. He will certainly finish the work that He started in you.

Let me give you an example. Suppose you are reading John 17. In this passage Jesus says to His Father: *"I have glorified You on earth; I have finished the work which You gave me to do."* Everyone has his own work but not everyone is doing the work which God has given him to do. **Everything that you do from pride, or to move up in the eyes of the world, or merely because it pleases your old**

**nature is not the work that God gives you.** All this kind of work is from the world, or the flesh, or even the devil.

What God wants you to do is work on those things that are out of line with His nature within you. He wants to replace your old nature with His very own nature. This will mean new thoughts and desires. Here is the work of God. Consider the example of the believers that have gone before you. Some of them had a much harder time than you do. They were weak, too, but they finished their spiritual race.

You are not speaking on God's behalf when you exhibit a temper that is out of control. His work begins in you by your wanting to turn away from your old life. Gentleness is Your work, my God. Here is the work that You have given me to do.

Perhaps God has called you to endure being poorly served. Do so gladly, for it will certainly please God. Remember that you are not called to be well-served, but to serve Him well. Learn to be gentle and patient with all that disturbs you.

Each day is full of many such matters and you will learn to deal with them. Each of these events will teach you to live in the presence of God. Do not trust your good intentions if they do not produce a sense of life within you. Seek to become gentle and humble. If you do something wrong that only affects you, then quietly repent of it. If you have wronged others, perhaps with a nasty word, then do them some little act of kindness. Remember how gently and patiently God deals with you. Watch Him deal with you and from that learn to deal with others. Do not be discouraged by your mistakes. Continually come back to God.

## SMALL THINGS

Great acts of virtue are rare because they are seldom called for. When the occasion for you to do something great comes, it has its own rewards: the excitement, the respect gained from others, and the pride that will accompany your ability to do such "great" things.

To do small things that are right continually, without being noticed, is much more important. These small acts attack your pride, your laziness, your self-centeredness, and your oversensitive nature. It is much more appealing to make great sacrifices to God, however hard they might be, so that you might do whatever you want with the small decisions of life. Faithfulness in the little things better proves your true love for God. It is the slow, plodding path rather than a passing fit of enthusiasm that matters.

Sometimes you cling to trifles more than truly important things. It would be more painful to give up one of your pastimes than to give a great deal of money to charity. You are more easily led astray by little things because they seem so innocent. Nevertheless, when God takes these little things away, you soon discover, through the pain of their absence, how attached you are to them.

Besides, if you neglect little things, you will constantly offend your family, the people who work for you, and everyone else! No one will believe you love God when your behavior is lax concerning small, important details. If you won't make small sacrifices, how will we believe you can make great ones? You may need courage to attend to small things at first. It may not be easy. Accept the difficulty as God's discipline which will bring you peace. Things will get easier.

## Voice of the Martyr's:

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April 20, 2023 | Laos

### Churches Provide for "God's Daughter" in Need

When Ya put her trust in Christ in 2019, her husband and his parents abused and rejected her, believing she would bring down the anger of the spirits. After Ya's husband divorced her, sending her and their three children away, she turned to her parents for help. They also mocked her and refused to shelter her out of fear of losing their income and angering the spirits, telling her, "Now you are God's daughter and not our daughter anymore, so let God's people help you instead of us." In response, the pastor and members of local churches are helping Ya secure land and build a house while Ya works, raises her children and saves money to complete the house and pay back loans. Front-line workers request prayer for Ya and her children.

May 04, 2023 | Mexico

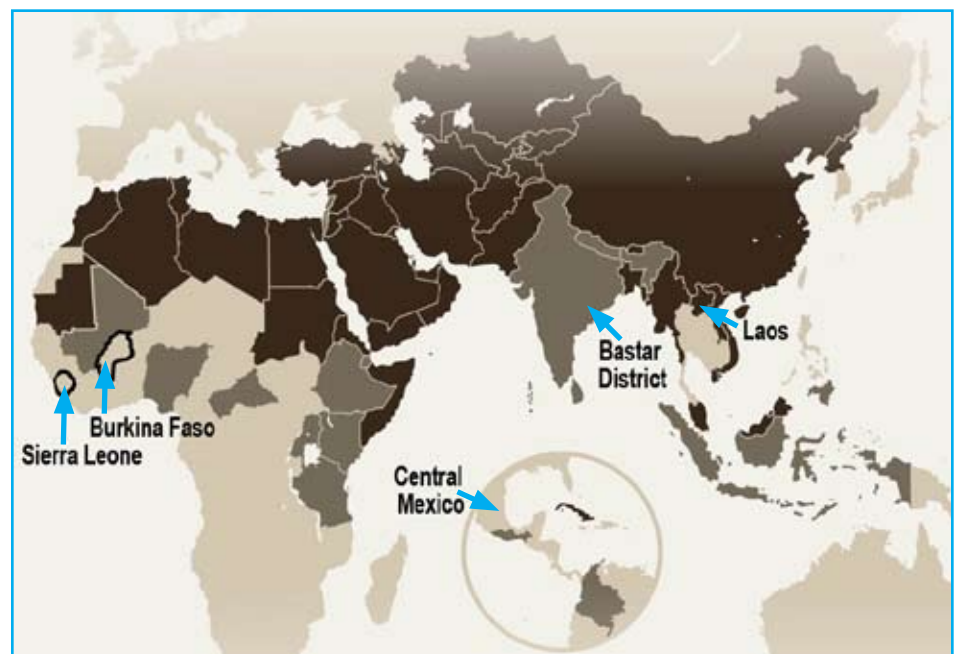
### Front-line Workers Warned to Stop Evangelizing

Mateo and Elena are church planters in Central Mexico. Their town is in a region known as the "Circle of Silence," where Christians are routinely opposed by those who follow a syncretistic blend of Catholicism, animism and the occult. The couple has experienced hostility from their community because of their witness for Christ. Their tires have been slashed, their bank accounts have been hacked, and they recently received a threatening note to stop their evangelistic activities: "First warning. You must leave. You may not preach, you or your wife." Men on motorcycles also threatened them with guns at their front door. The couple has two young daughters, ages 5 and 3, and their older daughter has been bullied at school because of her Christian faith.

Apr. 27, 2023 | Burkina Faso

### Couple Receives Replacement Bible After Attack

Christians have been a primary target of Islamists in Burkina Faso since April 2019 when approximately 70 Christians were killed and five churches attacked. In 2022, Islamist activity increased in the southwestern part of the country, resulting in numerous destroyed churches and the murder of several pastors. As many as 10,000 Christians have fled their homes due to violence and threats; more than 1.7 million people have been displaced by the conflict. Two years ago, when Muslim militants attacked their village, one young couple fled with their lives and almost nothing else. They fled so quickly that they couldn't even grab their Bible. Front-line workers recently had the opportunity to provide Bibles for the displaced couple as well as many other displaced Christians. "They were so happy they were crying," said a front-line worker. "They said it was an answer to their prayers."



May 11, 2023 | India

### Christian Family Rejected by Village

In the Bastar district of Chhattisgarh State, India, Christians face increasing pressure and violence for following Christ. Hema; her 16-year-old daughter, Chanda; and her 13-year-old son, Manish, are the only believers in their village since coming to faith in Christ two years ago. Village neighbors repeatedly tried to force them to reconvert to Hinduism, but they remained strong in the Lord, so the village excommunicated them. They are cut off from the village water supply and cannot graze their cattle on common fields. Threats were even made against Manish's life. Chanda went to the police to seek protection and get her brother out of the village to safety. She and her mother remain in the village. Chanda said, "As long as I live, I will follow Jesus." Pray for this family's protection, encouragement and faith.

