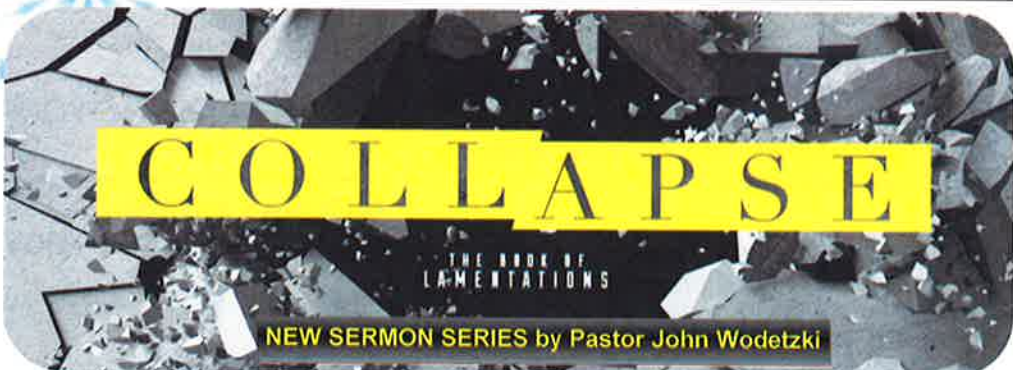




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Beginning the second week of January, we will be looking at some of the attributes of God. Jeremiah wrote about God's holiness, mercy, goodness, patience and His grace. During Jeremiah's reign, God punished the people because of their sin and their disobedience.

As we begin 2017, many of us are hoping that this year will not be a repeat of last year. For many of us, 2016 was a year of loss and sadness, one of hardship and distress. It is good to know, however, that when we are going through a difficult time, or are suffering loss, that our God is not made out of stone or out of wood. By studying the scriptures, we can better understand who our God is and how He responds to those same situations.

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" (NASB)

Lamentations 3:22-24

What's happening with FlipSide this month?!

All this month at FlipSide we will be talking about Identity. In a world where it is so important, who is shaping our identity. We will be looking at 4 main areas where our identity is affected- *Image, Choices, Relationships and Accomplishments*.

January 15th – Lock-in- We will meet at 6 pm and end at 6 am!
Cost is \$5 per student. Sign up in the youth room! We will have food, inflatables, 9 Square, Photobooth and more!!!



January Club Nights:

- January 4—Regular Club Night
- January 11—Backwards Night
- January 14—Grand Prix Workshop
- January 18—Regular Club Night
- January 21—Grand Prix Workshop
- January 25—Regular Club Night
- January 28—Grand Prix Event Day!

It's NEVER too late to join us! 6 pm each Wednesday!



He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. Ecclesiastes 3:11

BAD WEATHER CLOSING PROCEDURE:

As in years past, FFC will be delayed/closed of ALL activities including the office & counseling) if Oak Hills Local School District is closed or on a delay. Please stay tuned to all your local TV stations for updates as well as our website. Thanks!
(there may be exceptions made depending on when snow falls)



Kingdom Kids Update Knowledge is a response to the character of God.

When kids turn about four years old they start asking, "Why?" It's like suddenly a switch flips and they begin to string together their questions in an attempt to understand everything around them. And this continues throughout life. Watch an eight-year-old for very long and you can become convinced that everyone is wired with a natural curiosity to discover what we don't know and go where we haven't been.

God designed people in such a unique way—different from the rest of creation—to pursue finding the answers to life's hidden secrets. The very fact that we naturally pursue knowledge is proof that there is a God. It's actually genius that God would make us in such a way that we are always discovering, wondering, exploring, innovating, improving, and solving. He wants us to pursue knowing more, because He wants us to know Him more.

The most important thing you can do for young kids is to invite them into the story about a really big God. It's a story that will always be bigger than they can explain or imagine, but God invites them to spend a lifetime discovering who He is and how He loves them.

Jesus helps us know God better.

If you want to know who God is and how God loves, look to Jesus. When Jesus stepped foot onto the planet, God was once and for all with us. John writes this about Jesus, The Word became a human being. He made his home with us. We have seen his glory. It is the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father. And the Word was full of grace and truth. (John 1:14, NIV) As we dig deeper into the story of Jesus, we discover more about how God desires a relationship with us and invites us to help Him spread the message of Jesus throughout the world. To do that, we need to know God through Jesus.

That's why we think it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about knowledge—discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do. We want kids to know that God is real, God made them and all things. We hope they leave this month believing that when they discover something new about God, they are learning the best way to win at life.

Operation Christmas Child

We are setting a goal for FFC of 100 boxes to be donated in 2017. Will you help us?

The recommended item for **January is hats, gloves and scarves**. Many of these items will be on clearance so please grab a few!

