



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 Gift - New Life in Christ Jesus!

It's that time of the year when we point our focus toward the coming year, new beginnings, and New Year's resolutions.

By definition, a New Year's resolution is a commitment that an individual makes to one or more lasting personal goals, projects or the reforming of a habit. This resolution is usually a goal that we like to accomplish over the coming year. Maybe it is to become involved with a charity, or practice forgiveness, but usually they tend to revolve around our health. Health clubs and weight loss programs have an increase in membership every January. Forty-five percent of Americans set New

Year's resolutions. Unfortunately, only 8% of those people are successful in reaching their goals. I quit making New Year's resolutions several years ago when I realized that I was most often in that 8%.

The greatest change that ever happened to me in my life was not as the result of a resolution. It did not come about as a result of my own goals or determination. And yet it brought about the greatest change. It was the day when God gave me new life. It was the day that I was brought from death to life.

Notice how the Apostle Paul puts it:

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“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:1-5 ESV)

Paul is talking about a spiritual resurrection, not a resolution. It was not the result of Paul’s hard work, sacrifice or discipline. It is because of God’s great love and mercy that he gives new life.

As we look to the New Year and begin to make life-changing goals, let us be mindful that the greatest transformation in our lives was not a result of our determination. God has taken sinful people, dead in their

trespasses and gave them new life and eternal hope. Praise God for His mercy!

May the grace of our Lord be with you!

Pastor Brian



New Years Day

One service – 10:00 am

Gap and Youth Group Overnighter

Friday, Dec. 30th

7:00 pm – 7:00 am

Bring snacks or drinks if you want.

Pizza will be provided.

Fun night of games, video games, crafts

At 10:30-11:30 pm we will be at the Eagles Ice Arena for broom hockey



Tues., January 3rd, 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** - "A Beautiful Mind," Kay Arthur DVD series led by Nancy Arnhold. Meets in the church basement.

* **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 - Women's Bible study 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 - Women's Bible study 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.



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 and Activities

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 OVERNIGHTER - Fri. Dec. 30th, 7:00 pm

See details on p. 2



Begins again on January 4th

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

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
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	Tues. Jan. 3, 9:00 am
Men's Breakfast	Sat. Jan. 7, 7:00 am
Quilt Group	Mon. Jan. 9, 7:00 pm
Prime Timers	Tues. Jan. 10, noon
GAP	Fri. Jan. 13
Friendly Visitor mailing	Tues. Jan. 31, 9:30 am



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