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# The Eagle

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## March Events:

### Abundant Motherhood:

Friday, March 1st  
@ 9:30am

### FBCER Basketball:

Friday the 1st, 8th,  
22nd, 29th  
@ 8:00pm @Gruening

### Deacon Meeting:

Sunday the 3rd  
@ 7:00pm

### Bible Study @ Dean's

Monday, the 4th  
@ 5:30pm

### Men's Bible Study:

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

### No AWANA

Sunday the 10th

### Admin Meeting:

Sunday the 10th  
@ 4:00PM

### Youth Game Night:

Friday the 22nd  
@ 6:00pm

### A.M. Fellowship:

Wednesday the 27th  
@ 9:30am

### Easter:

Sunday the 31st

### *-From the Pastor's Desk-*

"The women said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?'" - John 4:11

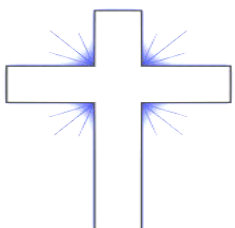
This week marks the 5 Year anniversary of my Alaska adventure. Like Alaska itself ministry can be difficult but rewarding. I have ministered in 4 Churches in California where it was all sunshine and roses. Then it was Seattle where I was privileged to serve 5 different churches and one of them twice! It may "never rain in California" but it never stops raining in Seattle. So People tend to be a bit crabby. So Alaska was just the next logical step in my North bound journey.

A few weeks back we worked through chapter four of the Gospel of John and Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. It is a familiar account to all of us. The setting is the community well just outside the city limits. From that account I was reminded about whose ministry this really is. First, it all begins with Jesus. Jesus told His Disciples that He "must needs" go through Samaria. This is not about a woman, but Jesus. Our ministry is in His Church. It is among His People and it is for His Glory. Also, it is His Power. The connection for me is that this Samaritan woman did not know, did not realize who she was dealing with. So often we are like the man described in the Book of James who was going to take his business to this city and that one, then come home rich and retire to a life of luxury (James 4). He did not realize we are like a blade of grass subject to every element of this life. So it is with our....I mean the Lord's ministry. Or the man who after a bumper crop decided just to tear down his barns and build bigger ones (Luke 12). We need to remember who we serve. It is Jesus. It is His People; His Program and His Power. This woman had no clue who she was dealing with and often we forget ourselves.

She was standing before her Creator. Here stood the One who provided the earth she stood on; the world she lived in and the well she drank from every day. Yet she declares that He, Jesus had nothing to draw with. No bucket to draw the water out. Yet it was Jesus who was at that very moment drawing her to Himself from a very deep life of failure and sin. "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep" was her observation. So often we limit ourselves because we lose our perspective of who's People we are serving. Who's Program we are ministering and whose Power we are needing. We ourselves are left to conclude that the well is deep and we have no bucket with which to draw needed water.

Who's ministry is it? John chapter four reminds us that our ministry is not about how deep the well is, or if we even have a bucket to draw with. It is about "Living Water". Instead of giving water and calling it good Jesus wants us to become living water. We should be asking Him to fill us instead of working to fill our bucket.

- Pastor Ted -



# AWANA

## AWANA

March 10th  
No AWANA  
Spring Break

March 24th  
Easter Event

March 31st  
No AWANA  
Happy Easter



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.

**Easter Sunday Service:** We will have Easter Service in the Annex on March 31st. We will hold the Lord's Supper during service and then we will be having a Potluck immediately after. There will be no Evening Service that night.

**Abundant Motherhood:** Their regular meeting is Friday, March 1st @ 9:30am. They are also having a time of fellowship on Wednesday, March 27th @ 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.

### Greetings from FBCER Library March 2024:

Hello from FBCER Library. All our Easter books are on display outside the library door. Check them out!

**The Case for Christ DVD** by Lee Strobel — The movie is a true story about a journalist trying to disprove his wife's Christian faith. It is based on the book with the same title.

**Easter is Coming!** By Tama Fortner — Come read this beautiful book, lovely in words and pictures.

\*We have a review of a new book series from one of our FBCER readers.\*

**The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls (nine books in series)** by M. J. Thomas — I really enjoyed The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls because it has lots of adventure and takes place in Bible times. Peter, Mary and their dog Hank travel through time to Bible times, starting with creation! I highly recommend these books for kids who love the Bible! — Annie W.

**Youth Group:** We are continuing to read through the Bible this year! All youth, 6th grade and older are welcome to join us on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday evenings as we go over the weekly reading. We will be having a game night on Friday, March 22nd from 6pm until 9pm. During that time the youth will be building and cooking their own pizzas! If you have any questions, please speak to Jeremy or Brittini.

### 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.

happy birthday!

01 - Ted S.

13 - Justin W.

19 - Hope B.

29 - Frank W.

- Pat R.

**March 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Abundant Motherhood Meeting 9:30am  FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	2 Sabbath Service/Torah 1-6pm
3 AWANA 4pm Deacons 7pm	4 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's  Trail Life 6-8:30pm	5	6 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/ Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	7 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm @ Brent's	8 FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	9 Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm
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24 AWANA 4pm  <div>Easter No Awana No PM Service</div>	25 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's  Trail Life 6-8:30pm	26	27 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm A.M. Fellowship & Fun 9:30	28 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm @ Brent's	29 FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	30 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 through 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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