

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

- ⇒ Henry Pratt's class study is on Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey in Acts 17+
- ⇒ Bob Anderson's class will study the topic of Faith.
- ⇒ Ryan Wiemelt's class will continue studying the Bible Project— a weekly walk through of every book of the Bible.

WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

- ⇒ We had our Operation Christmas Child pack night. It was such a fun night. Thanks to Judy Johnston for organizing this!
- ⇒ We had our FJC Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you to the ladies that prepared the turkey!

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MONTH

- ⇒ Women's Christmas Party is on December 2nd. at 5:30 pm.
- ⇒ Our Christmas service is Sunday, December 22nd at 10 am and will include our Kids Christmas Program.
- ⇒ Our Christmas Eve service is December 24th at 4:30 pm.

Family Corner

Advent Wreath Meaning

The first purple candle symbolizes expectation and hope. Purple is a royal color and signifies anticipation of the King's birth. Light this candle each week of Advent.

The second purple candle symbolizes preparation. The Jewish people prepared their hearts for the Savior, and we prepare our hearts for His second coming. Light this one during the second, third and fourth weeks.

The third purple candle symbolizes love and peace. God showed His love by sending His Son. Jesus' birth, death and resurrection bring us peace. Light this candle during the fourth week.

The rose candle symbolizes joy We rejoice in the Messiah and joyfully anticipate Jesus' second coming. Light this candle during the third and fourth weeks.

The white candle in the center is celebratory. This candle is lit on Christmas Day. Jesus is central to the season. We celebrate His birth.

The evergreen branches symbolize God's faithfulness. They remain green all year.

The wreath circle symbolizes God's unending love.

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Challenge yourself to memorize this verse:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-2, 14

Pastors Nook

Happy December FJC Family!

December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent. This season focuses on the coming of Jesus, both His birth in Bethlehem and his second coming.

Life is interesting. Can you believe that just 20 years ago there were those who worked themselves into a panic over "Y2K"? You have to ask, when will people ever learn? It turned out to be the biggest non-event of the 20th century. Some of the doomsayers set up their soapboxes in the name of Christianity. They linked their fear mongering to the second coming of Christ. A poll in a 2013 edition of Newsweek magazine found that 3 in 10 Americans think the world will end during their lifetime and that 9% of Americans expected the Apocalypse in the year 2000. I don't know why people keep setting dates for Christ's return when Jesus said that no one knows the hour of his second coming to earth.

Advent reminds us that we are to be diligent in making a difference in this world right now. Whether we are telling the Christmas story about the baby in the manger or whether we are telling about Christ's second coming, the center of our message is Christ himself. Our life and work in the name of Jesus Christ matters. This may be our greatest gift to our hurting world. May you have an amazingly blessed Christmas season! May the Lord enter in our hearts and give us limitless joy.

It is such a blessing to share this season with you.

I love you all,
Ryan

Prayer Requests

- ⇒ Please continue to pray for those who are battling illnesses in our church. They really need our prayers.
- ⇒ Pray for the upcoming Christmas season and how our church can reach out to others.

Sermons Series: Acts

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| 12/1/19 | Acts 16:1-15 |
| 12/8/19 | Acts 16: 16-40 |
| 12/15/19 | Christmas Prologue |
| 12/22/19 | Christmas Service |
| 12/24/19 | Christmas Eve Ser. |
| 12/29/19 | New Year |