LEVI & STEPHANIE HAZEN
Life in Messiah

"Why do you have a running shirt from Israel?" I (Stephanie) was asked while playing in a ladies' racquetball tournament. "I go there frequently," I responded. "Oh cool, I'm Jewish!" my opponent exclaimed.

Between matches we grabbed some food. I invited her to sit next to me. It wasn't long before we were deep into a spiritual conversation. She follows Conservative Judaism and her husband is Christian (possibly nominally). I asked, "So how do you teach your kids when you have differing views of Jesus and hell?" She answered, "I'm raising them Jewish and hope they find their way, whatever that looks like." I continued, "Have you considered how the two faiths are actually closely linked? Jesus was Jewish, and claims to be the Messiah of Israel."

She then shared about an experience that confirmed for her that Judaism is the right path. I chimed in with, "I also had an experience that led me to believe Jesus truly is who He says He is. Would you like to hear it?" "Yes, of course," she answered. I then shared my testimony. We also talked about the importance of blood atonement. After the tournament was over, we parted ways with each other's contact information. Please pray the Lord will have her wrestle with some of the questions I posed and for opportunities to reconnect though many miles apart.

Please pray for the Jewish community in Israel and worldwide, for Palestinians, for this war to cease, the hostages to be returned, and for all to come to know the Prince of Peace. Please also pray for wisdom for Levi to lead well, and as we hire new office and field staff, for us to grow well and love deeply as a Life in Messiah family.

Attendance Report for Sunday 3/23/2025

Sunday School: 94 Morning Worship: 201 Evening: 48

Financial Report for the Week Ending 3/28/2025

Weekly Budget	$11,299.99	Year-to-Date Budget	$576,299.49
Income for the Week	$10,957.14	Year-to-Date Income	$585,837.63
Giving by Cash/Check	$8,524.85	Year-to-Date Expenses	$544,979.53
Electronic Giving	$2,432.29		

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Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor . . . . . Jay Jentink
Associate Pastor (Worship and Administration) . . . . . Michael Frey
Associate Pastor (Youth Ministries) . . . . . Matthew Slippy
Secretary/Bookkeeper . . . . . Marla Hoy

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm, Friday, 9:00am–Noon

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A caring community committed to developing people with a passion to know, serve, and proclaim Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 30, 2025

Preparation for Worship — Kim Nelson

Welcome and Announcements — Pastor Michael Frey

Song of Celebration — "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Ministry through Music — "Is He Worthy?"
Calvary Choir (Soloist: Rachel Stephenson)

Song of Celebration — (Hymn 243) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer — Chad Smale

Scripture Reading (John 15:18–16:4) — Dale Borman

Song of Preparation — "Ancient Words"
(Children Dismissed for Children's Church)

Message from God's Word — Pastor Jay Jentink
"A Lesson on the Hatred and Persecution of Christians"

Song of Consecration — (Hymn 447) "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Benediction — Pastor Michael Frey

TONIGHT AT 6:00PM

Street Smarts	Youth Building
Lies Young Women Believe (Jr/Sr High Girls)	Youth Building
Sonshine Singers (Children's Choir for Grades K–6)	Room 26
GriefShare	Library

MOTHERS UPLIFTING MOTHERS

Our next meeting is this Tuesday morning, April 1 from 9:00 to 11:15 in Calvary's gym. Join us for brunch, DIY flavor extracts, and a presentation by Laurel Langholz titled *Resilient Kids.* If you are a mom whose youngest child is in kindergarten or younger, you are welcome to attend this Christ-centered friendship group. Childcare is provided! For more information, email crmums2019@gmail.com. See you Tuesday!

April Special Events: 4/7 Family Feud Style Game Night, 4/22 Wickiup Hill

MISSIONS CONFERENCE: THE STORY TO TELL

From April 4 to 6 you can take advantage of a variety of opportunities to get to know some of our missionaries: Danny & Stephanie DuRocher, Mark & Mollie Kunkee, James & Melody Wartian, and Levi & Stephanie Hazen. We also will have the opportunity to encourage these missionaries by giving a love offering to them. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center or on Breeze for the prayer breakfast and the Sunday potluck.**

Friday, April 4 at 6:00pm	Youth Night
Saturday, April 5 at 8:00am	Men's and Women's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, April 5 at 10:30am	Kid's Morning for K–6th Grade
Saturday, April 5 at 6:30pm	Story Time for All Ages
Sunday, April 6 at 12:00pm	Potluck Lunch

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:30pm on Monday, April 7 at 30hop (951 Blairs Ferry Road NE). If you plan to attend, call or text Deb Gaeta (319-491-7720) or email djgaeta@q.com so she will know how many will be attending. Please let Deb know if you need assistance with transportation.

CITY-WIDE YOUTH WORSHIP & PRAYER

The youth group will be attending City-Wide Youth Worship & Prayer on Wednesday, April 9. Please note the change in time from our normal Wednesday nights. We will meet at our youth building at 5:30pm and travel together to Marion Methodist Church for a night of worship and prayer with other youth groups from the area. We will return to Calvary at 9:00pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

We encourage every member to participate in this important meeting on Sunday, April 13 at 6:00pm, as we seek the Lord's wisdom and enablement in the accomplishment of His work and the stewardship of His resources as a church family.

DISCOVERY CLASS

If you want to become a member of Calvary or just want more information about the church, we invite you to attend the Discovery Class on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00am to noon. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend. If childcare would be helpful, let us know, and we will make arrangements to meet that need.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

The Positive Impressions crafting fellowship will meet Saturday, April 12, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to come work on favorite craft projects together. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to develop relationships and make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved loved ones. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share.

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

As the Apostle Peter exclaimed, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). There is no better reason for celebration than the resurrection of our Savior. Join us for joyful worship Easter morning, March 31, and be sure to invite your friends and family members who still need to experience that "new birth into a living hope."

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30

9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
10:00am	Inner Mission
10:30am	Worship Service
4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm	Ministry Training Electives/Sonshine Singers
6:00pm	GriefShare

Tuesday, April 1

9:15am	MUMs (Mothers Uplifting Mothers)

Wednesday, April 2

6:30pm	Awana, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Thursday, April 3

1:00pm	Ladies Bible Study

Friday, April 4

6:00pm	Missionary Night with the Youth Group

Saturday, April 5

8:00am	Men's/Women's Prayer with the Missionaries
10:30am	Kids Morning with the Missionaries
6:30pm	Story Time with the Missionaries