

“FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Church Family,

As I write this article, Vicki and I have been empty-nesters for about 2 ½ days. So, while I’m no expert on what this chapter of life holds, I can tell you that very little seems the same. Even stuff that is the same seems different and new. This morning, I mustered all my courage and ventured upstairs for the first time since we dropped off Adrianna, aka “the Princess” or “the punk”, at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ. I don’t want to overshare or embarrass myself, but to be perfectly honest, there was a good deal of trepidation as I ascended the staircase. That has always been the children’s domain. Going up there was always for the purpose of watching a family movie together, checking on a rowdy group of teens playing foosball, dropping off a basket of clean laundry or just lounging on a kid’s bed to catch up on life. This trip felt very different. The upstairs was strangely silent and the painful reality is that it’s going to be that way most of the time from now on. I stood in the hallway for a moment staring at her closed door and then decided it would be easier to start with the other rooms. I checked on the bedding in the guest suite, secured the curtains in the sleeping porch, pulled the bedding in Daniel’s room, and even cleaned the bathroom. At that point, I was out of options and either had to open her door or chicken out and try another time. There was a pregnant pause as I reached for the doorknob, then I bravely opened it and looked in. My first impression was, “Aw, she made her bed before she left and there aren’t piles on the bed.” I glanced around the room and then noticed a piece of paper on the bed next to a small, framed shadow box. The paper was actually a note from my loving daughter to her dad. It was short, sweet, and instantly choked me up. Then I picked up the shadow box, which held this message, “I love you to the moon and back.” I’m still choking up writing this little story. Goodness, I miss her. I ached when my son left for the Marine Corps, but he’s a young man. I tried to train him all his life to be a man, to do manly things, to be ready to take on the world and survive; so when he left, while I missed him and still do, it felt right. It was what is supposed to happen to a young man and ready or not, he had to go find out if he could make it. However, this is my baby, the princess, and I’m just not quite sure I’m ready for this. What if I didn’t prepare her well enough? There are certainly more things I could teach her, maybe she should’ve just stayed home for another couple of years while I adjusted to her growing up? And on and on it goes in my mind, but here I am, staring at this little shadow box and being reminded that while change happens, our hearts will always be knit together and amidst this new chapter of life, it’s probably going to be OK. Definitely different and very new, but OK.

Life is always changing and with every change comes new things: new seasons, new family members, new jobs, new challenges, and certainly new blessings. Over the next few days, most of our kids are starting school and with the new school year comes new opportunities to train your children to be fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. Your church is committed to standing with you in this new year and has been planning for youth groups, Ignite and Fusion, to relaunch, as well as AWANA. We are also starting a new sermon series that will be in partnership with several other churches in our community in celebration and acknowledgement of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Immediately after that, we will jump into a series through 2 Timothy entitled **To be continued! Live the truth and pass it on.** The fall brings opportunity for us to start afresh a lot of the ministries that are core to our church and with these new starts come opportunities to jump in and serve in a new way. My encouragement would be this, “new things can be really scary, but if we are willing to endure them, there is usually a sweet blessing on the other side that would have been missed if we hadn’t risked.”

I am so grateful and honored to serve the Lord here during these exciting days!

Pastor Daniel <><



AWANA STARTS SEPTEMBER 20

TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS:

- Download registration on our website
- Stop in the church office during business hours
- Fill out the form in the atrium

TO VOLUNTEER IN AWANA

Easthaven will be filled with over 100 children excited to join the AWANA clubs. YOU can be a large influence through the year in the lives of many kids. Please consider any of the following positions:

AWANA LEADER: Be faithful each Wednesday from 5:50-8:00 listening to children recite memory verses, cheer them on around the AWANA circle while competing in games, and encourage them weekly with their walk with Jesus. In this role, you will get the most one-on-one time with your clubbers.

AWANA VERSE LISTENER: Be faithful each Wednesday from 6:25-7:30 to support the leaders by listening to kids recite sections during Handbook time. We hope to have enough listeners to keep you with the same clubbers throughout the year so you can mentor and get to know them. This is an hour time commitment.

MEDIA: Be faithful each Wednesday from 5:45-6:25 to start the AWANA media, run the songs and AWANA motto, etc. Experience is not required.

SECRETARY: Be faithful each Wednesday from 5:40-8:00 to provide administrative support by maintaining attendance and achievement records, tracking inventory, and preparing rewards. If your gift is organization, then this may be for you!

GAME HELPERS: Be faithful each Wednesday from 7-8pm in assisting Matt Weller with games. Take record of winning colors, set up and tear down, and provide the records to the secretaries.

AWANA MUSIC: Be faithful each Wednesday from 7:00-7:30 to lead the 2-5 year olds in singing songs. No experience necessary, just a happy heart and excitement that spreads.

Our **LEADER PRAYER AND PREPARE NIGHT** will be Wednesday, September 13, 6:30-7:30. Please put it on your calendar and join us as we pray and prepare for the new year.



FALL QUARTER 2017

Wednesday Night Supper | 5-6pm

Adult Classes | 6:15-7:45pm Wednesdays

Childcare and AWANA | 6-8pm

Ignite & Fusion | 6:15-8pm

A COMPLETE GUIDE FOR CARING FOR AGING LOVED ONES

Facilitator: Erin Brotherton

Location: 75 Aspen Court, Kalispell

Time: 6:15pm on Wednesdays | Cost: \$20

This class will provide the practical, spiritual, and emotional lifeline you need for caring for aging loved ones. Topics include: burnout, mental, physical, and emotional changes in aging, medical, financial, and legal help from experts.

