

FAITH NOTES



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING...



**Sunday, January 25,
2009**
Following Potluck
after 10:45am Service

Voting:

- Dan Bennett – Elder
- Terry Edwards – Deaconess, Women's Ministries
- New memberships

Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake. [I will] remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.

Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.

Resolved, To do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

Resolved, Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved, To live with all my might, while I do live.

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FROM PASTOR MIKE'S DESK...

"The Ride Ahead"

"I had a near death experience that has changed me forever. The other day I went horseback riding. Everything was going fine until the horse started bouncing out of control. I tried with all my might to hang on, but was thrown off. Just when things could not possibly get worse, my foot got caught in the stirrup. When this happened, I fell head first to the ground. My head continued to bounce harder as the horse did not stop or even slow down. Just as I was giving up hope and losing consciousness, the Walmart manager came and unplugged it."

The thrill a wild horse ride can produce is one thing, but the thrill of watching God work is another. I love verses like Ephesians 3:20: "God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." I don't know about you, but I can ask or imagine some pretty amazing things; yet God is able to do more. And as we look to a new year we will see God do more, far more.

Our church family continues to grow in ways that many of us could not have imagined. We have seen numerous new faces step forward for membership, step forward to serve, step forward to publicly commit their lives to Christ, and step forward to minister to one another.

We have a terrific team of people helping with the Sunday School program, Youth group, AWANA, Worship, leadership, etc. The church's mission, vision and purpose remain clear. Our mission is to fulfill the great commission (love God) and the great commandment (love one another). The emphasis of the vision for 2007

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“The Ride Ahead”

By Pastor Mike (Continued from front page)...

was to hear the Word, for 2008 it was to live the Word, and for 2009 it will be to share the Word. Our purpose continues its focus of “providing for the worship of God and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, to win people to Jesus Christ, administer the ordinances of the New Testament, to seek spiritual growth of its members, to minister to its own community and to extend the Kingdom of God in all the earth.”

In 2009 we will continue to develop each of these factors with great anticipation for what God will do. The anticipation of new facilities, new positions, new opportunities, and new commitments keep me excited. I am looking forward to many exciting things this new year, and I pray you are as well.

Pastor Mike

BUSINESS ETHICS?

Several months ago I went to a dinner with Laurence J. Kirshbaum, the chairman and CEO of the AOL Time Warner Book Group. As we chatted, at one point in the conversation he looked at me and said, “You know, John, I think you would be the perfect person to do this: What would you think about writing a book on business ethics?”

“There’s no such thing,” I answered.

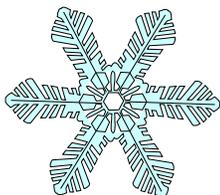
“What?” He looked a little surprised by my remark.

“What do you mean?” he asked.

“There’s no such thing as business ethics – there’s only ethics. People try to use one set of ethics for their professional life, another for their spiritual life, and still another at home with their family. That gets them into trouble. Ethics is ethics. If you desire to be ethical, you live it by one standard across the board.”

John Maxwell

There’s No Such Things As “Business” Ethics



“Ask God for the wisdom to know what is right, what God wants done, and the will to do it.”

Arthur Ashe

Death is just a comma to a Christian,
not a period.

Jesus saves the best for last.

Anonymous



“Some Thoughts of Encouragement”

By Pastor David

As you sit down to read this article you are probably well aware that this is my last Sunday serving as your Associate Pastor. Kristi and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time here in Harney County and have felt loved and accepted by each and every one of you.

As Faith Baptist Church moves forward without us, I wanted to leave you with some thoughts of encouragement. I am absolutely certain that this church is healthier and stronger now than when I arrived in 2005. We may have had a few more people in the pews back in 04-05, but as we all have learned, size does not necessarily mean health. The Faith Center that was only a dream when I came is only months away from completion. The church is growing and active in the community and people are coming to Christ and getting baptized because God is blessing the ministry here.

You now have a Senior Pastor who passionately loves the Lord, his family and this church. I have had the privilege of praying each Tuesday with Pastor Mike, and I am assured of the quality of his character and the integrity in which he lives his life. You have a group of elders who love you and desperately want you to achieve the full potential of God’s plan for your life. The ministry teams that have been built to carry out the AWANA, Youth, Sunday School and Kidz Church programs are phenomenal and will be able to function long after I am gone.

As a congregation, you are warm and friendly and my family has been blessed to receive that from you. You have accepted us with all of our flaws and have allowed me to serve in spite of mistakes that I have made. This church is a place where God’s grace is a very real thing, not just in word, but in deed as well.

