



ATLAS for LIFE Newsletter

Mentoring & More!

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Recent Memorials

We want to thank all those that have recently given memorials in memory of someone. Our sincere sympathy to each of your families. Recently we have received memorials in honor and memory of:

Rob Veldkamp

Don Strippgen

(Kerri Williams' Dad)

Harlan Spronk

WHAT A BLESSING!

- ◆ To all those at Southwest Christian that donated food/paper products for their Thanksgiving offering. What a blessing!
- ◆ To Fey Industries for organizing Christmas gifts for our clients' children. What a blessing!
- ◆ To Cone Flower for collecting gently used coats for those in need. What a blessing!
- ◆ To all those that have donated items, vehicles for the car ministry, gifts of money, grain or your time. What a blessing!
- ◆ To all those that supported us at the Pizza Ranch Fundraiser! What a blessing!
- ◆ To Hatfield Roadhouse for sharing delicious food for our Teen Program "TreeHouse". What a Blessing!
- ◆ To "Pipestone Holdings" for their faithful financial giving. What a blessing!

We can't thank you enough for joining us in the ministry we do here!

How can you help?

People often ask "How can I help ATLAS?"

We have a variety of ways to bless the ministry.

WEEKLY SPONSORSHIP! A big blessing are those that sponsor a week at ATLAS. Our monthly expenses usually run \$10,500. So, if God calls you to share in this way, for \$2600 you can sponsor a week. We can also do it in memory or in honor of someone, or would be happy to recognize your business.

When someone accepts the Lord as their Savior, we give them their first Bible. We have given 28 away this year. We Praise the Lord for 28 new & renewed commitments and that they will be in heaven someday!



Do you shop amazon? ATLAS for Life is now registered to receive .5% of eligible purchases from the Amazon Smile Foundation, also known as AmazonSmile. It is easy for us to receive this charitable donation. Instead of logging into Amazon.com, you can log onto your same account using www.smile.amazon.com. This site is just like the one you already use. When you open the site the first time, you will be asked to select a charitable organization. Remember to use the AmazonSmile site from now on and we will receive the donations! It is so easy!! Thank you!



Also, we responded to a request to register as an eligible charity/nonprofit with **Thrivent Financial**. We share their belief that "all we have is a gift from God and that generosity is an expression of faith."

Of course, we have those that prefer to set up **monthly giving** when figuring their budget and we welcome more supporters to give this easy way. One testimony said "We have been giving \$200 a month for years and have never missed it. God has always provided!" Just call the office for the paperwork for that.

Car Ministry. Do you have an unused car that you want to bless someone with? Call the ATLAS office at 507-562-5777 and we can explain the program and the tax benefits for you.

We can't do ATLAS without you! It's really that simple! Without faithful volunteers that graciously give of their time and financial partners like you the ATLAS door would close. We know God can afford His work-this is His ministry, not ours. Thanks for considering sharing with ATLAS in year end giving! We are humbled how He sends funds in the mail or dropped off at the door just when there is a need. Thank you God!!

Roxie Mulder, Director

"Karen's Blessings" Rummage

Where? ATLAS for Life
When? Saturday, Dec. 11
10:00-3:00 pm

As you read in last month's newsletter, ATLAS has been given Karen (and Bill) Larson's home (board member and friend of ATLAS) and the contents. Since Karen was super good at hospitality, she had LOTS of dishes, decor, books and more. We decided we could not use it all so we are having a rummage to start the fund for Karen's Home. There has been a Matching Gift of \$1000.00 promised!! Come and check out all the goods! You never know what treasure you may find!! Donations will all be given to our Karen's Home Ministry.



Budgeting Class

We are excited to begin a winter budgeting class. Classes will start the first Tuesday of Feb. and meet every Tuesday till the end of March. You will learn the basics of budgeting/saving/giving and more. Ron Moffitt has taught this for years and also is willing to do 1 on 1 budgeting class.

A past participant recently commented "Learning to budget has changed our marriage. Fighting about finances was an issue in our marriage and by both of us working at it and looking at our budget on paper, we knew with God's help we could do this program. Today we are financially unburdened and debt free."

Alpha Class

The Alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith and is open to anyone. It runs as a series of meetings which each involve an informal meal, a talk, and small group discussion. It is relaxed, nonthreatening, low-key, friendly, and fun. Alpha is for everyone, especially those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church, and those with questions.

Alpha has been put on in 169 countries in 112 languages at 127 different denominations. Over 23 million guests have participated.

These free classes and meals meet Thursdays at ATLAS Community Room, from 5:30 to 7:30, beginning: Thursday, March 3, 2022. Call 562-5777 for reservations and information. Please prayerfully consider bringing your friend or family member.

Discussions include the following:

- Is There More to Life Than This?
- Who Is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- How Can I Be Filled by the Holy Spirit?
- How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Does God Heal Today?
- Why Does God Allow Suffering?
- What About Other Religions?
- Is There a Conflict Between Science and Christianity?



Walk Alongside Mentoring Workshop

We all have a dear friend or family member who is dealing with hard choices or circumstances, and we struggle how best to help.



During this workshop we will discuss how to deal with issues such as anger, shame, guilt, addictions and the like. We will learn how to encourage, pray with, and bolster those we seek to help. Looking forward to hearing from you.

This free workshop will meet Saturday, March 26, 2022, at ATLAS Community Room, from 1:00 to 4:30. Call 562-5777 for more information.

Some Topics We Will Discuss:

- How to Walk Alongside Another
- How to Build Bridges in Relationships
- How to Set Boundaries and Confidentiality
- How to Deal with Difficulties
- Letting Your Friend/Family Member Do All He Can Do Himself
- How to Listen, Encourage, Challenge and Care Without Being Controlling

GRIEF SHARE[®] Class

Do you know someone who has recently lost a loved one? Please pass this information along to them. With Grief Share you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported along the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. We are meeting Tuesdays at ATLAS for Life, (101 2nd St NE) from 6:00 to 8:00.

This nationally acclaimed course includes video seminars featuring insights from Christian experts and personal stories of people grieving a death, group discussions, and exercises in a personal workbook. Sessions describe what participants should expect to experience as they move along the journey of grief, hear answers to the "why" questions and sound advice on how to handle the circumstances and emotions that complicate grief as well as practical ways to avoid getting stuck in grief. We offer hope in moving forward without leaving behind the memory of our loved ones.

Call 562-5777 for reservations and information.



Update on Bread of Life!

It has been a joy meeting together again on the **1st Wednesday** and **3rd Sunday** of the month for Bread of Life gatherings! These take place on the 12th floor of Nokomis apartments. Those living in the building and anyone in the community are welcome to attend.

Praising God for some sweet nights of worship this fall. John Piper defines worship as "valuing and treasuring God above all things." Please join me in praying that we don't lose sight of the necessity of this truth in all that goes into preparing for each gathering. He is so worthy of our wholehearted praise! In

that, the hope and prayer is that by the power of the Holy Spirit, those are drawn into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior or a deepening in their faith journey. There are many ways to serve. Please contact ATLAS if you would like to be a part of what God is doing through this ministry.

Jess Bosma, Bread of Life Ministry