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\$45/person before January 31, 2022

\$55/person after January 31, 2022

DISCOVER THE MARRIAGE SECRET HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT WITH DR. EMERSON AND SARAH EGGERICHS

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

February 11/12, 2022

First Baptist Church Elkhart www.fbcelkhart.org

early bird price ends soon

Love and Respect Marriage Conference – Elkhart Fri, Feb 11 – Sat, Feb 12, 2022 First Baptist Church, Elkhart

February 2022, you could attend the Marriage Conference: Love and Respect to discover the marriage secret hidden in plain sight. Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs will present the live Love and Respect Marriage Conference on Friday night and Saturday morning. Experience more than 6 hours of life-changing content that will cover the Crazy Cycle, The Energizing Cycle, and The Rewarded Cycle.

- Register online: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live-love-and-respect-marriage-conference-elkhart-tickets-157076470953</u>
- For more information see the promo video here. https://vimeo.com/588643749



Would You Like an Up-To-Date Church Directory? Download the Realm Connect App!

If you have a smart phone or tablet and would like to have easy access to the church directory plus photos and more please download the following app for Apple or Android. **Realm Connect - Our Church Community by ACS Technologies**

Group, Inc. https://onrealm.org/mccoybaptist/ You can also log in through the website. https://onrealm.org/mccoybaptist/Account/Start

The Realm Connect app has many great features such as private communication with your McCoy groups, registering for McCoy events, online giving, checking and responding to your serving times for MMBC ministries, and best of all, easy access to our private directory. The Realm stays connected to our church database so any changes will be reflected in real time in the database. There is also a feature where photos can be added so this is also a photo directory. If you have *High Quality* photos you can add them yourself into the app or they can be e-mailed to the e-mail below.

You will need a Realm account log in to proceed with the app or to access the info on the website. In order to get the log in you MUST contact Kristi Martin, MMBC secretary, by e-mail (secretary@mccoybaptist.org) & ask for a log in. I will then generate a personal Realm invite which will be sent to the e-mail address which we have on file for you. You will then receive an e-mail that will prompt you to set up your own private password.

This is a secure app and site only accessible for those who have been given log in information by the church office.

If you prefer a printed copy of the church directory, please let me know and I can place one in your church mailbox, but as always do be aware that a printed copy can quickly become outdated.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22

February Birthdays

Chett Nelson	2/2	Sarah Ryder	2/23
Evan Herr-Knispel	2/4	Tom Rushlow	2/25
Elizabeth Kocher	2/4	Judy Wenzel	2/26
Pamela Wenger	2/8	Alysia Kinney	2/27
Drex Dickerhoof	2/10	Matthew Bayes	2/28
Judy Moser	2/11	Missionaries	
Dan Anderson	2/14	Don Regier	2/16
Alan Good	2/17	Ian Mata	2/17
Mark Anderson	2/20	Oscar Mata	2/21
		Landon Mata	2/27

February Anniversaries

Tim & Chelsey Swope	2/21/2015	
Bruce & Mary Ritsema	2/26/1976	



Cardio Drumming Exercise Class Thursdays at 6:30 --- FREE & FUN *Follow our Facebook page!*

https://www.facebook.com/McCoyCardioDrumming/

This is a great way to introduce your friends to McCoy & have fun together! Questions: See Esther Flora or Kristi Martin



Remember, if we cancel services due to weather, (Sunday or Wednesday), It will be posted on the MMBC Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>McCoyMemorialBaptistChurch/</u> & on the MMBC website. <u>https://www.mccoybaptist.org/</u>

It will also be on WNDU TV and posted on the WNDU website and app. Also, if Elkhart Community Schools are closed due to weather, we will follow the same schedule for our weekday ministries.

WNDU TV, Channel 16, Website: http://www.wndu.com/closings



Our Missionaries need your prayers and the best way to keep up to date on what their needs are is to join our Missionary Prayer Letter e-mail list.

If you prefer to receive paper copies in your church mailbox, please let me know but do be aware that some of the prayer letters are photo heavy which are sometimes too much to print so you may receive a text only version. Also, often the prayer requests are time sensitive so by the time you are able to get the prayer letters from your mailbox it is old news. If you would prefer to receive these letters electronically, please e-mail Kristi at <u>secretary@mccoybaptist.org</u> and ask to be added to the Missionary Prayer e-mail list.



CEM in Elkhart and LaGrange counties is excited to have 15 Happy Day Clubs this year, 48 volunteers and nearly 400 kids hearing about Jesus in their own public school each week.

In Togo, our team of 4 is hard at work teaching Happy Day Clubs in 21 schools and training 4 churches in children's ministry.

We give God praise for this ministry to children and going before us as we continue reaching boys and girls for Jesus.

• For God to work on the hearts, through salvation or spiritual growth, of the children we minister to in clubs, VBS and through Mailbox Club lessons.

- To find a good fit for the ministry assistant position.
- · Growth opportunities in Africa and health for our team there.
- Summer ministry: VBS and 5-Day Club opportunities, summer missionaries and the children who will be attending.



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Julie Flora - Worship Planner worship@mccoybaptist.org Perfecting the saints for the work of ministry ... McCoy Memorial Baptist Church is a community of believers existing to honor God by becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Therefore, as a church we purpose to:

- Exalt the Living God (Psalm 95:1-3)
- Explore the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Encourage the Family of God (Hebrews 10:25) and
- Extend the Love of God (Mark 16:15)



Sunday Morning Service: Find our livestream Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM on Facebook. <u>https://www.facebook.com/McCoyMemorialBaptistChurch/</u> Find Sunday school classes and other videos on our YouTube channel <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAvEYMLjyGBbOhfc7MitIA</u> You can also find videos along with teaching notes and much more on our website <u>https://www.mccoybaptist.org/</u> Click on the link at the top for Sermon & Classes and click on the appropriate class link from the drop down.





If the Hallmark version of a missionary's challenges to their faith in a foreign field interests you, this is not your read. If, however, witnessing the real-life soul jarring journey of a politically targeted pastor imprisoned for his faith interests you, read this one.

Andrew Brunson and his wife Norine served for 23 years as church planters and evangelists in the ancient city of Smyrna, modern day Izmir. One day they received a request to stop by the police station. That day, in 2016, they both went to prison. Nadine was released after two weeks but Andrew's journey through the Turkish prison and judicial system took two years.

The political and diplomatic response of the United States coming to Andrew's defense was noteworthy. The list of individuals advocating for Andrew's release included President Trump, Vice President Pence, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Senator Lindsey Graham and a bi-partisan group of no less than 78 Senators and members of Congress. A similar political response occurred internationally. The weight of this influence fell upon President Erdogan, Turkey's president.

Intriguing as the political brinkmanship may be, the real story is found in the raw, gritty, brutally honest account of Andrew's crisis of faith. The isolation and inhumanity of Turkey's prisons crushed Andrew's soul. Doubt, despair, even accusations against God created chaos in his mind. "How could you betray me like this God? Did you deceive me? Did you lie to me?" These words troubled Andrew's soul.

Several themes emerge from this book. Evil exists and prospers in our world; believers are not immune from experiencing its poison. The U.S. political system energetically defends its citizens. The pressures of this world can dramatically shake (and refine) a believer's faith in unpredictable ways. The individual believer never stands alone but is supported by the invisible God and the body of Christ.

One day prior to his unannounced release, Andrew wrote to his wife, "I want you to know how I finished. . . I finished in victory. Norine, by the grace of God I ended well." (reviewed by Len Anspach)