I want to challenge you in a couple of areas. First is this, listen to and passionately follow your leaders as they lead this congregation into 2009. Second is to serve your heart out, in order to bring glory to God and reach other people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thirdly is to love God and others in such a way that your life leaves an impression on them. If you do these three things, there is no stopping how much God can do through Faith Baptist Church.

Pastor David

On beginning the New Year...

What guidance is God giving
For my living of this day?
Will I help someone who’s needy?
Will I have kind words to say?

Will outrageous acts of kindness
Be the gifts that I can share?
Let YOUR will, God, be mine today,
Help me to love and care!

– Peggy Ferrell, *Poems, Prayers and Hymns*

**“The Difference between Legalism and
Biblical Doctrine” by Jess Wenick**

The young Saul of the book of Acts was entrenched in the legalism of Judaism as expressed by its Pharisaic order. In other words, he was a Pharisee's Pharisee. The discipline that he must have developed in his life was undoubtedly astonishing. Unfortunately, his world view depended on the perfection of a human law code and its complete obedience.

On the road to Damascus, however, Saul's legalism was turned upside down as He came to realize who God really was and how his feeble list of do's and don'ts crumbled beneath the awesome holiness of Christ. From this point on, the Apostle Paul (the Greek equivalent of Saul) became a champion for the cause of the saving power of God's grace, not works, for anyone who would believe in the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In Galatians 5:1, Paul wrote that "it was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." By slavery, Paul meant the Law of Moses. The author of Hebrews tells us that the death and resurrection of Christ ushered in a new and better covenant where we are no longer slaves of the law, but children of God through His grace if we only claim the name of Jesus in our lives.

But where do we draw the line between legalism and discipline in our personal lives? If a believer seeks to discipline himself in his walk with the Lord, is that a manner of works? Is it legalism? Does grace give us license to be recliner Christians?

Paul, the same champion of the concept of salvation through grace and faith alone, gives a resounding NO. The difference between legalism and discipline is that legalism is often imposed by other people and begins taking the place of God in our lives. Discipline is something we do to and for ourselves to become closer to Christ. Paul said to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:7-8, "discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness."

In Acts 24:16, Paul stated that he disciplined himself to "always maintain a blameless conscience before both God and men." There are three aspects of self-discipline that we should all consider. The first is self-assessment. 2 Corinthians 13:5 instructs us to "examine [ourselves] to test that [we] are in the faith." The second is self-application. 2 Timothy 2:15 says to "give diligence to present [ourselves] approved before God." The third is self-accountability. In Romans 14:7, Paul said that we must all give account of ourselves to God.

We are in a constant war with our flesh. Its wants and desires are contrary to the will of God because of the sinful state that we are all born in. If we are to walk upright before God, we must make our bodies be subject to us, not the other way around. We must be in the habit of doing what we ought to do, not just what we feel like doing. It is only through self-discipline that we can develop habits of holiness – daily times of prayer, study of the Scriptures and ministry.

Paul compared the Christian life to that of an athlete. We are to train for the race as if there can only be one winner. The analogy of an athlete is powerful because it speaks strongly of the discipline of training and a self-restrained lifestyle that will enhance, not compromise, performance in an upcoming competition. We do not compete for a temporary medal that will be forgotten with time. We run the race for an eternal reward. Let our diligence and self-discipline here and now reflect this reality. Let's make sure we live our lives in a way that will make a real impact for eternity. Let's discipline ourselves so that God can use us in amazing ways to bring others to Him.

YOUTH EVENTS...



24/7 New Year's Eve Party!

December 31, 8pm

Home of Mike & Lani Ribeiro

1277 Foley Drive

Burns, OR 97720

Questions, Call 573-1755

BRING:

Snacks to Share

&

Wrapped Gift to Share (Under \$1.00)



January 5	AWANA
January 12	AWANA <i>Slipper</i> Night
January 19	No AWANA due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 26	AWANA

UPCOMING FBC MINISTRIES EVENTS...

MEN:

January 23 Annual BIG BUCK BULL BURGER and
Wild Game Potluck BASH
Sign-up starts January 11
Guest Speaker: Leroy Cowart

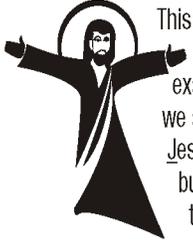
Story contest, animal calls, antler measuring, trapping display,
archery demos, complete elk camp!!

WOMEN:

January 30 "Bears for Babies" (Outreach to babies and
their families in Harney County)

Bring your sewing machine and help make bears for babies
born at Harney District Hospital in 2009...
or come and help stuff and finish bears for babies.