*Please continue to hold our brothers and sisters in Christ, in your prayers!*





### Our Mission

The EPC exists to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus as a denomination of Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical, and Missional congregations.

### Our Vision

To the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to embody and proclaim Jesus' love as a global movement of congregations engaged together in God's mission through transformation, multiplication, and effective biblical leadership.

### Our Motto

**In Essentials: Unity.**  
**In Non-Essentials: Liberty.**  
**In All Things: Charity.**

### The Steeple Newsletter

is published monthly by the Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and that He is moving among his people here. Our intent is to keep the readers informed of local events, provide information to stimulate and edify it's readers, mixed with a touch of humor to lighten the day.

For those who would like a printed version of the church newsletters, we keep the last 2 months' issues in the brochure rack, on the wall to your right, as you exit the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall.

### Submission Deadline:

The 3rd Sunday of the month.

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**Staying Connected:** If anyone does not receive the Steeple Newsletter, participate in Prayer Chain Activations, receive church updates by e-mail, or has a change for the "Birthdays and Anniversaries" and wants to be included, please contact Leo Richardson.



### Hope Ignited for EduNations Class of 2023!

Published Wed, Apr 26, 2023

by Sarah Pietryga

On Monday, April 24th a team from the US, including an EduNations Founder, Board Chairman, and US Director, witnessed a historical EduNations event. The first graduating class of EduNations Hope Academy Senior Secondary received their diplomas making their mark in EduNations history! We are so very proud of these 106 students. They will change their futures, their family's futures, the future for their villages, and the future for Sierra Leone.

*"...many of those students will go on to universities, where they will hone the skills necessary to lead their nation to a brighter*

*tomorrow. Whether it's across the street or on the other side of the world, this is our mission as followers of the Great Rabbi: to care for the "least of these."*

*This is not just our duty, it is our greatest joy! To invest our time, our energy, our resources, our very lives into others — especially those most in need — is why we were put on this planet!*

*You don't have to travel across the globe to discover the meaning of life. All around us, every day, are folks who need to know that they are not forgotten, that they are loved, that others will help them in their time of need. The arithmetic in the Kingdom of Heaven runs counter to the world: we add to our joy, our love, our satisfaction by giving, not taking. Especially when we reach out to those most in need."*

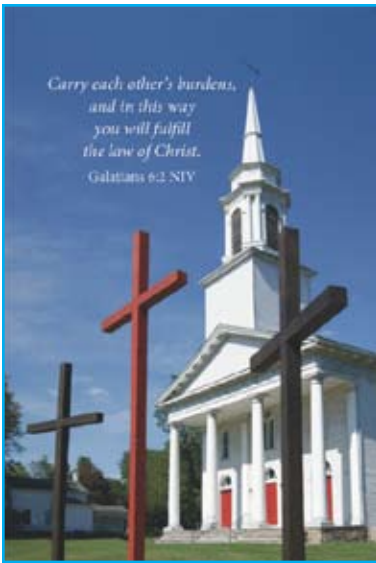
— Ken Houseknecht,  
EduNations Founder

### EduNations Child Sponsorship

#### Margret Conteh

LEPC sponsors Margret through EduNations Child Sponsorship. She is 15 years old and attends Mayatta Hope Academy in Sierra Leone. She is thriving and enjoys weaving. Please continue to hold her in your prayers.





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*Everyone is Welcome!*

- Sunday morning Worship**  
 9:15 - 9:30 Prayer and Share  
 9:40 - 10:20 Berean Adult/Teen Sunday School class  
 10:30 - 11:30 Traditional worship (Hymnals/piano)  
 Communion - 1st Sunday of the month  
 Dish-to-Pass Luncheon - 2nd Sunday of the month after church

**June's Dish-to-Pass Luncheon will be at the Starr Playground on June 11.**



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*On the Lighter Side...*

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. To be read with suitable reverence:

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 Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.  
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The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.  
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Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.  
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The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.  
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Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.  
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The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.  
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This evening at 7 PM there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.  
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