Of course, if you find an incredible deal on something for the boxes, feel free to donate any item, at any time!

If we only spend a few dollars each month, we can bless so many children with these boxes!

We are asking everyone to pray for this ministry and consider helping us reach our goal.

Linda Widener & Gaylynn Ramsaur

Our Memory Verse for January comes from Psalm 119:105.

In Psalm 119:105, we read, "Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me." (NIV) When we dig into God's word, we start to know how God wants us to live. God's words act like a lamp that shows us the next steps to take on our journey through life. God's word points the way towards a growing relationship with Jesus.

We will spend the month of January taking a closer look at the way knowledge shows up throughout the Gospels. ~submitted by Linda Widener

Kingdom Kids- Prek and Toddlers

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you had a fantastic Christmas season filled with joy and laughter and love. Now that our preschool friends have heard that Jesus was born, it's time for them to learn that He is with them ALL THE TIME and He is all they need.

Throughout the month, our children will hear how Jesus was there for people in the past. He was there when the blind man needed Him. He was there when a man lowered from the roof by his friends on a mat needed Him. He was there to heal the deaf man and the lepers who needed Him. He was there to calm the storm when the disciples needed Him.

Just like He was there when all these people needed Him in the past, He will be there when we need Him in the future.

**That's what we want to plant in the hearts of our preschoolers this month.
Jesus is all we need, and He's with us ALL THE TIME.**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Craft Club

CRAFT CLUB YEARLY PLANNING MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 7:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME AND BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR 2017

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Start date TBD, Cost TBD

Beth Moore's series

"Entrusted" A Study of 2 Timothy
We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret.

God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves.

In this 6-session Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness.

More information on cost soon.
See Marilyn Bunger or Patti Thielen with questions.

Divas Digging Deeper

One of our Ladies Sunday School Class

New Bible Study on Prayer [inspired by the movie, War Room] begins January 8th, 2017.

The study guide is now \$7.80 and the Battle Plan for Prayer is now \$9.75. The total for both is \$17.55. Please pay Monica.

Through this 5-session Bible study, believers will be called to evaluate their spiritual life and growth, to uncover their true character, to trust in the God of grace, declare victory over their true Enemy, and discover that prayer really is a powerful weapon.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

Quarterly Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 9th,
@ 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall
WE WILL BE COMPILING THE 2017 CALENDAR

AND DISCUSSING OUR FUTURE.
Join Us! All Women Welcome!

A New Year - By Pastor Josh Taylor

Often times as a new year starts, people dive into resolutions. Whether it be to lose weight or quit smoking the list is really endless. For Christians though, I think that God isn't all that interested in our resolutions. If you think about it, resolutions are something we hope to do but usually never follow through with. I really don't think God wants us to not follow through.

We can allow ourselves to get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of this world and the things we want to change here we tend to forget about that other place. Ya know, the one Jesus said He was going to prepare for us. God wants us to be worried about heavenly things, eternal things.

That's why I don't think He's all that interested in our earthly resolutions, broken promises or lack of follow through. He wants us 100% sold out, dug in and committed to Him and His kingdom.

This next year is full of opportunity. That opportunity could go many different ways, but let me urge you that God loves you and He wants your full attention. He wants you serving Him and serving His people. That's His desire for all of us. Not how much weight we can lose or what bad habits we can break. Now don't get me wrong, doing those things is good too! But, serving God has to be number one. Our attention to Him above everything else has to be the most important priority each and every day.

So, if you were thinking about a resolution this year make an adjustment to it. Yes, still try to get in better shape and break those bad habits, but make Him the main priority because in the end, it's not about how great your figure is or whether you stopped biting your nails. It's all about our relationship and our service to the One who gives us everything! **Let's get excited about serving God and focusing on Him in 2017!**

Indoor Park

re-opens January 10, 2017.

Open 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

See Jan Leonardi,
Ministry Coordinator to help.



Cards for



Encouragement

"Reaching out with love" Card Ministry

Visitation & Cards Ministry for the month of January:

Dot Stoekel (Beth Sullivan's mom)

Aria Northgate Park— 9191 Round Top Road, Apt.318
Cincinnati, OH 45251

you can pick up free greeting cards to send at the ministry information table

God's Promises

G O D S W O R D A S B P I U
R C O V E R I N G I L V J S
S F A T H E R S S C E E T O
L D E S E R T A S C S O H O
P R O V I S I O N U S D E C
W I G P E A C E S J I E A I
V C A T G U I F I S N I L S
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S O C D L T S E S I M O R P
N A E O S C P H Y S I C A L

FAITHFULNESS
PROMISES
HAPPINESS
BLESSINGS
JESUS
FATHER
HOPE
LOVE
PHYSICAL
DESERT
PEACE
GODS WORD
FACTS
COVERING
HEALING
PROVISION
FINANCES