WWJD key chain



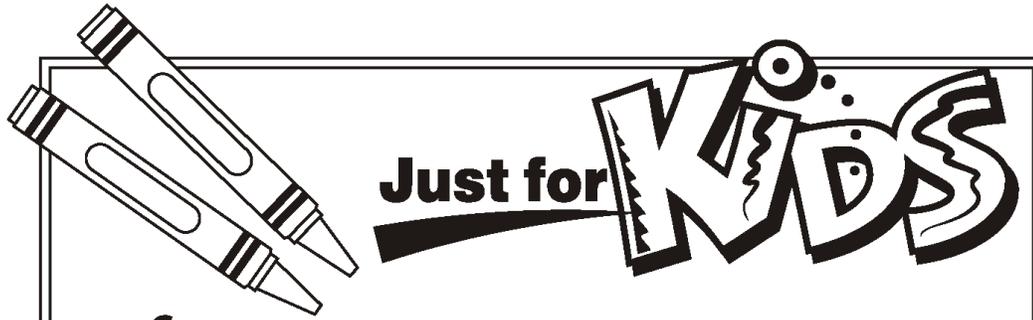
This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or $\frac{3}{8}$ ")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about $\frac{1}{2}$ cm or $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
- black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.

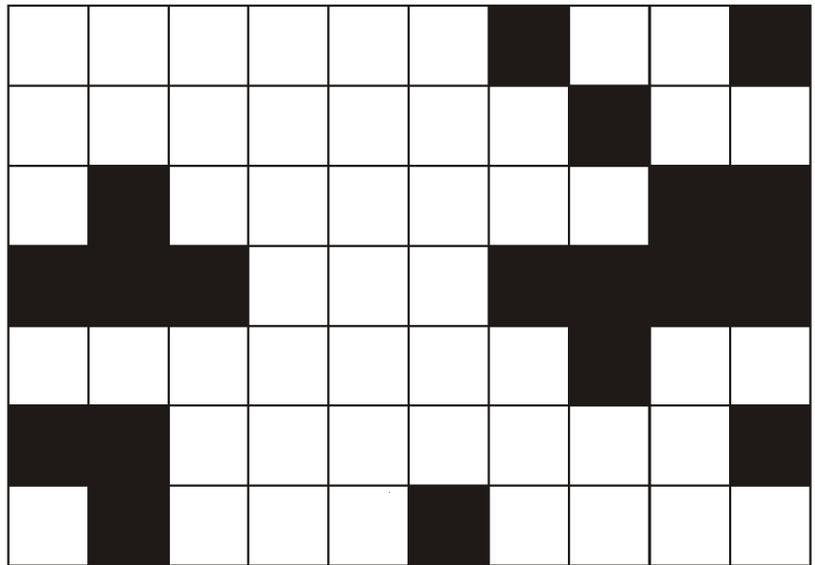


CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

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				C	O	R	



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

MEET DONNA CLARK...

Donna has lived in Harney County for 58 years. She and her husband, Duwayne, celebrated their 35th anniversary on December 15. They have a daughter, Duana, who lives in Bend and a grandson, Derick, who lives in Burns and is employed with the Forest Service.

Duwayne and Donna were blessed to raise Derick. Donna said, "When Derick was a year old he came to live with Duwayne and I, and we have so very much enjoyed raising him. He was truly a gift from God."

Duwayne is now retired and Donna is a co-owner of The Burns Times-Herald, where she works in sales and helps out with other jobs, as needed in a small newspaper office.

Duwayne and Donna enjoy traveling and love spending time with family.

Donna has been attending FBC for 4 years. She is a volunteer for Harney County Hospice, has been involved in volunteering in the schools and the lunch buddy program.

Donna is guardian for her sister, Anna (who is a member of FBC), of whom she said, "[Anna] is so very special to me."

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Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards...

Resolved, Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, Never to do anything out of revenge.

Resolved, Never to speak evil of anyone, so that it shall tend to his dishonour, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.

Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

Resolved, Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.

Resolved, To ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein I could possibly, in any respect, have done better.

Resolved, Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however, unsuccessful I may be.

Resolved, After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them; what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.

Resolved, Always to do that which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it. Let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.

Jonathan Edwards,
The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1

HYMN STORIES...

Just As I Am

1836

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.."

John 6:37

She was an embittered woman, Charlotte Elliott of Brighton, England. Her health was broken, and her disability had hardened her. "If God loved me," she muttered, "He would not have treated me this way."

Hoping to help her, a Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, visited the Elliotts on May 9, 1822. Over dinner, Charlotte lost her temper and railed against God and family in a violent outburst. Her embarrassed family left the room, and Dr. Malan was left alone with her.

