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Journey Through the New Testament

January is a time for resolutions. This year as a part of your New Year's resolutions, why not join in a journey through the New Testament. We will be reading together about 7 chapters each week. The message each Sunday will come from a portion of the reading for the week. Joining the group is a great way to find support and accountability for reaching your goal. You can pick up a copy of the reading schedule on the table in the Narthex at church or find it on our web site, www.faihtedmonds.org. You could even partner with a family



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member or friend far away! What a great way to stay connected.

Crossways

Our first Crossways class is entering the final two units of study. The group which began in October 2006 will complete these two New Testament units by May.

A new group will be forming this fall. If you are interested in a serious survey of the Bible, this is a wonderful opportunity. Come and learn how God changed the world with a servant king.

You can talk to Phil Assink or any of the current class members to learn more: Sharon McGinnis, Bonnie Jakobsen, Melissa Assink, Jim and Val Evans, Colin Southcote-Want, Lora Petso, Clarice Duffy, April Haberman, and Kari Manning. Class participation is not limited to people at Faith Church.

Sanctity of Life Sunday

We praise and thank God for the gift of life and for that reason we will celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday on January 20th. Our partner, Bethany Christian Services, offers international and domestic adoption services, foster care services, orphan care, pregnancy counseling, and infertility services. If you know of anyone who could benefit from any of those services refer them to www.bethany.org. Look for the special bulletin insert on the 20th as a reminder to pray and thank God for the gift of life.

Coming Events

Ash Wednesday, February 6

Join us at the beginning of Lent with a simple meal at 6:30, and a DVD telling us of the amazing work of Roger and Sue Scheenstra in Africa.

VBS – July 14-18

Mark the date and invite your neighbors. Join us for a great week of ministry to children.

Creation Festival – July 23-26

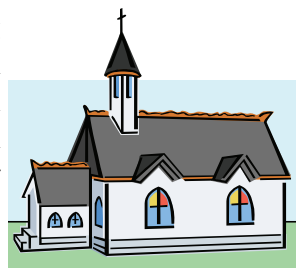
Our youth are planning to take a group to this outdoor music festival at the Columbia Gorge.

Family Camp – August 22-24

Mark this weekend for a great get away with family and friends from Faith.

New Consistory Installation

On Sunday, January 6 at 9:00 AM, we will celebrate the installation of Eddie Kwan as Elder and Wendy Nelson as Deacon. We will also be thanking Pat Dixon and Jim Haberman for their three years of service.



Kid's Valentine Craft Night

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for a Valentine Craft Night on Friday, February 8th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a great time making Valentine Crafts and enjoying yummy treats! Watch the bulletin for more information.



Fixers

On Monday, January 14, volunteers are invited to check in at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall to assist with various campus projects. A list of things that need tending to will be posted on January 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is served to all volunteers at noon.

Supper Clubs

On January 20, we will once again have an opportunity to participate in a supper club. This is a time when usually 6 to 8 people from church get together for a meal. You can either host the meal or sign up to be a guest. The host supplies the main course and the guests bring the remaining dishes. This is a great opportunity to get to know *other* people in the congregation. Look for signups in the bulletin. For more information contact Clarice Duffy at church or 206-542-6913.

NCD Survey

The Natural Church Development (NCD) survey is a program that is designed to help a church be as healthy as possible. In December, 30 people from a cross section of Faith Church filled out an assessment. These are being tabulated to help determine the best focus for Faith to take. The survey focuses on 8 areas that have been identified from research in thousands of churches

around the world. The 8 areas are Empowering Leadership, Gift-Based Ministry, Passionate Spirituality, Inspiring Worship, Loving Relationships, Need-Oriented Evangelism, Holistic Small Groups, and Functional Structures.

To maximize the insight and plans from the survey, we are working with a NCD Coach, Chuck Marr. Chuck will work primarily with our Church Health Team: Tim Sebens, Leanne Bough, Teri Peterson, Kurt Galley, and Phil Assink. At our annual leadership retreat in January, Chuck will begin to help us develop key insights. The Church Health Team will be conducting interviews with focus groups to help glean further insights from the church.

The Health Team will be communicating with the congregation in the coming year through the bulletin, newsletter, and presentations in church. Please contact any of the Health Team members if you have any questions or comments.

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