

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

- ⇒ Henry Pratt's class study is on Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey in Acts 17+
- ⇒ Bob Anderson's class will study Matthew and Luke.
- ⇒ Ryan Wiemelt's class is studying Revelation.

## **WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED**

- ⇒ Family Bowling Night was on the 25th. It was a fun night!

## **WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MONTH**

- ⇒ Our Horizon's Food Drive is this month. You can donate non-perishable food items as well as toiletries and personal care items like toilet paper, Kleenex, etc.
- ⇒ We will have a Baby Dedication/ Baptism Sunday on Sunday, February 16th. See Ryan if you have a little one you would like to have dedicated or if you would like to be baptized.

## **Family Corner**

### **Valentine's Day Breakfast Treats**

On Valentine's Day itself, it's my tradition to set the table nicely the night before and decorate with some special candies and chocolates for each child (I've started keeping heart-shaped containers from year to year, simply refilling them). And I put some of my husband's favorite treats in his bowl. We always eat yogurt with granola and berries on top for breakfast (easy, yummy, festive)

### **Valentine's Day Dinner**

At dinner on Valentine's Day (when restaurant waits are 2+ hours!), we stay home for a nice dinner and everyone shares something specific that they really love about the person to their left (or right, take your pick!). I like to make a dinner that the family especially loves (one year I did take-and-bake heart shaped pizza which was a big favorite – and so easy!). I heard of a family that always has a candlelight dinner on Valentine's Day and I think we'll try that this year as well. Candlelight isn't just for romance – it's great whenever you want to create a calm and different ambiance for dinner.

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## Pastors Nook

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Dear Family,

"We love because He first loved us." Those words from I John 4:19 provide the motivation, example and framework for loving others. Jesus told His disciples elsewhere, "A new command I give you, love one another as I have loved you." As Valentine's Day approaches this month, we focus on what do I need to do to make sure the others in my life know that I love them. We typically start at the wrong place when it comes to trying to think of how to make others in our lives know that we love them. We first need to discover what love really is. I mean sometimes we think of love in the same way we think of a food we enjoy consuming or an activity that we enjoy doing. Notice that many times, when it comes to our definition of love, it is self-centered and self-focused. That's not real love, that's selfishness. I John 3:16 says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." Real love is sacrificial and unconditional.

This Valentine's Day, think of how you can show your love for others in the same way Christ loves you. This month take time most of all, to share the love of Christ with others. Particularly, take time to share with them the Good News of God's love in sending Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. Invite others to come celebrate God's love with you on Sundays here at FJC. Most of all, remember that I am praying for all of you and always look forward to seeing you!

Ryan

## Prayer Requests

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- ⇒ Ask the Lord for a calling on who you can love on this month! We can show love for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in many capacities.
- ⇒ Winter time is a time when illness abounds. Please keep those who are sick in your prayers.

## February Sermons Series:

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2/9/20 What is it?

2/16/20 Do we have it?

2/23/20 How do we get it?