Sunday Jan. 8th at 2 PM is the annual Soul Sister Christmas Party

Ladies. The Soul sister Christmas Party Reveal and gift exchange for the past year will be held at Sharon Engleman's home on Sunday Jan. 8th at 2:00 PM. We will be celebrating with one another, sharing a wide variety of food, planning the 2017 events/outreaches as well as revealing this past years secret sister. So please bring your calendars as we will be planning the upcoming events for the entire year. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Sharon Engleman via sengleman10@gmail.com or a simple phone call at 252-5191. If you are currently a member and can not attend please get your gift to me ahead of time for your secret sister so that she has a gift to open at the party. Also let me know if you want to sign up for the 2017 year and I will draw a ladies name for you. If attending the party please bring a appetizer/ horderves to share.

The Awana Grand Prix™ is fast approaching!

This pine-wood derby style race is an awesome time for families and friends to cheer on their Awana Clubber.

This event has a 45-year-plus track record of fun and excitement. Clubbers create their very own Grand Prix race cars from kits consisting of a block of wood and a set of wheels and axles. They then go head-to-head with other clubbers' cars on race day. The top designs and fastest cars receive special awards while all competing clubbers earn a participation ribbon.

The best part is we take a 10 minute intermission and share the Gospel with the crowd! It's great to have fun events. It's even better when you share the best news ever with everyone at the event!

We also have several workshop days prior to race day where kids can come and work on their cars. Many of them don't have the capability to do so at home so we want to make sure and provide a time for them.

You may be asking how you can help. If so, here is the answer! We need some people to help on the workshop



days. If you have tools and are good with woodworking, we could really use your help! If you have past experience making these type of cars, even better! All of the dates for the event will be listed below. Please contact Pastor Josh as soon as possible!

Workshops: January 14th and 21st from 9am-11am
Race Day: January 28rd from 10am-Noon

Also, it's not too late to sign up! Cost is \$15 per entrant!
Contact the office today!

AWANA = Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed!

Tithing Alternative

God and His Word (the Bible) do not change. But virtually everything else does, including ways to give to Faith Fellowship Church (FFC). Due to technological advances and the preferences of younger generations, FFC offers the following ways of giving or tithing for you to consider:

Auto Tithing: FFC has access to the Fifth Third Bank on Line System which permits weekly, semimonthly, or monthly automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings accounts. Several members are using this method now. FFC receives 100% of your giving with "Auto Tithing". Enrollment forms are available at the Greeters Desk or contact the office.

Offering envelopes: The traditional way of giving at FFC continues. Envelopes help the church connect cash contributions to individual donors for tax purposes. Envelopes also promote privacy and provide members with a reminder.

Online giving: This is available through the use of a credit card, a debit card, or Pay Pal on our website (GoFFC.org). Online giving, of course, can be done through a Smart Phone.

A gift of securities: You may ask your broker to transfer shares of stock electronically from your account directly into FFC's account.

Life insurance / IRA: You as the insured, may name FFC as the beneficiary, or as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy. The insured may also contribute a paid-up policy to the church.

Bequest by Will: Consider designating FFC as a primary or contingent beneficiary.

Non-cash items: A donation of jewelry, art, or real estate may be transferred to the church in order to avoid capital gains tax.

Memorial gifts: In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to FFC to commemorate the life of those that have deceased.

Kroger & GFS Rewards: Please link your Kroger credit cards to FFC. Tell the cashier at GFS to use Faith Fellowship Church. FFC receives rewards based on your usage. FFC has received about \$1,000 per year in these programs.

Please contact Mike Peppers with questions.
Thank you for your faithfulness and may God Bless You.

Van Ministry

FFC owns two 12 passenger vans. The church vans are used periodically to transport our youth and children to retreats and to other activities. They are also used during our annual mission trip as well as occasionally by the women, men or other ministries of the church. However, at least one van is used weekly to transport from 3 to 7 or more people to and from church every Sunday. The vans are also used weekly to transport 7 or more children to AWANA each Wednesday. The Van Ministry appears to be growing as recently FFC vans transported 15 children to AWANA. If you are interested in being part of the Van Ministry, please contact Mike Peppers. Thank you.



Contact Us



Sunday Schedule

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship
6:00 pm - FLIPSIDE Youth Meeting

Coffee Shop open Sunday's
9:00 am - 10:45 am

Library open Sunday's 9 am—12:00 pm & during weekly business hours upon request.

Wednesday Weekly Schedule

5:00 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm Awana,
6:15 pm Bible Study

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Submit prayer requests to
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COME WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS at 9:30 for Sunday School · 10:45 Worship · Wednesday activities start at 5:00 pm

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