

# FallCreek KIDS

# CONNECT

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newsletter

*A Happy New Year*



*Dear Lord, may You make the New Year a happy one ... not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it when it comes. Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path. Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships. Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows. Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where Your cause needs me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help ... God, make my year a happy one. Amen.*

I love a new calendar and monthly planner, don't you? With fresh blank months to organize and fill. Vision and planning meetings. Yes, indeedly!

All the fun and goodness I'll pack into another year.

One thing I never pencil in is the bad. I don't plan for it and I don't want it. Yet it's something the Lord guarantees we'll endure. I know it'll come of course. But I choose to focus on praising God right now for the goodness, so I remember how to do so during the hardships.

**Did you know our Fall Creek KIDS Ministry has layers of fun and discipleship for all children ages infants through 5th grade, all year long?** From Sunday morning Groups, to 11am Bible Studies, Nursery Care, and KIDS Church, to Sunday evening Awana and KIDS Choir ... as well as outreach adventures and KIDS only events. There is something for all KIDS. And it's never too late for your child to join in or for you to get involved!

Contact Miss April for more information.

And we say together: **Thank you, Lord.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/4 DEFINED Bible Study, 11am
- 1/4 Awana resumes
- 1/11 KIDS CHURCH, 11am
- 1/18 Family Worship, 11am
- 1/25 KIDS CHURCH, 11am
- 2/20 ALL KIDS Roller Skating Party!**

## BOOKMARK

### Generational Dysfunction

"Most parents want the best for their children — yet many parents are unaware of how important it is to do the work of assessing their family history, identifying negative patterns, and resolving those issues in their own generation, rather than leaving them for their children.

Many people find this to be a difficult task because of a strong sense of loyalty to their own parents or grandparents. This sense of loyalty can contribute to minimization of problems and the developments of defenses against identifying the negative patterns that are sabotaging their lives. Contrary to blaming our ancestors, this process actually allows people to exonerate a parent and to realize that he was doing the best he could based on what had been passed down to him. It doesn't justify negative behaviors, but it puts things into perspective and facilitates forgiveness and the ability to break free from unhealthy patterns.

In other words, it allows parents to find the courage they need to create healthy family dynamics for their own children."

Excerpt from  
**Generational Dysfunction**  
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