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The Eagle

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January Events:

New Year's Day
Church Offices Closed
Monday the 1st

Deacon Meeting:
Sunday the 7th
@ 7:00 PM

**Abundant
Motherhood:**
Friday the 12th
@ 9:30am

FBCER Basketball
Friday the 12th
@8:00pm @Gruening

Admin Meeting:
Sunday the 14th
@ 7:00PM

Homeless Ministry:
Saturday the 20th
@ 9:00am

Youth Group:
Artic Valley Tubing
Saturday the 20th
@5:00pm

A.M. Fellowship:
Wednesday the 31st
@ 9:30am

-From the Pastor's Desk-

"Then Moses said to God, "If Your Presence does not go with us,
do not bring us up from here." - Exodus 33:15

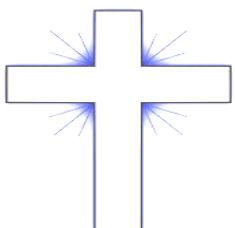
There are three lessons I find in Exodus chapter 33 and for the New Year that is upon us. **First**, there is a journey to be made. I do not want to say to myself 12 months from now; "Where did the time go?" I want to see where I have gone. To be able to measure the progress that I have made. In verse one God tells Moses: "Depart and go up from here". The first lesson to be learned is that there is somewhere God wants us to be. And it is not only onward but upward! As the hymn writer puts it: "I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day". It does not matter from where You begin 2024 but it will matter where You end it. The Lord goes on to say: "To the Land I have given You".

We not only need divine progress in 2024 but **secondly** we need divine promise to get where God wants us to be. God has in essence given us the same promise He originally gave to Abraham. It may not be land....but it is a life. A life flowing with "milk and honey". So let 2024 begin with the promise of God. God promised to send His Angel before them to drive out the existing People living in the land. In the same manner God promises to go before You this next Year to not only face the challenges we will encounter but to fight with us. He does this in two ways. First, God knows what we will face and will prepare us if we allow Him and then will give us the power necessary to defeat them. He does this so we can continue our upward journey in the New Year.

Not only should we find progress this next year; not only can we depend on what God has promised us to complete our journey into the life He describes for us; but the **third** lesson is that we must have the presence of God to go with us. God told the People that His presence would not go with them. This caused the People to mourn over their past behavior. As we look back over 2023 and what could have been, we too should mourn. But just as Moses found grace in the eyes of the Lord so we also can find this same grace to leave 2023 behind and move forward and upward in 2024. How will we know we are on the right path in 2024? It will be the Glory of the Lord that will determine that.

Please read the entire chapter of Exodus 33. There is so much more as we face the challenges of the New Year. It is the grace of God that will lead us into the glory of God. Progress is the Promise of God as we walk in His Presence. God's very best as we move forward together.

- Pastor Ted -



AWANA

AWANA
Welcome Back!
January 7th

Pajamas
and
Stuffed Toy Night
January 28th



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.



Abundant Motherhood: Their regular meeting is Friday, January 12th @ 9:30am. They are also having a time of fellowship on Wednesday, January 31st @ 9:30am in the Annex. They are having a Mom's Night Out on Thursday, January 18th @ 6:00pm. All ladies are welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Amanda or Jessica.

Greetings from FBCER Library January 2024:

Happy New Year from our FBCER Library! This month there will be more new books and a couple DVDs added throughout the month. Here is a review of a few of our books:

Believe for It: Passing on Faith to the Next Generation by CeCe Winans — This book is a call to all parents, grandparents, really anyone who has children in their life. Convicting and a very good read.

The 5 Apology Languages: The Secret to Healthy Relationships by Dr. Gary Chapman — A Love Language Resource. We all give and receive apologies differently.

The Answers Books for Kids by Ken Ham — A non-fiction set of 8 volumes answering the toughest questions, all submitted by kids. Includes Creation, Dinosaurs, Evolution, the Bible, and so much more!

Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids by Phil Vischer — The Gospel in 52 Five-Minute Bible Stories.



FBCER Basketball: Will be happening again at Gruening Middle School on Fridays starting January 12th. They are meeting from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. If you are interested in joining or have questions contact Zane.

Homeless Ministry: We will be meeting on Saturday, January 20th at 9:00am to make lunches for the Hope Soup Kitchen in Anchorage. We make upwards of 300 lunches, so if you are willing to help we appreciate all the help we can get. We are also looking for help decorating lunch bags. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brittnei.

Youth Group: We are planning a trip to Artic Valley on Saturday, January 20th. We will meet there at 5:00pm.

High School Seniors and Young Adults: Dean and Jessica are hosting a Bible Study at 5:30pm. The study takes place at their house. They are getting ready to start the book of Revelation. It will take place on Tuesday the 2nd but then will be moving to Mondays. If you have any questions, reach out to either Dean or Jessica.

Ladies: Sheryl will be starting up a virtual Bible Study on the book of Jude. She is looking to start that on January 14th. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please speak to Sheryl.



10 - Audrey S.
16 - Natalie B.
17 - Kathy B.
24 - Chris W.
26 - Jeanette R.
29 - Sheryl S.
31 - Debbie H.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Church Offices Closed	2 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's	3 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/ Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	4	5	6 Sabbath Service/ Torah 1- 6pm
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Save the Dates for VBS 2024:

Sunday, June 23rd – Thursday June 27th

Sunday Date: TBD

Monday – Thursday 5:30pm – 8:30pm

A few things to pray about:

1) Jessica, Amanda, Kathy H, and Brittni will be traveling down to Kentucky for the Answers in Genesis 7 C's Conference and VBS Showcase. Please pray for safe travels, that our ears and hearts will be open to what the Lord has for us and that the Lord would give us a clear vision on what to do for VBS.

2) A position to serve during VBS.

3) Guidance and Wisdom for the VBS Team

4) The Families that will be attending

The volunteer roster is already being filled and I would love to add you to it. We have many places to serve including a prayer team, teachers (lesson and science), pre-school and nursery teams, decorating, kitchen team, games, music, drama leader, photographer, etc.

If you have any questions,
please contact Jessica B.



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