

## WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

By Gary Gilbertson | Founder of Prepare



...I think is the wrong question this presidential election. I believe we should answer the question WHAT should I vote for? It is observed by many in all of the polls that neither candidate has the personal character that we desire to represent our nation. But I do believe their flaws reflect the overall corrupt state of our nation: Immorality, disrespect, crass communication, and deceitfulness. Since I cannot, nor can many, vote on the basis of character with the candidates we are presented, I must vote for my values underlined in the platforms they represent. So, which team best represents the Biblical values of God and His kingdom? Therefore:

...pray and give thanks...for all who are in authority" ...we need to bless and not curse.  
1 Timothy 2:1-2

- 1) **Vote**. In a democracy we are each responsible for our government.
- 2) **Know the platform** being presented. Family Research Counsel in Washington DC is a great resource for this.
- 3) **Seek counsel** from Godly informed people...especially intercessors and prophetically gifted members of the Body of Christ. Dutch Sheets, a nationally recognized leader in intercession, has a really thoughtful article that can be found on the Elijah List in archives.
- 4) **Pray** for the election....and then pray for whoever ends up occupying the most powerful government seat on earth.
- 5) As a member of the kingdom of God, **repent** of our pride, selfishness, materialism and passivity. And then **trust God**...He is King and His Kingdom has no end!

## DC TRIP: A TIME TO PRAY AND ACT

By Donna Liew | Director at the University of Minnesota

On July 16 staff and students from Prepare joined tens of thousands of young adults gathered on our national mall in Washington DC to pray for our nation. This is such a critical time for our nation—a time to pray and a time to act. Franklin Graham in an address earlier in this summer to hundreds of believers gathered in front of the Minnesota Capitol describes this as “the most important election of our life time. David Jeremiah and other Christian leaders ask believers to consider that the next president will appoint two to four Supreme Court justices who will help define the cultural issues of our nation—like



marriage, religious freedom, abortion, etc. – for the next 30 years. So as you pray and consider your vote, think not only about who will be president for the net four years, but who will that president appoint to some of the most powerful positions in the world.



If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.  
II Chronicles 7:14

## MISSIONS: COSTA RICA

David Olson has for the last 17 years partnered with Marvin and Julianna Camereno in bringing multiple teams of students to Costa Rica. They teach English, do street drama, pray for Costa Ricans door to door and have multiple evening outreaches. Evan Mattson was a great partner this year. People were counseled, prayed for, saved, healed and encouraged. Way to go God's children!



## THANK YOU!

*By Danny & Kelly Lewis | Prepare Staff*



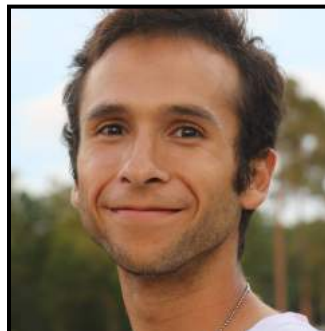
After 3 amazing years of working with Prepare Ministries, my wife Kelly & I felt led by the Lord to shift our ministry focus more locally. We have currently stepped into a leadership role at Life 21 church, in Northfield, MN. God blessed us immensely during our time in Prepare with rich ministry experiences, incredible relationships and countless learning opportunities, all of which have 'Prepared' us for what's up ahead. We are eternally grateful to all those in Prepare Ministries. We love you all very much! We also want to thank all of you who have partnered with us, whether financially, in prayer or through simple encouragements along the way. It was an honor serving the Lord alongside of you. Blessings to you all! Sincerely, Danny & Kelly Lewis

## NEW FACES AT PREPARE

Ulrick, Becka & Adalia Tofak  
Director St. Cloud Prepare



Renato Barraza  
St Olaf Alumnus | New Intern



Molly with Kyle & Rory Henkemeyer  
Newsletter Designer



Faith Prichard Volunteer at U of M  
with brother Ryan



## ISRAEL TRIP

This is a very exciting opportunity at a very unique time in Israel's history. It is open to students, alumni and friends of Prepare. Please send non-refundable \$100 to our address by November 15 to assure a place and the price of \$2500. (the price could vary according to rising costs after that date ). Email or call Gary or Elizabeth for further information at [gary.gilbertson@gmail.com](mailto:gary.gilbertson@gmail.com), (507) 202-1280 or Elizabeth at [elizabethsilbernagel@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsilbernagel@gmail.com).



