

Our vision is to be a community of grace, telling the unsaved of salvation by grace, encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace, and extending grace to others.

Pray For Leaders

The day was beautiful. It was Monday – our first weekday at Word of Life – Philippines. The weather was great, much like Goldilocks and the three bears: Not too hot, not too cold, but just right! We were outside for the staff devotional (which was quite good) followed by prayer requests and announcements. One of the announcements jostled my calm: “The Philippine government is getting tougher with visa applications. Right now, no visa is required for U.S. citizens staying for less than 30 days, so this wouldn’t impact people like me who stay for two weeks or less. But then came “ and they may be moving towards requiring visas for tourists.” Now that got my attention because that could mean those on short-term missions trips might have to add one more step – acquiring a visa. And who knows what kind of headaches that might mean. Why this possible change? Perhaps it the result of increasing tensions between President Trump and Philippine President Duterte.

If you are still reading, you may want to ask – Political questions? What do these have to do with us and why is this in our newsletter? Just this. This passage immediately came to mind:

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
(1 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV)

Paul gives as a top priority, “pray for all men.” And he then narrows the field to “kings and all who are in authority.” That includes our president as well as President Duterte.

And why pray? “That we may lead quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”

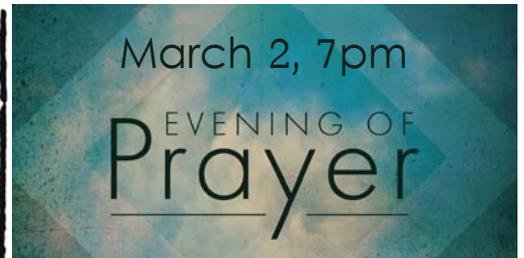
Dr. Thomas Constable highlights the purpose of this:

Primarily, we should pray for governmental leaders (“kings”), and those in positions of lesser authority under them (“all who are in authority”), “so that we may lead . . . tranquil” (“outwardly peaceful”) and “quiet” (“inwardly peaceful”) lives. We should not do so primarily for our personal ease and enjoyment, but so we can carry out our purpose in the world as Christians (cf. 6:1). Our purpose is to bring the message of reconciliation to all people, and to glorify God in all our relationships. Obviously the type of government under which people live influences their lives and affects their spiritual welfare.

The visa issue directly impacts the work of Word of Life on a lot of levels. And if the 30-day exemption goes away, it will impact future BBC mission trips. But regardless of how that issue turns out, that simple announcement reminded me of the huge impact government decisions have on Christian work and the importance of prayer, for those who make the decisions.

Will you join me in committing to pray regularly for our leaders and leaders around the world, for their salvation and that they make wise choices that allow believers to serve God with minimum hassle, i.e., tranquil lives?

Roger



- We extend our deepest sympathies to Neva and the entire Dick family in the sudden passing of Jonathan Dick. Our prayers continue for all of you.
- Congratulations to Phil and Caitlin Ridlen in the adoption of Legacy Rose on February 21.
- Praise God for Charlie, Roger and Mike Hallak’s successful trips to Word of Life, Philippines. Charlie was there the first two weeks of the month, and Roger and Mike were there the last two weeks of the month.
- Congratulations to Gabriel Roth in receiving his certification in Audio Engineering.
- Continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team. Pray that God would work through them and give them a unified direction as they search for our next pastor. The team: Marc Charpentier, David Emerson, Kim Hickman, Frank June, Rob Matlack, Kati Thompson, Barbara Van Wart.

BBC FAMILY UPDATE



MARCH 21
MEN’S BREAKFAST
7:30am

Take that next step of involvement at BBC!

Commitment To The Community

March 8 & 15 - 9am

membership CLASS
YOU’RE INVITED

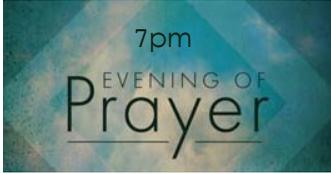
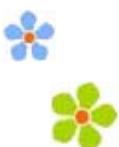


The month of
MARCH
Calendar of Events

2- Evening of Prayer, 7pm
8, 15 – Commitment To The Community Class, 9am

16-20 – Spring Break
21- Men’s Breakfast, 7:30am

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>2 *Katie Matlack</p> 	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8 Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes /CTTC 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes /CTTC 10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17 *Dena Wagner</p> 	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> 	<p>20 *Jessica Maddox</p> 	<p>21 *Paul Lutz</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	30	31				*Birthdays