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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

hen Julius Caesar sailed across the English Channel with his Roman legions, they were turned back at first by the Saxons. They made a second attempt to conquer the British Isles, but the Saxons, looking down from the cliffs, drove them away. The third time, however, once the Roman soldiers arrived on shore with all their equipment, Caesar ordered every one of their ships burned behind them. The men watched their own ships burn to the waterline and sink. With the last hope of retreat gone, the soldiers marched straight ahead into the fury of the Saxons, through greatly outnumbered. The Saxons ran away. The total commitment of the Romans led them to victory. As we head into a new year, we will do well to have this kind of total commitment to God. Instead of trusting in past successes we must move forward trusting in God. Instead of being defeated by past failures we must move forward trusting in God. Through total commitment to God all that might hold us back in our faith journey is burned up in the fire of our devotion for Christ. We can then move forward in the power of the Spirit and see what God has planned for us. I'm ready. Let's go!

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- Jan. 1 50-UP Game Day
- Jan. 5 Liberty Quartet
- Jan. 6 Upward Season Starts!
- Jan. 8 Lunch Bunch
- Jan. 10 Young Adult Retreat
- Jan. 12 Missionary Guests
- Jan. 13 Secret Sister Party
- Jan. 14 Ladies' Bible Study starts
- Jan. 15 Board Meeting
- Jan. 19 AWANA Sunday; House of Prayer
- Jan. 21 50-UP
- Jan. 24 Teen Retreat

Look what's happening...

<u>Liberty Quartet in Concert</u> January 5 @ 6pm Invite a friend and come enjoy this great night of music with us! We will be taking a love offering to support their ministry.

Single Again Lunch Bunch - You are invited to lunch at LeBaron's Honker Café on January 8 @ 1:30pm. Please RSVP with Bertie @ 208-800-7541 so she can reserve enough seats.

<u>50-UP January 21st @ 5:45pm</u> - Entertainment this month will be the Prime Time Swingers. We will be serving homemade soup, cornbread, rolls and more. The sign-up is at the Welcome Desk.

Secret Sister Reveal Party - January 13 @ 7pm Join us as we reveal the 2019 sisters and draw new names for 2020. Please bring a snack to share. Contact Tammy Wightman if you have questions.

Young Adult Winter Retreat - January 10-12

At the Stone Cabin in Council, ID Cost: \$35, includes elk sleigh ride Special Speaker: Jesse Buchholz

Deadline is January 2

Signup at BYAnazarene@gmail.com

Men's Retreat - Mark your calendars for February 7-9! We'll be headed back to Trinity Pines in Cascade. Cost is \$100 to be paid by February 5. Watch for the signup sheet on the Welcome Desk. Let Pastor Doug or Pastor Jim know if you have any questions.

<u>Ladies' Bible Study</u> We will be starting up again on Tuesday, January 14th @ 9:30am. The study is TBD. Please signup for childcare at the Welcome Desk.

<u>Ladies' Retreat</u> - Save the date for April 17-19, 2020 This year we will be headed up to Trinity Pines in Cascade. Cost will be \$115. More details to come.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

<u>Upward Basketball</u> - Practices start the week of *January 6* and the first game will be January 18. Check your email for your team schedule. This year concessions will be hosted by the **teens going to Guatemala this summer**. Stop by for a breakfast burrito, donuts, coffee or snack and support the teen mission trip!

<u>Christmas Cards!</u> Please check the "mailbox" in the foyer for cards you received for Christmas. Also, Carol Cox, our Children's Church teacher, collects used cards and calendars for special Christmas projects each year. If you would like please "recycle" your cards in the basket located near the mailbox. Thank you!

Missionary Service - Errol Carrim will be joining us again on January 12 @ 6pm. He will be bringing us an update from the Nazarene Theological College in South Africa. We will be taking a love offering to support his ministry.

<u>Bethel App</u> - Start the year out right and make sure you've downloaded our Bethel app. It's a great place to find sermons, sermon notes, current events and access to mobile giving. We also use it for last minute notifications on services and events. Call the office if you need help setting it up. Search "Bethel Naz 208" in your app store.

2019 Contribution Letters - Letters will be available by the end of January for donors having given \$250 or more in 2019. New this year is online access to your giving statement in Pushpay (for gifts given end of May - December). Once the statements are processed for the year, you can log-in to your Pushpay Account and find the statements there. It's also a great place to track your transactions throughout the year. Contact Amy in the office if you have questions.