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Teen News

AFCN Youth Ministries/Teen Activity Calendars and additional information are available in the Youth Center upstairs, Room 212, in the info station under the foyer stairs, or from Pastor Chrissy or Kim Boyd.

Parents' Night Out - January 18th

Parents' Night Out is a fun night for children and a chance for parents and caregivers to have an evening out. Reservations must be made by the Wednesday prior to this event. More information and Registration Forms are located at the Welcome Center. This is for children ages 3 months to 10 years. Cost is \$14 for the first child and \$7 for each sibling. Cash is preferred; however, checks are accepted. Checks payable to Wanda White.

Eight Ways to Pray for Your Pastors - Part 3

The following is from The Blazing Center Blog by Stephen Altrogge. It is written as if there is only one pastor in the church, but the prayers are appropriate for all members of the pastoral staff.

"Pastoral ministry is a business unlike any other. It is a dangerous business. A sacred business. A business where the souls of people are at stake.

"I was a pastor for many years, so I have a feel for the perils and pleasures of ministry. It's very hard, supremely rewarding work.

Gardiner Spring (1785-1873) said: It is at a fearful expense that ministers are ever allowed to enter the pulpit without being preceded, accompanied, and followed by the earnest prayers of the churches. It is no marvel that the pulpit is so powerless, and ministers so often disheartened when there are so few to hold up their hands...When the churches cease to pray for ministers, ministers will no longer be a blessing to the churches.

"In light of the challenges of ministry, here are 8 prayers every church member should pray for their pastor(s) on a regular basis.

#5 - For Doctrinal Faithfulness - By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you (2 Timothy 1:14).

"Pastors can be tempted to modify or even abandon biblical doctrines for a variety of reasons. Cultural pressures, vocal church members, even legal actions can press hard upon pastors, making them feel that the only way out is to give up the clear teaching of Scripture. They need God's grace to stay faithful to the good deposit of God's word.

"Father, I pray for my pastor that you would help him hold fast to Scripture, even when everyone else tells him to let go. Help him stand on your word and only your word. Protect him from the temptation to abandon the precious truths laid out in Scripture.

"#6 - For A Healthy Body - But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:27).

"Ministry can take a tremendous toll on a pastor's body. Yes, our bodies are temples, but they are often broken temples. Long nights at the hospital, high-stress situations, and ever-present discouragement can quickly lead to burnout and body betrayal. Not only do pastor's need spiritual strength, they need physical strength as well. Pray for your pastor that he would be sustained in body and mind.

"Father, please give my pastoral supernatural strength. Protect him from sickness and disease. Give him your energy to keep serving faithfully. Help him to find periods of rest and recovery. Guide him to still waters."

2019 Ladies Retreat

February 22-24, 2019 are the dates for our annual Ladies Retreat at Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian. Donna Kyzer-Rice will be our speaker. Cost for the 2019 retreat is \$185.00. Online payment is available, however a one-time fee of \$7.00 will need to be added to your payment for the online convenience. Camp Hoblitzelle is requiring each person to sign a waiver this year. The waiver and registration form will soon be at the Women's Ministry table.

Prayer Requests

As a church, we would love to pray for you. We have prayer groups that meet during the week to lift you before the Lord in prayer. If you prefer, you may telephone or e-mail the Prayer Team Chairperson, Gerry Causa, (972-249-5307 or prayer@arlingtonfirst.org) with your request. Weekly Prayer Sheets are located at the Welcome Center.

- This Week -

Sunday 01-13-19

- ◆ Prayer For Service - Rm 1 8:30-9:00am
- ◆ Cross Training/Sunday School 9:15-10:15am
- ◆ Worship Service 10:30am
- ◆ Living Nativity Cast Members Meeting Noon
- ◆ Mansfield LG 6:00pm

Monday 01-14-19

- ◆ SE ARL/GP LG 6:30pm

Tuesday 01-15-19

Wednesday 01-16-19

- ◆ Weekly Prayer Call 7:00-8:00am
- ◆ Men's Prayer Group - Rm 1 8:30am
- ◆ AFCN Ensemble Practice 6:00-7:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday Night Activities 7:00pm
 - ⇒ Adult Bible Study - Rm 1
 - ⇒ Adult Bible Study - Rm 4
 - ⇒ Children's Activities - Rm 22
 - ⇒ Youth Activities @ AFCN - Rm 211

Thursday 01-17-19

- ◆ Independent Living Ministry at Fox Run 6:30pm
- ◆ E FW/Central Arl LG 6:30pm

Friday 01-18-19

- ◆ Parents' Night Out 6:30-10:30pm
- ◆ Estadro Biblico en Española (Spanish Bible Study LG) 7:00pm

Saturday 01-19-19

- ◆ Independent Living Ministry at Fox Run 2:00pm
- ◆ College & Young Single Adult Ministry - Frazier's Home 7:00pm

Sunday 01-20-19

- ◆ Prayer For Service - Rm 1 8:30-9:00am
- ◆ Cross Training/Sunday School 9:15-10:15am
- ◆ Worship Service 10:30am
- ◆ Mansfield LG 6:00pm

Living Nativity Meeting TODAY

Pastor Chrissy wishes to meet with everyone involved for a quick 5 minute meeting immediately following this morning's service. She will meet with you at the front center of the Worship Center.

GIVE ONLINE

<http://arlingtonfirst.org/online-giving>
or text 817.854.4554



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