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First Things First

Thinking about New Year's Resolutions? Afraid you can't keep them?

How about arranging your priorities by putting God first? - He will never disappoint you!

"But seek **FIRST** His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"

Matthew 6:33

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the **FIRST** and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Matthew 22:37-39

"Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be **FIRST**, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself

fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, **FIRST** take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.' "

Luke 6:42

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not **FIRST** sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

Luke 14:28

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me **FIRST**."

John 15:18

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: **FIRST** for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

Romans 1:16

"For what I received I passed on to you as of **FIRST** importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

I Corinthians 15:3-4

"Now about the collection for God's people... on the **FIRST** day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..."

I Corinthians 16:1, 2

"...they gave themselves **FIRST** to the Lord..."

2 Corinthians 8:5

"...in order that we, who were the **FIRST** to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:12

" 'Honor your father and mother' which is the **FIRST** commandment with a promise."

Ephesians 6:2

"I urge, then, **FIRST** of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone."

I Timothy 2:1

"**FIRST** of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires."

2 Peter 3:3

"We love because He **FIRST** loved us."

I John 4:19

Honor the Lord FIRST!

Church Family News

Congratulations to Justin & Shauna Vaughan whose son Isaiah (3) was officially adopted on December 1.

Congratulations to Chris and Jessica (Ward) Matos who adopted three children on December 1. They welcomed Jacqueline Ava (9), Manuel Joshua (6) and Esmeralda Grace (3). Congratulations also to Greg and Jann Ward, the proud grandparents.

Military News: Please pray for Jason Huddleston who will be deployed to the Middle East on the first of the year. Jason is in the Air Force.

New Year's Eve



December 31
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Friendly Foods & Family Movie

Please bring a hearty fingerfood and a dessert fingerfood plus noise makers!



Winter Sunday School Classes

Adults:

Continuation of the "Stranger on the Road to Emmaus" DVD series - The author of the book, John Cross teaches from Biblical locations. You will learn so much from this course - it is a clear and simple explanation of the Bible!

"Prayer Time" - come together with other believers to pray - meets in Pastor John's office.

Bible Class - Pastor Ron Campbell is continuing on in the book of **I Peter**.

We also offer graded Sunday School classes for kids!

BRING your family to Sunday School!

Church Finances

As of 11/30/2010

Budget \$337,397 (11 months)
 General Offerings \$270,072 (11 mo.)
 Actual Expenses \$287,979 (11 mo)

Our church board is well aware that we are spending more than what is coming in. Because of this, they have prayerfully prepared the 2011 budget which totals \$321,907 (a difference of \$46,162 LESS than the 2010 budget).

May God bless you for your faithful giving.

Your 2010 tax statements will be out by Jan. 30. If you are in need of it earlier, please call the church office.

Thank-You!

Thanks to the many different ways that you have shown your generosity! We sent our missionaries a nice Christmas gift, many of you brought AWANA store items and your giving of food and donations for the Holiday baskets has not gone unnoticed! "God loves a cheerful giver!"

Women's Study - If you are interested in the Beth Moore Study, "Daniel", please call the church or sign up in the foyer. Cost is \$18 for the workbook.

Youth News:

Discipleship - Fragrance or C.O.B.R.A.S on every other Thursday night to dig in the Word! See calendar.

Youth Group Meetings:
Jr. High - Wednesdays, 6-8 pm
High School - Sundays, 6-8 pm

Next Potlunch...
 January 30, 12 noon

Plan to bring a dish or two and stay after church to eat & fellowship together!

Other Events

For men....

Men's Discipleship Study
 Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Men's Prayer at the Purple Plum
 Thursdays at 6:30 am

Biblical Role of Men
 in the home
 Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Coming in January...

Financial Peace University - taught via DVD's by Dave Ramsey! You will be amazed at how much God cares about your financial picture and desires you to free up your debt

to be a blessing to Him and others! It all starts Jan. 3 with the free preview and the classes for those who register run from January 17 - April 11.

Coming Up beyond January...

February 5 AWANA WEEK-END (Games & Quizzing in Redding)

February 19 Baby Shower for Chelsea Hall

March 27 AWANA Grand Prix

April 17 Easter

October 5-8 Berean National Convention here!!



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25



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NEW **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



BETH MOORE

Starting Tuesday
 January 18
 10:00 am
at the Church
 &
 6:00 pm
at Karen Zimelman's

DANIEL

LIVES OF INTEGRITY
 WORDS OF PROPHECY

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
CLASSES START SOON!

Financial Peace University is a program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth and live like never before!

- ◆ January 3, 6:30pm Free Preview Class
- ◆ January 17 ~ April 11, 6:30pm FPU classes for registrants

1st 10 family units to pay for registration get a free additional book!