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

Facilitator: Jill Hembroff | Location: Pastor Daniel's Office

Time: 6:15pm on Wednesdays | Cost: \$14

Discover the root to clear communication with God and how surrender unlocks His many blessings, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in every day life.

PRECEPTS: HOW TO LIVE BY FAITH (HEBREWS)

Facilitator: Gail Macauley | Location: Room 206

Time: 6:15pm on Wednesdays | Cost: \$14

A Precept Bible Study that will help you learn how to keep your focus on Jesus and rely on His faithfulness during the busyness of life.

LEARN THE BIBLE IN 24 HOURS

Facilitator: George Lafemina | Location: Pastor Joey's Office

Time: 6:15pm on Wednesdays | No Cost

For those who have tried and failed to follow through on a plan to study the entire Bible, this is an ideal study aid to help grasp the big picture of Scripture.

MEN'S ROMANS STUDY

Facilitator: Pastor Matt | Location: Split Rock Cafe

Time: 6:15pm on Wednesdays | No Cost

Join Pastor Matt in this popular men's study as he presents the book of Romans in a clear, understanding way.

DIVORCE CARE

Facilitator: Pastor Mike | Location: Room 310 (conference room)

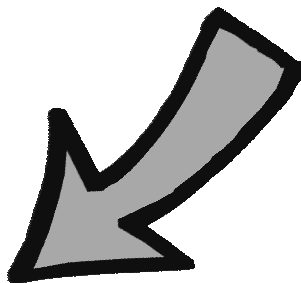
Time: 6:15PM on Wednesdays | Cost: \$20

Divorce Care is a biblical, Christ-centered divorce support group that helps apply biblical principles as you heal from the hurt of separation or divorce. God's Word brings hope and restoration! Please invite family, friends, and the community.

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MEN'S EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator: Justin McKerrow | Location: Atrium

Time: 6AM on Thursdays | Cost: \$10

Be inspired and equipped to pursue manhood modeled after Christ with these short sessions.

TRIM HEALTHY MOMMA

Facilitator: Susie Newton | Location: 206

Time: 10AM on Thursdays | Cost: \$20

Regain your health and lose those stubborn pounds with this easy approach to weight loss. Counting calories is out! Some have lost 25-40 pounds, lowered triglycerides, and/or cholesterol by 50-70 points using this program.

PRECEPTS: HOW TO LIVE BY FAITH (HEBREWS)

Facilitator: Gail Macauley | Location: Room 402

Time: 10AM on Thursdays | Cost: \$14

A Precept Bible Study that will help you learn how to keep your focus on Jesus and rely on His faithfulness during the busyness of life.

PRIMETIMERS (50+ BIBLE STUDY)

Teachers: Pastor Mike, Daniel, Matt, and Frank

Location: Atrium

Time: **10:30AM on Thursdays** | No Cost

Join in this 50+ daytime Bible study presented by our Easthaven pastors just for you!

Women of Prayer

Ladies, do you have a heart of prayer for our single gals and our widows? A prayer group of our sisters-in-Christ meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10am in Room 104, which is the baby care room located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Our goal is to have personal contact with the ladies on a monthly basis. Each month, the names are rotated so that each lady will be contacted at least twice a year by our group. We have beautiful handmade cards, which we send the ladies for their birthdays or other needs of remembrance. The bulletin will include our monthly meeting day and time each month. For questions, please contact Bev Morken at (406) 756-1394 or Joan Bennett at (406) 752-3261.

WHAT HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT EASTHAVEN?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

5:00-6:00PM

Fellowship with your church family before the night begins! Dinner is served from 5-6pm. Cost: Age 2 and under is free, 10 years and under is \$1.50, 11 years and older is \$2.50, not to exceed \$8 per family. Starts September 20.

AWANA

6:00-8:00PM

Awana meets on Wednesday nights and is for children ages 3 years to 5th grade. Starts September 20.

IGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:15-8:00PM

Ignite is an energetic ministry for Middle School students in grades 6-8. We have already started, join us this Wednesday!

FUSION HIGH SCHOOL

6:15-8:00PM

Fusion is an engaging ministry for High School students in grades 9-12. We have already started, join us this Wednesday!

NIGHTLIFE CLASSES

6:15-8:00PM

We offer a variety of adult classes that focus on life issues including topics from Priscilla Shirer, Precepts, Men's Bible studies, and more. We also have NEW daytime classes.

TO BE CONTINUED

L I V E T H E T R U T H . P A S S I T O N .

A STUDY OF
II TIMOTHY



OUR NEW SERIES STARTS IN OCTOBER
PICK UP YOUR STUDY GUIDE ON SEPTEMBER 17
AND GET INVOLVED IN A SMALL GROUP. CALL THE OFFICE
FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO GET INVOLVED.


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ATTENDANCE | GIVING RECORDS

AUGUST AVERAGES

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 851 | SUMMIT LIFE CHURCH: 40

FINANCIALS *(as of August 31, 2017):*

GIVING TO DATE: \$838,152 | BUDGET TO DATE: \$921,819 | GIVING VS. BUDGET: \$83,667 | YTD EXPENSES: \$873,038

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