"You are tired of yourself, aren't you?" he asked. "You are holding to your hate and anger because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently, you have become sour, bitter, and resentful."

"What is your cure?" asked Charlotte.

"The faith you are trying to despise."

As they talked, Charlotte softened. "If I wanted to become a Christian and to share the peace and joy you possess," she finally asked, "what would I do?"

"You would give yourself to God just as you are now, with your fightings and fears, hates and loves, pride and shame."

"I would come to God just as I am? Is that right?"

Charlotte did come just as she was, and her heart was changed that day. As time passed she found and claimed John 6:37 as a special verse for her: "... he who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."

Years later, her brother, Rev. Henry Elliott, was raising funds for a school for the children of poor clergymen. Charlotte wrote a poem, and it was printed and sold across England. The leaflet said: *Sold for the Benefit of St. Margaret's Hall, Brighton: Him That Cometh to Me I will in No Wise Cast Out*. Underneath was Charlotte's poem – which has since become the most famous invitational hymn in history.

Charlotte lived to be 82 and wrote about 150 hymns, though she never enjoyed good health. As her loved ones sifted through her papers after her death, they found over a thousand letters she had kept in which people expressed their gratitude for the way this hymn had touched their lives.

Robert J. Morgan

Then Sings My Soul, Thomas Nelson, Inc. 2006

● "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

– Martin Luther King Jr.

● "All that I am I owe to Jesus Christ, revealed to me in His divine Book."

– David Livingstone

January 2009 Celebrations

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| 2 | Jan Kolar (B) | 21 | Bill & Sharon Goodnough (A) |
| 6 | Sydney Curtis (B) | | Austin & Riley Draper (B) |
| 10 | Chance White (B) | 22 | Bev Adams (B) |
| 11 | Jaime Cargill (B) | 23 | Julie Jarvis, Alice Seebart (B) |
| 12 | Pete Cyphers (B) | 24 | Michelle Friedrichsen, Vickie McGee (B) |
| 13 | Greg George, Elizabeth Platt (B) | 25 | Herb Davis, Theresa Schrunck (B) |
| 15 | Dan & Debbie Bennett (A) | 28 | Ana Nonnenmacher (B) |
| | Taylor Heinz, Patrick Stampke (B) | 29 | Margy Cyphers, Gary Freitag (B) |
| 18 | Eric & Zola Ryan (A) | 30 | Shawn Cray (B) |
| 19 | Gordon & Sandra Mallon (A) | 31 | Nancy Carpentier, Mark Curtis, Debbie Freitag (B) |
| | Doug Valenzuela (B) | | |
| 20 | Karla Neuschwander (B) | | |

February 2009 Celebrations

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | Michelle Modey (B) | 13 | Tom Davis, Jennifer Hoke (B) |
| 2 | Anna-Ruth Davis (B) | 16 | Reda Cowart (B) |
| 3 | Tanner Schrunck, Missionary Paul Young (B) | 18 | Gordon Mallon, Duane Neuschwander (B) |
| 5 | Julie Davis, Wanda Hewitt, Jacob Spence (B) | 20 | Dan Cashen (B) |
| 7 | Dan & Bonnie Heinz (A) | 21 | Josiah Fast, Gracie McMullen (B) |
| 9 | Tom & Julie Davis (A) | 22 | Cas Schrunck, Missionary Dee Valenzuela (B) |
| | Joan Cramer, Becca Freitag, Adam White (B) | 23 | Diana Mallon, Bella Woodworth (B) |
| 11 | Christianna Carpentier, Mike Ribeiro (B) | 24 | Gabe Adams (B) |
| 12 | Deidre Lauderdale (B) | 25 | Glennie Cargill, Tim Riley (B) |
| | | 27 | Bonnie Heinz (B) |
| | | 29 | Missionary Dee Valenzuela (B) |

March 2009 Celebrations

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Bill & Gena Harvey (A) | | |
| 2 | Gary & Muriel Wenick (A) | 18 | Gretchen Bates (B) |
| 3 | Ron & Maxine Seedschlag (A) | 19 | Hazel Campbell, Missionary Ed Hepner (B) |
| | Laura Neuschwander (B) | 23 | Nolan Stampke (B) |
| 5 | Lori Curtis, Bridger Ridenour (B) | 24 | Jack & Hazel Campbell, Earl & Vickie McGee (A) |
| 8 | Josh Cate (B) | 25 | Kaylea Friedrichsen (B) |
| 11 | Isaac Dickinson (B) | 28 | Ron Harding, Alyssa Stinnett (B) |
| 12 | Dorothy Dulaney, Gena Harvey (B) | 29 | George & Julie Jarvis (A) |
| 13 | Chris Eder (B) | | Casey Heinz (B) |
| 16 | John & Bev Adams, John & Lori Stinnett (A) | 30 | George Cray (B) |
| | Pastor Mike Fast, DJ Hoke, Derick Yarbor (B) | | |

