

Missionary Highlight: Walter & Claire McConnell

Dear Family at KBC,

This Christmas season, we felt blessed to attend a service of nine lessons and carols, and visit a room-sized diorama of Bethlehem with a manger scene. Though we found a bit of “peace on earth” in these settings, it was no silent night when Jesus left his heavenly glory and entered our world of sin and was laid in a manger in a dirty, noisy stable. The contrast is wonderfully described in a carol by Frank Houghton, the former General Director of the China Inland Mission, “Thou Wast Rich Beyond All Splendour.”

Thank you so much for praying for us this past year. Praise the Lord with us that our financial support has been very close to 100% throughout the year. We look forward to serving with you through our work in Asia in 2020. Though we traveled a lot in 2019, it looks like we may be doing more travel in 2020. After returning from NI in early January (9-10), we will spend 22 January to 22 February in Taiwan for language study and ministry. We are also working on putting together a series of ministry events in the States and Canada from March through May.

On 19 March, we will go to the States to see family and do some ministry at some theological colleges, churches, and prayer meetings. If you would like us to join you, please let us know and we will try to work it into our schedule. We will break up our US trip with a jaunt to the UK, as Louise is expecting to deliver in mid May. We will return to Singapore on 2 June.

Thank you so much for your prayers. We wish you a very happy new year.

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Order of Worship
January 5, 2020

Congregational Singing
“Lord, Reign in Me”

Announcements/ Scripture and Opening Prayer
Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible, p. 877)

Congregational Singing
“God of Wonders”

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn # 2
“Be Thou My Vision” Hymn # 382

Offertory Scripture Reading and Prayer
Elder Rob Zylstra
Nehemiah 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. 398)

Offertory: Jeff & Kathleen Haag

Sermon: Pastor Mike Chinn
“Rebuilding: Prayer of Confession, Steadfast Hope, and
Dependency on God’s Help as We Move Forward”

Closing Song
“Take My Life and Let It Be” Hymn # 379

Announcements

- 1) Starting Sunday, January 12, during Sunday School: Prayers of scripture and time for body life prayers
- 2) Children's Church Workers Needed!
Individuals or couples are needed to teach children ages 3-8 years during our worship services. You may teach monthly or every other month. All teaching materials are supplied. Please prayerfully consider teaching Children's Church for first or second service. Contact Louise Kohl: (360) 509-7311
lewkoh191282@gmail.com

Sunday Servers

Greeters:

January 5: 1st: Joe & Terri S / 2nd: Stephanie S

Ushers (January)

1st: Kevin K, Rob Z, Lenny K, Alt. Ken M

2nd: Ron V, Doug O, Jim K

Children's Church:

January 5: 1st: Louise K / 2nd: Colette D

Nursery:

January 5:

1st: Linda & Gabe S

SS: Linda S / Julita J

2nd: Julita & Ken J

Claremont East:

January 5: Jim E / Steve A

Prayer Requests & Praises

- Devote yourselves to praying for our church, all of His people, to heal the wounded and fill us with His love so we might love one another and live in a manner worthy of our glorious Savior and Lord.
- Praise! Tom Jeffrey's heart surgery on Thursday morning was successful. Please pray for him and for Anita as he recovers.
- Please pray for the continued healing of Jim Zimmers, Gerald Behrens, Rita Brown, Roxanne Moye, Mindy Ricks, and many others in the body suffering from various health problems.
- Please pray for AWANA and the various Bible studies listed below, as we start the new year.

Looking Ahead

January 8 - AWANA and Senior Bible Study resume

January 9 - Man to Man Bible Study resumes

January 11 - Men's Book Club resumes

January 12 - New Sunday School Class begins

January 14, 1:05 p.m. - Women's Precept Bible study begins: "Breaking Free from Fear" by Kay Arthur - Led by Becky Sibbett

January 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting