

Chapel Communiqué



January 2019
Newsletter

Calendar of Events

January						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 2 7:00 pm – Elders & Deacons Meeting
- 3 7:00 pm – Bible Study & Prayer at the Chapel
- 5 7:30 am – 9:00 am – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
7:30 am – 9:00 am Ladies Prayer Fellowship
- 6 9:00 am – Sunday School
10:00 am – Morning Worship & Junior Church
6:00 pm – Aletheia Student Ministries
6:00 pm – Evening Service
7:00 pm – Missions Committee Meeting
- 9 2:00 pm – Service at AccuraCrescoCare
3:00 pm – Service at Evans Memorial Home
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – AWANA Clubs

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& Junior Church
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Pastor's Pen

"The New Season to be...!"

As sort of a spin off from a familiar phrase found in the traditional yuletide favorite '*Deck the Halls*' I've chosen "*Tis the season to be jolly*" so as to draw a spiritual parallel to; the way in which I believe God would desire the believer in Christ to conduct themselves before the watching world, not only for the new year, but throughout our lives as well.

Now while one certainly won't be able to discover the specific word "jolly" in the writings of Scripture yet the manifestation of "jolliness" ought to be found in one's life! From Daniel Webster's New World Dictionary one learns that the concept of being jolly implies "a consistently merry and joyful spirit" which I'd like to suggest comes not only from an attitude of one's "mind" but from one's walk with God! (See Philippians 4:8,9 and Galatians 5:22,23) both of which reveal that such a manifestation of joy...cannot be mustered up through the power of the flesh 'but' by the Spirit of God when one is led/controlled by the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit which has come to reside in the life of the believer in Christ upon conversion (Ephesians 1:13,14).

And while the manifestation of "joy" is not an absolute guarantee...it is though made accessible to the believer in Christ as a fruit/byproduct of being "filled with the spirit" along with "love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, against such there is no law". Thus if you wish for a New Year's Resolution I'd suggest the above!

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Jolly New Year!
Pastor Mike

Thank You

A word of thanks is in order to all of the beloved brethren who have come along Colleen and I in the past year. Your support in so many ways including a recent Christmas gift has not gone unnoticed by us nor our Heavenly Father. Psalm 34:3

Pastor Mike & Colleen

Ministry Reports

Missions The Missions Moment presenters' schedule for January is: on the 6th, Melissa Mattingly by Dennis Rogne; on the 13th, Jim & Jean Gillett by Nate Thorson; on the 20th, Aletheia by Brandon Ford; and on the 27th, Abi & Julie Ahumada by Stan Brandt.

January Music Schedule

on the 6th, Special Music the Sopha Sisters and Offertory by Mary Steen;
on the 13th, Special Music Nate Thorson, and Offertory by Sue Lenz;
on the 20th, Special Music by Dorette Fravel, and Offertory by Miranda Wilkes;
on the 27th, Special Music by Ladies Trio, and Offertory by Janna Vaalemoen.
Chris Haacke, Mary Steen, & Abby Gomez

AWANA Clubs

The schedule for January's Clubs' Nights:

Wednesday, January 2nd, No Awana – New Year's Break

Wednesday, January 9th, Noise Maker Night – 100 points!

Wednesday, January 16th, Bring a Friend Night – 200 points!

Wednesday, January 23rd, Talent Night and Wear Silly Socks Night – 100 points!

Wednesday, January 30th, Attendance Night – 100 points! Extra Sections Night!

Aletheia Student Ministries The Chapel's youth group is for grades 7 through 12.

The regular meetings are held at the Chapel in the Fellowship Hall, and all young people in that age group are welcome and encouraged to attend.

January Schedule

Friday the 4th, 9:30 pm – Saturday the 5th, 7:00 am – Lock in at the Fitness Center

Sunday the 6th, 6:00 pm – Game Night at AccuraCrescoCare!

Sunday the 13th, 6:00 pm – Large Group Night!

Sunday the 20th, 6:00 pm – Small Group Night!

Sunday the 27th, – No Aletheia!

Brandon Ford – Youth Director

Ladies

LUNCH BUNCH –If there is anyone who would be interested in planning these outings please call Jody at 563-547-5996.

Elders and Deacons

The Elders and Deacons met on Tuesday December 11th .

- The meeting was opened in prayer by Dana Fister.
- All members were present as well as our Youth Director Brandon Ford.
- Additional matters were added to the evening's agenda.
- Minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.
- Treasurer Milo Mettler gave a breakdown of a financial report where

November General Fund giving was	\$ 8,103.00
November Expenses were	\$ 11,325.83
November Missions Giving was	\$ 855.00
November giving toward the Building Fund was	\$1,100.00
which brings the Building Fund Balance to	\$320,990.39
- Various Chapel ministry reports were given including AWANA, Aletheia, Sunday School, as well as our Worship Services Outreach and Missions.
- Stan Brandt and Simon Hershberger gave a good report on our tree removal day.
- A revisiting of Chapel music was addressed once again.
- Stan Brandt reported that he is once again looking into a bus trip outing to watch the Twins.
- It was reported that someone has donated money to specifically purchase a construction lift so as to function as a safety measure to complete work projects around the Chapel from time to time.
- A date was set for our Annual Prayer and Planning Retreat for Saturday, January 12th, 2019.
- Discussion was given regarding an evaluation of ministry/job performances of Pastor Mike and Youth Director Brandon Ford.

Social Committee

Super Bowl Sunday is February 3rd and if anyone would like to open their home at 5:00 pm to enjoy the game together with food, football, and fellowship – that would be great! We would like 2-3 host homes with others bringing their favorite tailgate foods to enjoy. It is a great opportunity to invite some people to join the fun, get to know each other, and fellowship! Please let us know if you would like to open your home OR attend and we will find you a spot!

Learning to Sew with a Purpose

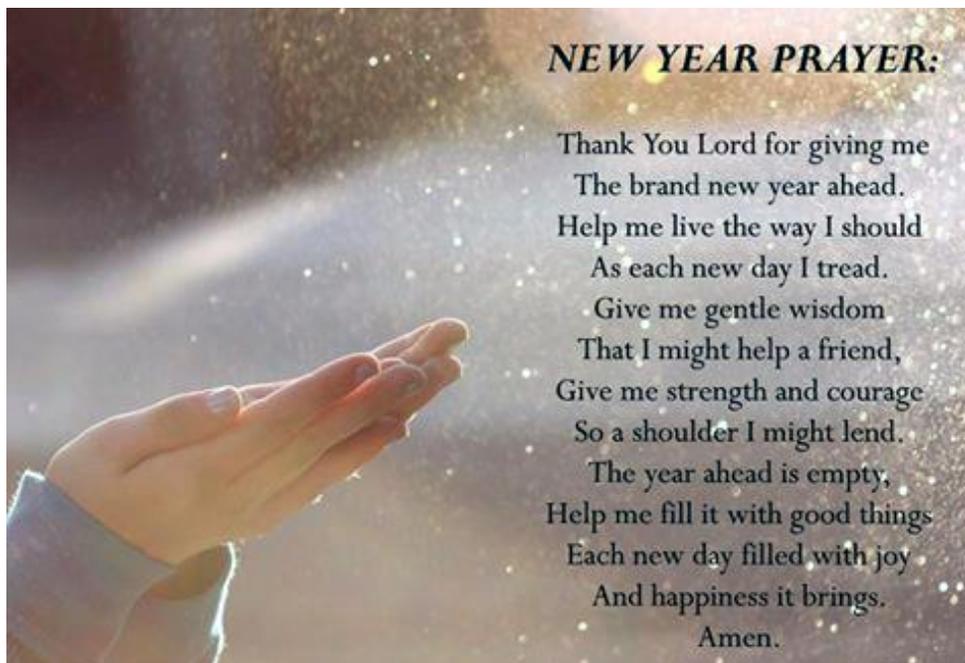
Saturday, January 26th from 9:00-4:00 we will offer a sewing day for young people who wish to learn how to sew and make dresses for little girls in other countries around the world. We are following the guidelines of ‘Dress A Girl Around the World’ started by Rachel Cinader from Leland, Iowa. In many countries, girls are not valued and having a pretty dress can help them to realize their value in the eyes of God. “*Imagine a world where every girl owned at least one dress*” – that is the goal. More information on that part later.

We will provide sewing machines to use, fabric, patterns, and embellishments, and lots of hands on help to teach you to put a simple dress together and make it pretty for someone else around the world.

We will have samples of dresses in the foyer and more information soon.

A sign-up sheet will help us know how many to plan for. If you already to know how to sew (adult or youth), please join us as we construct these dresses.

Mary Steen, Katie Mast, Sandy Thorson, Kari Waterbeck, Julie Wilkes & Michelle Busch



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