



The Friendly Visitor

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Foothills Community Church

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(Affiliated with Village Missions)
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Monday-Friday 8am-2pm

God's Greatest Gift: Our Savior!

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24 ESV)

What a wonderful Thanksgiving we just celebrated together. The house was full of our family and we were able to reflect on God's gifts to us. We can look back on the year and see God's hand guiding us and providing for our every need.

No sooner did we get the leftover turkey and stuffing put away than the Black Friday ads hit the table. Black Friday is the traditional kick off to the holiday shopping season. It is estimated that over 81 million Americans were out shopping that day.

According to CNNmoney.com, a record \$54 billion was spent fulfilling Christmas lists this year.

It is hard to imagine celebrating Christmas in our day without giving gifts. We can trace the origin of gift-giving at Christmas back to the wise men and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Unfortunately, sometimes we have turned the joy of gift giving into merely an act of checking things off a "want list." How often do we truly look at what our friends and family *need*?

The best example we have of gift giving is God's gift of his only son. God didn't give us Jesus because we deserved Him, or because we asked for Him or even because we were entitled to Him. He gave us Jesus because

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we were lost and didn't even know we needed Him. We certainly don't deserve Him. Romans 3:23 tells us that we all fall short of the glory of God. Yet God still chose to give His son to us. He gave us exactly what we needed -- a Savior.

What's on your shopping list for your family this year? Will it be another video game? Or maybe it's that new toy that your daughter just *has* to have? Maybe another book or tie? It is my prayer that we will share the most important gift of all with our family and friends this Christmas. Share the gift that will meet their greatest need. Share Jesus this Christmas.

*If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.*

*If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.*

*If our greatest need had been money, God
would have sent us an economist.*

*If our greatest need had been pleasure, God
would have sent us an entertainer.*

*But our greatest need was forgiveness, so
God sent us a Savior.*

*(Unfinished Business, Charles Sell,
Multnomah, 1989, pp. 121ff)*

Pastor Brian

Welcome New Members!
Michelle and Kevin Pace
Andrea and Sean Syverson
Rob and Ashley Humbird



Women's Ministry Christmas Party **"Unwrapping the Gift of Christ"**

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 3, 9-11:30 am for a great time of celebration and fellowship including a potluck breakfast, Christmas carol singing, sharing from several women in our church family, gift exchange game, and an ornament craft.

What to bring: a breakfast item (egg dish, scones, muffins/breads, fruit, etc.); a wrapped gift for the exchange (\$5 limit); an optional contribution to our Winter Gifts Drive for Trentwood Elementary School (mittens, hats, scarves, sox). Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Child care available, provided by donation as a fund raiser for the young women's discipleship group.



Tues., Dec. 6th, 9-11:15
Contact Tracey Jurkovic
590-6698 for more
information



Sunday Morning

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Two services: 8:15 and 11:00

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am. Age 2 through Kindergarten meet in the basement of the church. Grades 1-6 and Jr. & Sr. High meet in the CE Bldg.

Junior Church for age 3 through grade 3 during the last half of the 11:00 service.

Adult Education

* **Deepening Your Roots in God's Family** led by John Garrison. Meet in Brian's office in CE Bldg. Goals: To develop a consistent walk with Christ in the areas of quiet time, prayer, scripture memory, and Bible study. Study book cost: \$13.50

* **Corporate Worship** - Led by Don Shearer in the Fellowship Hall.

* **Women's class** - To be determined.

* **Prayer Time** - Meets in Pastor Brett's office, C.E. Building. A time of praying for the needs of our body and church ministry.

* **Young Adult Class** - Study of Minor Prophets, led by Craig Opsal in the C.E. Bldg. Conference Room.

Nursery is available during all activities for babies and children **ages two and under.**



Weekly Bible Studies

Monday

6:30 pm at Melody Claridge's, 16207 E. MacMahan. "The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You," a study of the book of Acts, led by Sherrilyn Johnson. Call Sherrilyn at 891-5059.

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Emmaus Bible Survey Course led by Brent Runge, assisted by Matt Walsh. Meet in the CE Building Conf. Room. Cost \$25.