January 2009 Events

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|----|--------------------------------------|----|--|
| 1 | Happy New Year! | | |
| 4 | Communion | 19 | No AWANA (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) |
| 5 | AWANA, 5:30pm | 20 | Prayer Time, 7am (Church Library) |
| | AWANA Leaders Meeting, 7:30pm | 21 | Men's Bible Study, 6am |
| 6 | Prayer Time, 7am (Church Library) | 22 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |
| | Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, 6:30pm | 23 | Big Buck Bull Burger Bash, 6pm |
| 7 | Men's Bible Study, 6am | 25 | FBC Annual Meeting & Potluck |
| 8 | Women's Bible Study, 9am | | Quilters, 2pm |
| 11 | Quilters, 2pm | | 24/7, 5pm |
| | 24/7, 5pm | 26 | AWANA, 5:30pm |
| 12 | AWANA Slipper Night, 5:30pm | 27 | Prayer Time, 7am (Church Library) |
| 13 | Prayer Time, 7am (Church Library) | 28 | Men's Bible Study, 6am |
| 14 | Men's Bible Study, 6am | 29 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |
| 15 | Women's Bible Study, 9am | 30 | "Bears for Babies" (Women's Ministries), |
| 18 | The Aspens Service, 1:45pm | | 6:54pm |
| | 24/7, 5pm | | |

February 2009 Events

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|----|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Communion | 12 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |
| 2 | AWANA Hat Night, 5:30pm | 13-14 | Couples Retreat |
| | AWANA Leader Meeting, 7:30pm | 15 | The Aspens Service, 1:45pm |
| 3 | Prayer Time, 7am | 16 | No AWANA, Presidents' Day |
| | Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, 6:30pm | 17 | Prayer Time, 7am |
| 4 | Men's Bible Study, 6am | 18 | Men's Bible Study, 6am |
| 5 | Women's Bible Study, 9am | 19 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |
| 7 | AWANA Activity Day, K-6th Grade | 23 | AWANA Store Night, 5:30pm |
| 9 | AWANA Wear Hearts Night, 5:30pm | 24 | Prayer Time, 7am |
| 10 | Prayer Time, 7am | 25 | Men's Bible Study, 6am |
| 11 | Men's Bible Study, 6am | 26 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |

March 2009 Events

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|----|--------------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 1 | Communion | 15 | The Aspens Service, 1:45pm |
| 2 | AWANA Colorful Sock Night, 5:30pm | 16 | AWANA Paint Your Face Night, |
| 3 | Prayer Time, 7am | | 5:30pm |
| | Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, 6:30pm | 17 | Prayer Time, 7am |
| 4 | Men's Bible Study, 6am | 18 | Men's Bible Study, 6am |
| 5 | Women's Bible Study, 9am | 19 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |
| 9 | AWANA, 5:30pm | 23 | No AWANA Spring Break |
| | AWANA Leader Meeting, 7:30pm | 24 | Prayer Time, 7am |
| 10 | Prayer Time, 7am | 25 | Men's Bible Study, 6am |
| 11 | Men's Bible Study, 6am | 26 | Women's Bible Study, 9am |
| 12 | Women's Bible Study, 9am | 30 | AWANA, 5:30pm |
| 14 | AWANA Section Party, 1st-6th Grad | 31 | Prayer Time, 7am 5:30pm |

Remedy for a flat spirit...

Almost everyone has an occasional down day. You know the dreaded "flat" or "blah" feeling. Sometimes you don't even feel like praying. Is there any hope for this condition?

In the 12th century, a Carthusian monk named Guigo felt drained and depressed. But as he rested, the following prayer came to mind:

My soul is so dry that by itself it cannot pray;
Yet You can squeeze from it the juice of a thousand prayers.
My soul is so parched that by itself it cannot love;
Yet You can draw from it boundless love for You and for my neighbor.
My soul is so cold that by itself it has no joy;
Yet You can light the fire of heavenly joy within me.
My soul is so feeble that by itself it has no faith;
Yet by Your power my faith grows to a great height.
Thank You for prayer, for love, for joy, for faith;
Let me always be prayerful, loving, joyful, faithful.

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Sunday Schedule

The Nine 9:00am
Fellowship 10:15-10:45am
The Quarter 'til 10:45am
Sunday School runs concurrently with services.

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