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The Eagle

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December Events:

Deacon Meeting:

Sunday the 3rd
@ 7:00 PM

FBCER Basketball:

Tuesday the 5th
@ 8:00pm (MLMS)

Abundant

Motherhood:

Friday the 8th
@ 9:30am

Ladies' Christmas

Party: Friday the
8th @ 6:30pm

Admin Meeting:

Sunday the 10th
@ 7:00PM

A.M. Progressive

Dinner: Monday the
11th @ 6:00pm

A.M. Fellowship:

Wednesday the 13th
@ 9:30am

Youth Christmas

Party: Friday the 15th
@ 6:00PM

Business Meeting:

Sunday, the 17th
@ 6:23pm

-From the Pastor's Desk-

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word,
in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." - 1 Timothy 4:12

This coming Sunday, December 03, has been designated Youth Sunday. I believe the strongest illustration of the importance of loving, preparing, then releasing the next generation is found in the relational development between the Apostle Paul and Timothy. Timothy is referenced twenty-eight times in the New Testament. He was raised and influenced by a Godly Mother and Grandmother (2 Tim 3:14-15). Although a young and recent convert, the Apostle Paul takes him on his missionary journey. Later we find him ministering in five different Churches (1Thessalonians 3:1 - 2, 1Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 2:19 - 22, Acts 17:14 and 1Timothy 1:3).

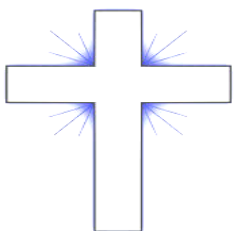
Paul is imprisoned in Rome at the end of his fourth missionary journey (Acts 28:16 - 31). While he is in prison Paul writes four epistles, three of which mention Timothy being with him (Philippians 1:1, 2:19, Colossians 1:1, Philemon 1:1). At the end of his fifth and final journey, while in Rome a second time just before his death, he requests his closest friend visit him and bring his personal copies of his writings (2 Timothy 4:9, 13, 21). Paul testified to those in Philippi regarding the unique Christian character of Timothy and his dedication to spreading the gospel. He said, "For I have no one who is likeminded, who has genuine concern for you... But you know the proof of him, that as a child with a father, he served with me in the gospel (Philippians 2:20, 22).

It is not just Timothy! There is Daniel. In his teens, the Babylonians took him captive. He stood his ground and refused to eat the food presented to him which would defile him (Daniel 1:8). Upon risk of death, he refuses and the Lord rewards him for his faithfulness. He ends up affecting change and the entire palace diet shifts because of him (Daniel 1:16). Later, Daniel's three friends; Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego show great bravery and faith, refusing to buckle to societal pressures. Even when the king gives them another opportunity to worship him, they assert that God will save them from a fiery death. Even if He doesn't, they'll stand resolute in their faith (Daniel 3:18).

Esther while in her teens saves her entire nation. Facing death herself to confront the king, she ends up reversing a law intended to wipe out her people. Esther proves that young people can change the world for God's kingdom, even when the world seems to want to wipe out that same kingdom. Added to that list is Ruth; Mary; Joseph; Samuel; Jeremiah; David; and even the 12 Disciples. Jesus at 12 years of age stood His ground when saying: "I must be about My Father's business".

As with Timothy we must be committed to the next generation. First by preparing them, then giving meaningful service opportunities, and then releasing them to put their gifting and faith in action. That is what we will share this Sunday.

- Pastor Ted -



AWANA

December 17th Christmas Event

There will be
NO AWANA
December 24th
And
December 31st

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!!



If you have a prayer request or concern, we would like to pray for you, or if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please contact the office.

Youth Group: The youth group is leading a Youth led Service on Sunday, December 3rd. The youth will help with everything from the music to bringing the message. Please come help support the youth!
The Youth group will be having their Christmas party on Friday, December 15th @ 6:00pm. It will be in the Annex.



Abundant Motherhood: Their regular meeting is Friday, December 8th @ 9:30am. They are having a progressive dinner on Monday, December 11th starting at 6pm. They are also having a time of fellowship on Wednesday, December 13th @ 9:30am in the Annex. All ladies are welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Amanda or Jessica.

Ladies: Our Christmas party is Friday, December 8th @ 6:30pm. It will be held at Elaine's house. Please bring a mug for the mug exchange and your favorite dish or appetizer to share. If you have any questions, please speak to Sheryl or contact the church office. I am praying for the new years events and leadership.



Greetings from FBCER Library December 2023:

Our FBCER Library Christmas books and DVDs are all unboxed and ready to be checked out. Please come see what our library has to help you celebrate Christmas this year.

Library hours are generally Mondays, 12 to 4 p.m. Books and DVDs are available for check-out whenever the annex is open. See you in the library, Sara G.

FBCER Basketball: Has started back up on Tuesdays! They are meeting from 8:00pm to 10:00pm at Mirror Lake Middle School until the end of this calendar year. In January they will go back to meeting on Fridays at Gruening Middle School. If you are interested in joining or have questions contact Zane.



Church Business Meeting: There will be a Church Business Meeting on Sunday, December 17th @ 6:23pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend, members are allowed to vote.

The Lord's Supper and Church Potluck: We will have the Lord's Supper during Morning Service on December 31st. Then, there will be a church potluck immediately following Morning Service. We will enjoy a time of fellowship while eating some delicious food. There will be no Evening Service on the 31st of December.



01 - Jamie B.
07 - Elaine L.
08 - Hannah B.
10 - David S.
17 - Jake L.
20 - Rob W.
29 - Seth B.
30 - Rebecca T.
Jeremy W.
31 - Luke P.

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Properties AWANA 4pm Deacons 7pm	4 AHG/Trail Life 6-8:30pm	5 Bible Study @ Dean's 5:30pm FBC Basketball 8pm @ Mirror Lake M.S.	6 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/ Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	7 Abundant Motherhood Leader Meeting 8am	8 Abundant Motherhood Meeting 9:30am Ladies; Christmas Party 6:30pm @ Elaine's House	9 Baby Shower for Caitlyn 1:00pm Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm
10 AWANA 4pm Administrative Council 7pm	11 AHG/Trail Life 6-8:30pm A.M. Progressive Dinner 6pm	12 Bible Study @ Dean's 5:30pm FBC Basketball 8pm @ Mirror Lake M.S.	13 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10 SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm A.M. Fellowship 9:30am	14	15 Youth Christmas Party 6-9pm	16 Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm
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24 AWANA 4pm Christmas Eve Service 6pm New Year's Eve Church Potluck No PM Service 31	25 Christmas Day Church Offices Closed ASD Winter Break	26 ASD Winter Break	27 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	28 ASD Winter Break	29 ASD Winter Break	30 Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm

You're Invited to Join Us For
Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24th; 6:00pm

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