

## 4 Marks of a

## HEALTHY CHURCH

### 1 Loving Relationships

Loving relationships are the heart of a healthy growing church. Jesus said that people would know that we are His disciples by our love for each other.

A practical demonstration of love within the church builds an authentic Christian community and brings others into God's family. If there's a problem with this heart of the church, all else suffers.

When we are engaged in biblical, loving relationships the truth is always spoken, grace is always given, and righteousness is always the goal.

### 2 Inspiring Worship

Worship should be all about people connecting with God in a life-changing way. It doesn't matter what the style is as long as people are fully aware of God's presence and are connected to Him in the worship service.

Inspiring worship is more than simply attending services. It involves personal preparation and active participation.

It focuses on all aspects of the worship service, from the time people enter the parking lot until they leave.

Inspiring worship moves beyond the routine and becomes an exciting encounter with the living God!

### 3 Need-oriented Evangelism

Evangelism is most effectively accomplished through relationships and meeting people's needs.

In focusing on need-oriented evangelism, the church must clearly understand the neighborhood or community and realize the needs of the people.

The first step is to identify the community where God has placed our church. Once the profile is completed, ask what ministries or programs will reach them.

New ministries are then developed that will effectively meet the needs of our community.

### 4 Empowering Leadership

The Bible states that all Christians are called into ministry and are gifted by God for ministry.

Healthy churches are effective in equipping, training, encouraging, and mentoring leaders in the church.

Those in leadership are called by God to be leaders, rather than leading by default. The leaders are gifted in the areas in which they are serving.

Clear expectations of particular ministries are important and leaders are to be held accountable. They understand clearly the mission of the church.

Introducing...

# Joyce Johns

## Cambodia



## July 2017

Greetings,

Many times God's Word reminds us to be thankful. I have been thankful...

### I am thankful...

- For opportunities to share about the ministry in Cambodia, both in Alliance Northwest district churches as well as in Pennsylvania. Thanks to all who have hosted me.
- For opportunities to catch up with friends that I have known for a long time and for making new friends along the way.
- For some relaxation and doing some fun things such as going to see a presentation of Jonah, hiking, visiting some historical/cultural sights and a zoo, even a wedding, etc.
- For good visits with family, catching up and encouraging.
- For safety in travels, especially as I drove in unfamiliar areas and some flying too.
- For a great time at the Alliance General Council in Ohio. There were good challenging messages about the Holy Spirit's work in us and taking the opportunity to share with others.

### Please pray for...

- More sensitivity to the Holy Spirit for boldness, sharing, and vision for days ahead.
- The sharing about God's work in Cambodia during the fall missionary tour in district churches.

- Family members with health and other issues, that the healing power of God would be clearly seen.
- Issues in Cambodia that have affected upcoming younger leadership. Chamrouen was to lead in a new church group that was started, but he had an unfortunate accident, falling into a waterfall and drowning. It was a blow to the church and to his family, but they are rallying to move forward. Pray for God's comfort during these days.
- Another young man was bringing the cows home and was bit by a snake and died. Pray for that community and his family.
- Tum, who also is active in church work and had a motorcycle accident. He was unconscious a few days. He has a broken leg and went to Vietnam for surgery. Pray for a full recovery.
- Kbal Romeas village, where one more person put his trust in Jesus. That is 3 believers now. Pray for Chhean and the others who go to minister there—for travels and for more hearts to be open to the truth and grace of God.
- Sanang, who teaches in Pu Trum village and has begun teaching some children songs and stories about Jesus on Thursday afternoons. She would like to find a small and cheap piece of land to build a small house that would be a gathering place for the kids and a place where she could give extra teaching for kids that are slow learners. Pray for God to open the right doors and right opportunities.

As always thanks to you who support through giving and prayer. Have a wonderful summer.

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- Click on a missionary to read their latest ministry update

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- Read the latest missionary updates
- Discover praises and prayer requests

# Ministry Opportunities

at Balboa

## Communion Service • Aug. 6

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, Aug. 6. Take time to prepare your hearts for this meaningful act of worship.

## Class on Religions

The exciting new class, *Christianity, Cults & Religions*, is offered on Sundays at 9:00 am and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. This class ends Sunday, Aug. 20 and Tuesday, Aug. 22.

If you cannot make either session, there is the opportunity to contact Pastor Dave and he will run the video for you. Contact the church office to set this up.

## Welcome Back, Carole • Aug. 13

Carole Ellis will share about her ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Cameroon, Africa, during the morning worship service on Sunday, Aug. 13. Following the service, there will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

## Seniors Lunch • Aug. 15

This month the seniors will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 1:00 pm. Contact Mary Campbell for the restaurant location. Be sure to bring cards for those with August birthdays or anniversaries.

## All Church Work Day • Aug. 26

We need your help to get our property spruced up for the start up of our fall ministries. Meet at church on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 am to noon. There are jobs for all ages and lunch is provided.

## Awana Begins • Sep. 6

Awana is for children preschool through 6th grade. There is a half hour of outdoor active games, a half hour of songs and a Bible lesson, and a half hour memorizing Scripture verses. There is a great need for adult volunteers. There are opportunities to listen to children recite Scripture, as well as opportunities helping kids throughout the evening. Contact the Awana Commander, Jo-Ellen Archer if you are available for this ministry.

## Family Welcome Center

The Family Welcome Center in El Cajon moved this month to a larger facility in the same building. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand their ministry. They still need many things for their new facility. Contact the church office for information about donations. The challenge is bigger, but our Lord is greater!

## Stamp Ministry

Anytime you receive mail with a postage stamp on it, save the stamps and bring them to Jean Hancock. The Alliance uses the money from cancelled postage stamps to publish and print Spanish Sunday School materials which is currently in 19 Spanish-speaking countries in South America, Central America and the United States.

In 2016, this project received \$46,000! Let's be on the lookout for cancelled postage stamps.

## Prayer and Share • Thursdays

Each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm, there is a session of prayer led by Elder Sam Campbell in the church office. You are always welcome to come whenever you can.

## Alliance Prayer Requests

Weekly prayer requests from our international workers can always be found on the table in the lobby. What a wonderful opportunity to cover our missionaries in prayer.

## Sunday School • 9:00 am

Sunday school for adults is in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children and youth meets in the far room at the top of the stairs. There is always room for you.

## Address Changes

Whenever your address or phone number changes, please mark this information on the Connect Card which is always found in the back of the pew or call/email the church office.

## Alliance Life Magazine

If you are not currently receiving our denomination's magazine, *Alliance Life*, you are missing out. Pick up a card at the Welcome Center for you to mail, or subscribe online at [www.cmalliance.org/alife/](http://www.cmalliance.org/alife/). This magazine is free!

## Balboa's Website

Check Balboa's website regularly for current events, sermons, Bible reading plans, bulletin, Prayer Guide, and the monthly newsletter. Also, it would be wonderful if you would invite people to church and refer them to our website for more information. [www.balboacc.org](http://www.balboacc.org)

