

*First Baptist Church  
of Galesburg*



*Overcoming the “F” Word  
2 Kings 6:8-18*

*October 29, 2023  
in the year of our Lord*

# Engaging With God in Worship

October 29, 2023

*"Connected to Jesus to connect others to Him"*

## Gathering

*\*Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises/  
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Goodness of God*

## The Word

Offertory - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

*\*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Moments of Intercession

Scripture Reading - Psalm 18:1-3 (#853)

2 Timothy 1:7 (#1841)

## Sermon

*Overcoming the "F" Word*

2 Kings 6:8-18 (#581)

## Sending Out on Mission

*\*Cornerstone/ The Solid Rock*

Benediction

Leading in Worship Today:

Ken Goad, Dan Simmons

*We are Christ's ambassadors.*

*God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.*

II Corinthians 5:18 & 20

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

Childcare available right off the worship center for infants to 3 years of age.

Usher Team Leader:


Mike Landon

Worship Team Leader:

Dave Baxter

Piano/Worship Leader:

Bob Moberg

❖ *For the comfort of those around you, please silence your cell phone* 

## Overcoming the “F” Word

In a world that is becoming increasingly unstable and in a time in which Christianity is under fire. How do we deal with and overcome the dreaded "F" word which is so prevalent in the thoughts and minds of our culture? Today's message is a challenge to find the Biblical answer. As we look into the word of God today we can be assured that the Lord is providing the Way and the power to be 'overcomers' in the midst of it all.



## Prayer Reminders

**Birthdays:** 29: Dolly Colwell; 30: Elaine Coon;

31: Tommy McNeil, C.J. Vogel;

Nov. 4: Bill Goedeke; 6: Dave Baxter

**Hospitalized this past week:** *OSF Bloomington*-Bonnie Morris

**Dealing with Infirmities:** *Home:* Henna Baxter, Harold Bradshaw, Leola Hovind, Grace Goad, Caretta “Knoxie” Van Ruler, Ann Schertz, Martha Hallstrom, Sue Vitali, Tim Connor

**Our Nation & those Serving in the Armed Forces:**

Shane McLaren, Trevor McLaren, Patrick Inness, Christopher Farmer, Erik Pemberton, Mikeal Redington, Chris Duffy.

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*NOTES:*

**This Week:**

**Let it Rain - Genesis 6:5-22**

**Mondays Reading: Genesis 7:13-16**

**Tuesdays Reading: Genesis 8:1-14**

**Wednesdays Reading: Genesis 8:15-22**

**Thursdays Reading: Genesis 9:1-11**

**Fridays Reading: Genesis 9:12-17**

**Go to the website for more information at [d6home.com](http://d6home.com),  
[d6kids.com](http://d6kids.com) or for teachers [d6curriculum.com](http://d6curriculum.com)**

*Reconnecting Parents with Kids.*

***Annual Fall Business Meeting  
TODAY***

***Immediately following the service***

***The 2024 Proposed Budget is displayed  
at each entrance***

**This is a very important meeting in the life  
of the church, please mark your calendars  
and plan to attend this special meeting.**

This week's bulletin is available at [fbcgalesburg.org](http://fbcgalesburg.org), the sermon  
is available on our Facebook or YouTube page.

# ***Operation Christmas Child 2023***

## ***We will be receiving gift filled boxes until Sunday, November, 19th.***



### **GOD WORKS THROUGH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND THE GREATEST JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES TO BRING A TANZANIA YOUTH TO SAVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.**

Each time he pricked his feet on thorns or felt the jabs of kids who jeered at his bare feet, 13-year-old Kwale thought of the shoes his parents had promised: “When we have the money.”

Even his teachers seemed to pick on him, assigning him dirty jobs like cleaning the toilets or telling him to just go home because he was barefoot. “Don’t give up,” his mom would tell him. But Kwale already had.

“Because I did not have a pair of shoes, I was not equal to other students,” Kwale said. Sometimes as he walked to school, he said the “devil was bringing different thoughts of what I can do to get a pair of shoes.”

He considered begging or stealing, because he didn’t see God responding to his mother’s prayers or fasting. Although he accompanied her to church, he did not follow Jesus. “I had no heart for God or going to church,” he said.

### **God Did Not Forget**

Unknown to Kwale, the Lord had indeed heard his mother’s prayer, and His answer was coming in a shoebox. And God had more in store for Kwale than he could have imagined.

One Sunday at church, he was surprised to hear that a Gospel celebration was planned and that the children would be receiving Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes shipped halfway around the world from Samaritan’s Purse.

The story still makes him emotional when he tells it. “The box had a lot of things,” Kwale said, “but when I opened that box, I found a pair of shoes and a pair of socks. And when I got that pair of shoes, my heart toward God began to change. This was the first time I saw God answering my prayers.”

That same day, Kwale signed up for The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship and evangelism course that Samaritan’s Purse offers through churches for children who have received Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.



## Surprised By Good News

Through these classes, he learned that his deepest needs couldn't be met through a pair of shoes or by gaining acceptance at school. He discovered that he needed a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

"I knew I had sinned," Kwale said. "But I learned that God gave His only Son and if I ask for forgiveness He will have mercy on me and forgive me. Now I have a heart for God."

Kwale is among 6.9 million boys and girls who have made decisions for Christ through The Greatest Journey over the past eight years. As they graduate,

they receive their own copies of the New Testament and are encouraged to share their faith with friends and family members.

Kwale is so excited about Jesus that he has volunteered to teach the classes to even more children. Now he prays for the same friends and teachers who once taunted him, and his shoes are a constant reminder that God is faithful to answer. Several friends have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through Kwale's testimony.

"I was so joyous, so happy, and I remembered my mother encouraging me that I should not give up," Kwale said, describing how much his faith has grown since receiving his shoes. "Now I can say that God does not come too early or too late."

Samaritan's Purse offers The Greatest Journey through churches and Christian partners in more than 100 countries. Your gifts and prayers will help us to reach more than 4 million girls and boys just like Kwale, so they will have opportunities to hear and respond to the Gospel, grow in their faith, and tell others about Jesus.



## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

1:30 p.m. "Studying God's Word" CARE Group: Judson Room

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

8:00 a.m. Pastries & coffee served: The LOFT

9:30 a.m. Prayer Gathering: The Library

10:00 a.m. Worship Service: Worship Center



Wednesdays 1:30 PM  
Studying God's Word  
- Judson Rm



Sundays 9:30 AM  
Prayer Gathering  
- In the Library

***The office will be closed Friday Nov. 3rd  
and the afternoon, Nov. 10th!  
Thank you for your understanding!***



**KPCK** KNOX  
PRAIRIE  
COMMUNITY  
KITCHEN

***November Date: 9th***

*Doors open at 5:00*

*Serving in-person 5:15-6:30PM*

*Luster Fellowship Hall*

***Sunday Morning Pastry  
donation received from:***

*This Week: Rosie Black*

*Next Week: Stephanie Flater*



***We are in need of people to bring pastries on Nov. 12 & 26. Please call the church office if you are willing to bring pastries any of these days.***

### **STAFF**

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