

Missions Sunday March 24, 2019

The Global Missions Team invites you to participate in this year's Missions Sunday on March 24th. The Global Mission Team exists at Christ Covenant Church to educate people, encourage prayer, and entreat participation in God's global vision for the nations. One of the ways they seek to educate people is through **Missions Sunday**.

This year Phil and Wendy Stogner will be with us. Phil and Wendy are currently missionaries with Mission to the World (MTW) preparing to serve in Scotland. They believe that to plant a church is the greatest way to bring new believers to Jesus. To encourage the heart of a church planter and his wife with Jesus' gospel is the greatest way to encourage a church plant.

Phil and Wendy have served in the ministry of church planting for over 34 years. After having met during college in Charleston, South Carolina, they married and spent their honeymoon on the road to Covenant Seminary. Following the call to be a church planter has taken them from North Carolina to Florida to Utah and finally back to Charleston, South Carolina, as they began new congregations. With a passion for pastors and their wives, they feel gifted and called to come alongside them with the gospel to support them and their families in their ministry.



The Stogners are committed to the Free Church of Scotland's vision to plant 30 new congregations by 2030 (30 x 30). They will be working with the Glasgow City Free Church to encourage pastors in this large and strategic city. Believing that "it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace," Phil and Wendy will serve the national pastors and their wives who seek to grow gospel-centered churches for the glory of God in Glasgow. Their desire is to coach, counsel, and care for the Scottish shepherds who have a vision to see Christ's wee little flock grow into healthy churches as the gospel grows outward in Glasgow.

Phil and Wendy will be leading a Combined Family Life Group following morning worship. The Life Group will cover two parts:

❖ Part 1. Overview of Mission to the World (MTW)

- ❖ MTW is committed to developing churches that transform communities throughout the world. MTW sends Christian workers all over the world who are committed to the establishment, growth, and maturity of the church. All that they do flows into, rests within, or flows out of the local church.
- ❖ Establishing a new church might require people who can teach national leaders, or evangelize through sports ministry, or provide a local medical clinic. These ways of serving can reach and equip future leaders and build connections in the community.
- ❖ Serving within the church would be church planters, assistant pastors, disciplers, teachers, and others who directly support the growth and maturity of the church.
- ❖ Flowing out of a healthy, growing church will be ministries that transform the community and continue to draw others to the gospel message, such as teaching English, caring for orphans, art and music outreach, or serving refugees.
- ❖ MTW has an urgent and ongoing need for church planters; but even if you're not an ordained minister, you can serve in church planting in myriad ways—in as many ways as God has gifted you.

❖ Part 2. "Scotland The Secular"

- ❖ The most frequent response to our call to serve in church planting is "Why go there? They are a Christian nation." Sadly, that day has long past into the most secular country in Europe with an estimated 1.5% of the population as Christian. Can she be won back into the Kingdom of Christ? Join in this presentation with Q & A as to how the gospel can be presented in a secular culture.



Catalyst Sermon Series

You can listen to the Catalyst Sermon Series: *Gospel Centrality* - Galatians 2:11-21, *Stewarding a Gospel Movement* - 1 Peter 2:4-12, *God Seeks Worshipers* - John 4, *God Builds Community* - Acts 2:37-48, *Generous Lives* - Luke 10:25-37, and *Humble Cultural Engagement* - John 5:1-17 at www.ccotc.org/sermons. You can also read summaries of these sermons in the booklet entitled, *Catalyst Sermon Series Summaries*. These are available on our church website or a printed copy through the office at Christ Covenant Church.

Catalyst Corporate and Private Prayer...coming April - June

We have wrapped up our Catalyst Conversations. These were fruitful times of discussing the Vision and Mission of the church. Now we will enter a season of prayer as we prepare for our Catalyst Planning Sessions in the summer and fall. Be on the look out for how you can participate during this time of praying together for God's church.

Sunday March 31st 6:00 PM Hymn Sing and Pancake Supper

Join your church family and bring a friend to our fifth Sunday hymn sing at Petersen Hall 3100 Covenant Road at 6:00 - 7:00 pm. We will sing and make melody to the Lord in our hearts that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly. Our singing will be interspersed with Scripture readings and prayers. Following the hymn sing we will have a pancake supper.

If you are interested in assisting with the singing by playing an instrument or assisting in the leading of songs, please contact the church office or David Edwards (davidaedwards@mac.com). If you are interested in assisting with the pancake supper by preparing or cooking please contact the church office or Jim Wilkerson (jim@ccotc.org).

