

December 29, 2009

The church office will be closed on January 1.

Want a different New Year's Resolution? How about simply living an obedient life unto the Lord. That's probably the simplest resolution to make... because when you are committed to honoring Christ by living in faith and being obedient the other "stuff" is a little easier to deal with. "Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord, not for man." Can you imagine if we all did that? "Whatever you do." **WHATEVER!** And we do a lot... we eat, speak, work, play, exercise, eat, play, sleep, sing, teach, walk, learn, mentor, tithe, give to others, pray, drive, hunt, farm, fish, ...whatever you do... period.

How about it church family... are you ready to make a difference in 2010?

Children's Ministry and You

The ministry we offer to families and their children is continually being refined/improved. While some things remain always (Biblical truth, integrity, love for children, fun and safe environment to learn, etc.) some things are bound to change to better meet the needs of the child, growth/additions, and vision for Children's Ministry. We've got a great team involved personally in leading preschool and children who are well aware of the need to adapt and think quickly. Children are prone to change attitudes rather sudden at times, and when working with children, we must always have a variety of options available and think fast. Also important... children have a need for the simple things too. Nothing overly complex, just simply letting them know you love them and letting families know that FBC is a place they can grow together while finding support and encouragement from other families going through the same seasons of life. When you're ready to join our growing Children's Ministry Team and make an eternal impact in the lives of kids and families, call Brother Wes. We'll find a place of service for you and a place where you can express and develop your spiritual giftedness. Come and see!

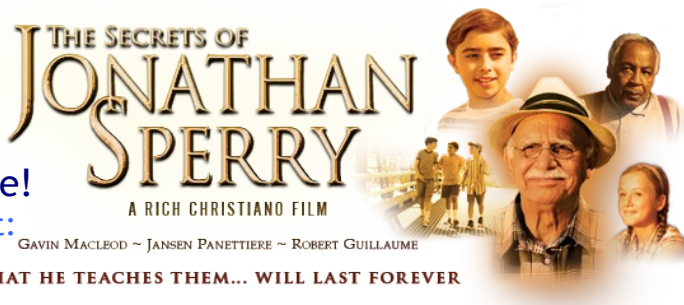
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Check your family and personal calendars for the dates. Make plans to not only be here, but bring a friend or family member and be prepared to be involved. God has a plan for you; don't miss out.

January 3: Dinner and Movie!

Come have dinner in the fellowship hall with your family and then join us for a great movie!

See trailers and promotional interviews at:
<http://www.sperrymovie.com/>



January 5: J.O.Y. Group - 10:00 am - 55 or a day older? Come join us for a time of Bible Study, Fellowship, and covered dish luncheon.

January 10-13: January Bible Study - this year we will be looking at several parables in the book of Matthew. The title is Stories for Life, Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew. Our guest teacher is Dr. Harold Bryson. Begin preparations now by reading through the book of Matthew during the month of December.

January 15-16: DiscipleNow Weekend - Youth... are you signed up yet? Check with your Sunday School groups leaders and the Wednesday night crew at the Lighthouse.

January 13 (Wednesday) and January 17 (Sunday) - Ladies Bible Study begins. This is the second part of the Precept Revelation Study. Wednesday at 9:00 am and Sunday at 4:00 pm.

January 24 - Ladies Ministry Tea: This is the new date for the rescheduled Ladies Ministry table talk and fellowship. Fellowship Hall. 3:00pm.... *The Ladies Bible Study (Revelation part 2) begins on this date also: 4:00pm.*

February 5-6: **FBC Woodstock 2010 Men's Conference.**



A great event for men determined to become the men God called them to be. You'll be challenged and encouraged. The sign-up list is ready for your name. Costs: \$71 plus at least 2 meals.

If you'd like even more information, here's the link:

<http://www.johnnyhuntmensconference.com/default.asp>

(As a side note... if you're looking for something to give to a man "who has everything" this is it! Send him to FBC Woodstock for the 2010 Men's Conference. You'll be making an investment!)

Looking for something to consider in your prayers this week?

Over the last several months many of our brothers and sisters in Christ have felt the harsh sting of losing a loved one. Those moments are never easy, and the days and weeks following can be lonely. There are also many who are struggling with incredibly difficult health issues, relationships that are being torn apart, and some facing financial and career challenges. Friends, we are definitely a church in need of prayer and encouragement. While we will surely agree that our God is faithful and His mercy endures forever, many simply need your words of encouragement. When you think of your brother or sister over the following days be mindful to voice a prayer of intercession to our Father in Heaven... that Christ will be glorified in everything and that the world will know there is a God in heaven. May you have a most blessed 2010 as you remain faithful to the task He has given.