Wednesday

10:00 am at Donna Mahan's, 14201 E. Bigelow. "The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You," a study of the book of Acts led by Sherrilyn Johnson. Call Sherrilyn at 891-5059.

Thursday

6:00 am - Valley Men's Bible and Breakfast (all men are welcome) - Prayer, Bible study and breakfast at Denny's on Argonne. Call Clyde Rogers at 924-2072.

10:15 am - Women's Bible study and prayer at Anita Pederson's, 8526 N. Bruce Rd. "The Indwelling Life of Christ" led by Darlene Flinn. Call Anita at 928-5149.

Friday

9:30 am - Women's Bible study in the CE Conference Room. "10 Steps to Spiritual Renewal" from the book of Nehemiah by Dr. David Jeremiah led by Sheila Endicott. Call Sheila at 926-4581.

Weekly Care Groups

Sunday

6:00 pm - Rotating location. Study of Proverbs led by John Garrison. Call John at 280-7799.

Tuesday

7:30 pm at Chris and Marchauna Rodgers', 14215 E. Broadway. "The Truth Project" video series by Focus on the Family. Children welcome. Call Chris 979-2804.

Thursday

6:30 pm at Warren and Sylvia Riddle's, 13616 E. Mt. Spokane. Study of Romans led by Don Shearer. Call Don at 922-4542.

6:30 pm - Rotating location. Study of Psalms led by Terry Goodman. Call Terry at 999-9312.

7:00 pm at Claridge's, 16207 E. MacMahan. Study of Genesis, chapters 12-50, led by Dave Jackman. Call Dave at 927-8496.

Choir rehearsal

Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.



Feeding the Needy Among Us

We are collecting food for our Church food pantry which we will use to supply needy families in the church and the community. There will be a box labeled "Food Pantry" in the coming weeks in Fellowship Hall. At this time we are also collecting food for the Union Gospel Mission.



Missionary Tree of Sharing

We would like to encourage the Mason, Imus, and Dempsen families with gifts this Christmas. Please take a gift tag off the tree, buy the gift, wrap it, and put it back under the tree with the tag by Sunday December 18th.

Wanted: Manufacturer coupons from the Sunday papers. If you do not use the coupons - WE can! Coupons will aid in the Women's Ministry and MOPS programs. Please clip the coupons and deposit them in the collection box located on the counter across from the kitchen. Thank you!

Youth Worship

5:00 pm Sundays - Jr. and Sr. High Ladies Discipleship Group
led by Lauren Preston and Marchauna Rodgers

5:00 pm - Guys Basketball

6:00 pm Sundays - Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group

6:30 pm Wednesday - Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study - Fellowship Hall led by Brett Preston

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sat. Dec. 10th, 6:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHTER - Sat. Dec. 31st



Wednesday evenings - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Clubs are available for the following age groups:

Cubbies, ages 3-4; Sparks, Kindergarten-2nd grade

TNT, grades 3-6



Mark Your Calendar

GAP	Dec. 2, 16 (Christmas party), 30
Men's Breakfast	Sat. Dec 3, 7:00 am
WM Christmas Party (see details p. 2)	Sat. Dec. 3, 9-11:30 am
Quilt Group Christmas Party (Bring a plate of goodies and 25 2 ½" strips of batik fabric.)	Mon. Dec. 5, 7:00 pm
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	Tues. Dec. 6, 9:00 am
Widows' Group – Meet at Old Country Buffet for a Christmas brunch. Call Laura Wallin at 928-2783 if you have questions.	Sat. Dec. 10, 10:00 am
Sunday School Christmas Program (dress rehearsal Dec. 10, 9-11:30 am)	Sun. Dec. 11, 6:00 pm
Prime Timers	Tues. Dec. 13, noon
Christian Women's Club - Old Country Buffet	Thurs. Dec. 15, 8:45 am
Choir Cantata	Sun. Dec. 18, 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sat. Dec. 24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Day Service - One service only; No Sunday School	Sun. Dec. 25, 10:00 am
Friendly Visitor mailing	Tues. Dec. 27, 9:30 am
New Years Eve Service	Sat. Dec. 31, 7:00 pm
New Years Day Service - One service; no Sunday school	Sun. Jan. 1, 10:00 am



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