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# The Eagle

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## February Events:

### FBCER Basketball:

Friday the 2nd  
@ 8:00pm @Gruening

### Properties Meeting:

Sunday the 4th  
@ 7:00pm

### Deacon Meeting:

Sunday the 4th  
@ 7:00pm

### Bible Study @ Dean's

Monday, the 5th  
@ 5:30pm

### Men's Bible Study:

Thursday the 8th  
7:00 pm @ Brent's

### Abundant

### Motherhood:

Friday the 9th  
@ 9:30am

### Admin Meeting:

Sunday the 11th  
@ 7:00PM

### Youth Baking/Movie:

Friday the 16th  
@ 6:00pm

### Business Meeting:

Sunday, the 18th  
@ 6:23pm

### A.M. Fellowship:

Wednesday the 21st  
@ 9:30am

*-From the Pastor's Desk-*

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." - Luke 2:7

"Leave Room for God"

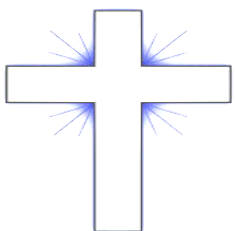
Is there room for God in Your Life? Christmas is now in our rearview mirror. The first month of the New Year gone. But the question still lingers...have You made room for God? I often wonder about those who missed the coming of the Son of God the first time. King Herod missed out. The Religious Experts advising Herod where the King of the Jews was to be born missed out. And of course the anonymous Inn Keeper who had no room for the Savior of the World missed out as well. And so the question stands for this New Year. Have You made room for God?

In the Parable of the Sower there were four types of soil pictured. The first was the hard ground. The seed sown found no place and was soon "snatched" away. Opportunity lost. The second type of soil was the rocky, shallow ground. The seed showed promise as it quickly sprouted because there was nowhere for it to go but up. When the sun inevitably came out the tender shoot quickly withered because there was no root to sustain it. The third type of soil was the ground that was never weeded. The seed did its part but in competition with the more aggressive thorns & thistles, soon was "choked" out. The last type of soil Jesus labeled "fertile". It produced a harvest many times what was originally sown. This last soil made room for God. It was prepared for His appearing.

As servants of God we need to make a place where the seed of His word can be received and nurtured to full term providing a harvest worthy of God's investment. We make our plans for the upcoming Year, but forget to make room for God. In Proverbs we read; "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps." (16:9) What Solomon learned is "Yes!" make Your plans. But make room for God to guide Your steps. How many times have we missed the best of God because we made no room for Him. Do not look for God to come in a particular manner, **look for Him!** The best way to make room for God in Your life is to: expect Him to come; to look for Him to participate; and to be prepared to receive His leading and to sow right along with You. Our responsibility is to prepare our hearts to be looking for God by softening the soil; removing the rocks, thorns and thistles that hinder His work if not choke it out altogether. How wonderful it is to be "surprised" by God showing up and sowing into our Life.

Live in a constant state of expectancy and be sure to leave room for God. Do not be like those who missed His first coming. Because He is coming.

- Pastor Ted -



# AWANA

## AWANA

February 11th  
Sports Night!!

Wear your  
favorite  
sports jersey



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.

**Properties Meeting:** There will be a Properties Meeting on Sunday, February 4th @ 7pm. They are planning to discuss pews vs. chairs. If you would like to be part of that discussion or hear what they have found, you are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you are not able to attend but would like to comment on the matter, speak to Chad, Art, Steve, or Marge.



**Abundant Motherhood:** Their regular meeting is Friday, February 9th @ 9:30am. They are also having a time of fellowship on Wednesday, February 21st @ 9:30am in the Annex. All ladies are welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Amanda or Jessica.

**FBCER Basketball:** Is happening at Gruening Middle School on Fridays from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. If you are interested in joining or have questions contact Zane.

**High School Seniors and Young Adults:** Dean and Jessica are hosting a Bible Study on Mondays at 5:30pm at their house. If you have any questions, reach out to either Dean or Jessica.

**Church Business Meeting:** There will be a Church Business Meeting on Sunday, February 18th. After a shortened Evening Service we will transition into our Business Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend, all church members are allowed to vote.



### Greetings from FBCER Library February 2024:

This month there will be more new books added. Books and DVDs are available for check-out whenever the annex is open. We hope to see you in the library!

**Youth Group:** We will be baking some yummy desserts and watching a movie on Friday, February 16th from 6pm until 9pm. All Youth are welcome!!



### Save the Dates for VBS 2024:

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Date: TBD

Monday – Thursday 5:30pm – 8:30pm

A few things to pray about:

- 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.



02 - Michael S.

03 - Linda A.

04 - Keith B.

16 - Monte H.

19 - Annie W.

25 - Mason W.

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	3 Sabbath Service/ Torah 1- 6pm
4 AWANA 4pm Deacons 7pm Properties 7pm	5 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's  Trail Life 6-8:30pm	6	7 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/ Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	8 Abundant Motherhood Leader Meeting 8am  Men's Bible Study 7:00pm @ Brent's	9 Abundant Motherhood Meeting 9:30am  FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	10 Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm
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Hello everyone, it's that time of year for your chance to walk on water (a miracle is needed in the summer though!!)

This year we will be ice fishing at three lakes: Finger Lake, Big Lake, and Long Lake (Past Palmer). There will be signup sheets throughout February and into March to choose which lake you would like to fish at. All the equipment is provided (shelter, poles/tackle, heaters), we just ask you to provide chairs and lunches/snacks for yourselves.



So, bundle up, get your fishing licenses, and let's have fun on the ice!!

If you have any questions, speak to Brent

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