



## Welcome Visitors!

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### PRAYER NEEDS

We have many prayer needs that are posted online, but there are those who do not have computers. If you have a prayer need, you can call the church office at 829-0989.

### IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER TIME:

Please keep in your prayers: Margaret Baker, Robin Burr ridge's son in law Matt, Austin and Jace Gorel, Jane Hoffman, Bette James, Jeremiah Lau, Rose Pembleton and her nephew Joe Malloy, Sister Bernadette Piccione, David Pretzman, Debra Rivera, Dave Shreve, Gerri Jo Shreve's Family, Machel le Smith's mother and nephew, Susan Wade's mother-in-law and Paula Wasielewski.

### MISSIONARY RICHARD ROCKHIND

Please join us on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as missionary Richard Rockhind will share his testimony and his ministry Jesus Cares for You. He will be at the 10:30 a.m. service and following our International dinner at the 6:30 p.m. service.

### OUTREACH TEAM

First Assembly's Outreach team will résumé next Saturday, January 12 at 12 noon.

### MISSIONS SUNDAY

Here at First Assembly the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month is considered Missions Sunday. If you are interested to commit to missions, please put your offering in and envelope and mark it *MISSIONS*. Thank you.

### INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Join us for an International Dinner on Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We would like everyone to bring your favorite dish that is from your nationality or country. Please bring your dish to share by 4:30 so we can set up and eat by 5 p.m. Following the dinner, stay for an evening service with our Guest speaker, Richard Rockhind at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up for what you are bringing to share.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

TODAY is the last day to pick up your Christmas cards from the containers in the hallway. They will be disposed of after today.

Let's begin today by looking at 1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." Most believers never grow beyond that, and that's tragic! Spiritual growth is different from natural growth. Growth of the physical body is built into natural DNA, but that is not the case with spiritual growth.

Look at chapter 2 verse 2. "As newborn babes desire sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby." We were born again by the seed of the word and babies need milk. The apostle Paul wrote about this in 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 "and I brethren could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as onto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk and not with meat. For hither to, you were not able to bear it, neither yet now are you able." In contrast to the need for spiritual milk, let's read what Paul wrote in Hebrews 5:12-14, "for when for the time you ought to be teachers you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God, And are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." God desires that we will grow up to be able to enjoy the meat of the word and not remain as babes.

Interestingly the statement that is found in Ephesians 4:14-15 declares, "henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning and craftiness, whereby they lie in weight to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things which is the head even Christ." Spiritual growth begins by speaking the word, the truth, in the love of God all the time.

Scriptures to read:

1. Eph 4:12-15
2. Eph 1:16-23
3. Eph 3:14-20
4. Col 1:9-11

Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers".