

MAKE PLANS TO WORSHIP & CELEBRATE WITH US:

May 19 Belonging Sunday - new members

- Bishop Lucas Hamirie from Uganda
- Josephine Nsubuga - Sunday School presentation, safe house for girls in Kampala, Uganda
- Potluck dinner following the service

May 26 Graduation Sunday honors our graduates

WERF for Mozambique

FOCUS is contributing to the Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund (WERF) to help in the cyclone relief efforts in Mozambique. Make your check to FOCUS with "WERF Mozambique" in the memo section.

According to *The Washington Post*, Cyclone Idai could be the deadliest storm in generations to hit the impoverished southeast African country of 30 million people located along the Indian Ocean. More than 1,000 people are feared dead from the storm that struck this past weekend.

Jim Pickett, Global Partners missionary serving in Mozambique, reported in an email to Global Partners leaders that Cyclone Idai "...was a direct hit on Beira, the fourth largest city with a population of more than half a million." Reverend Nhatelo of The Wesleyan Church of Mozambique contacted Pickett to request help from The Wesleyan Church of North America.

"According to the Red Cross," Pickett adds, "it has been reported that 90 percent of the city [Beira] is destroyed... most of the roofs have blown off and many of the buildings have been destroyed. Some of our pastors in that area have reported that all of the Wesleyan churches have collapsed or disappeared completely.

Pastor Domingos Patricio, who pastored our largest church in Beira and which the national church invested heavily in its construction, has reported that the church is totally gone. >>> *Continued* >>>

He said there is only sand where the church stood. On top of all that, it was reported today that a dam collapsed from the heavy rains flooding the only road that was open for going in and out of the city, making it impassable."

The communication ended with, "We haven't heard if any of our Wesleyan members have been lost, but it has been estimated that the death toll could possibly reach 1,000+. Communication has been slow coming from our church leaders in that area."

World Hope International (WHI) is assisting The Wesleyan Church by providing immediate relief in the form of free airfare to transport relief teams and cargo shipments.

May 12, 2019 - Mother's Day

Sermon Notes:

Jude 1-4

We believe in the God who Calls, _____, and _____ us

1. We are called to _____ the faith that God has entrusted to the _____

Acts 20:26-32

2. The faith we have been given is _____ standing for _____

3. The faith we have been given is often _____ from within the Church

Acts 20:29-30

Jude 4

Jude 17-19

Ephesians 5:1-14

4. Every genuine believer is called to _____ for the faith

Jude 20-21

Jude 22-23

1 Peter 3:15-16

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives.

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following local life-giving churches:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table**, also known as **Communion**. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS LBA Business Meeting, Tuesday

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM

FOCUS Small Groups

Are you interested in connecting with others throughout the week? We have several Small Groups meeting and some who are preparing to start additional groups. Here are the groups already gathering during the week:

- ~ **Women's Group** - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café
- ~ **Men's Group** - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

**If you would like more information about joining or starting a small group please contact Pastor Anton.
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Worship God,
Live for Jesus,
Love all People,
and Serve the World.**

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