Elizabeth Silbernagle, U of MN volunteer is in Israel awaiting us!

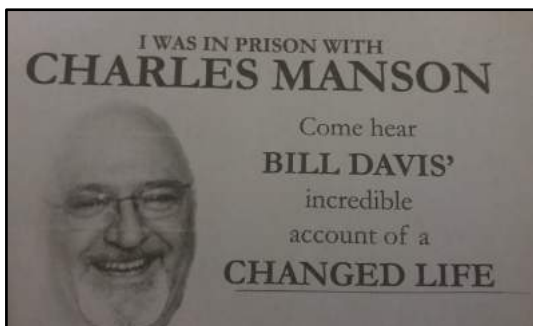
### *Itinerary*

- May 30: Arrive in Israel, Transfer to hotel in Tiberius.
- May 31: Caeserea, Mt. Carmel ,Meggido, Cana
- June 1: Mt. of Beatitudes, Cappernum, Tabgha, St Peter's primacy, Fish lunch, Boat ride, Jesus boat museum.
- June 2: Tel Dan, Caeserea Philpi, Jordan river baptism site
- June 3: Check out from Tiberius hotel, Jericho, Mt. Scopus, Israel museum, Haas promenade. Check in Jerusalem hotel
- June 4: Mt. of Olives, Palm Sunday road, Domius Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of all Nations. St. Anne's church, Pool of Bethesda.
- June 5: Western Wall, Southern Steps, Davidson Center, Jewish quarter, Cardo, Christian quarter, Via Dolorosa, Church of the holy Sepulchre. Garden Tomb
- June 6: Qumran, Massada, Dead Sea swim.
- June 7: City of David, Upper room, Mt Zion, St. Peter Galicanto, - Jerusalem Jubilee celebrations
- June 8: Free morning for shopping/rest, Transfer to airport.



## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Campuses are all in full swing. Bill and Darlene Davis have been friends to Prepare from its beginning. They visit campuses at least once a year with dramatic life changing messages and prayer ministry. This fall, they spoke at St Olaf, Stout, and a Northfield youth gathering of 150 arranged by David Olson. The impact was tremendous with students still reporting the effects on their lives. Go to [billdavismin.com](http://billdavismin.com) to get a free down load of the most impactful testimony you will ever hear.



All campus "FREE to BE" (formerly Passion and Purity) conference in Northfield November 4,5 is open to all college students and young adults. St. Olaf Alum Tara Bohlen and husband Josh will add their unique gifts of a concert violinist and one cool rapper to a highly anticipated time with the Lord!

## CRANBERRY PUMPKIN BREAD

By Stella Gilbertson | *Prepare Staff*

3 ½ cups flour  
 1 ¾ cups sugar  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 4 eggs, beaten  
 1—16 ounce can whole berry cranberry sauce  
 1—16 ounce can pumpkin puree  
 ¾ cup oil  
 ¾ cups chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°.

In large bowl stir together until well blended the dry ingredients: flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Set aside. In another bowl mix together eggs, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, oil and pecans. Add pumpkin mixture to dry and mix by hand until well blended. Pour batter into two greased 9x5-inch loaf pans. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until tests done when toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan to rack.



The cook shares her birthday dessert

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

### Tyler and Lydia Sirucek from SCSU and St. Bens



Tyler shares... "Recently after putting the kids to bed I thought I heard something in the kids' room so I got up to make sure everything was ok. Arielle was still awake so I asked 'Arielle is everything ok?' She said she was just praying. I asked her what she was praying. She said, 'I was just thanking God for saving me.'"

We met at Prepare in St. Cloud and were married 2010. Right now we are living in Northfield. I work as a financial analyst at IBM in Rochester and Lydia is a nurse practitioner with Allina Health. We are expecting child number 3 this November!

### Rebekah Hodder Husband Andrew and little Sam



Rebekah is a Gustavus Alumni now ministering in England with husband Andrew (yes he speaks with a cool British accent). Before their marriage Rebekah was on staff with Prepare. They are now in transition having had a very creative ministry including an "on the go"

radio outreach. They recently lost a child, a 4th miscarriage. These are quality folks in the kingdom. Pray for healing from this loss and the next steps in ministry there in England.

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