

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2-10

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
 Communion
 Jr. High Youth return from Winter Blast

TUESDAY 2-12

Noon—Community Prayer

WEDNESDAY 2-13

3:45-5:00 p.m.—AWANA
 6:00-7:30 p.m.—Jr. High Youth Group
 7:45-9:15 p.m.—High School Youth Group

FRIDAY 2-15

Office Closed

SATURDAY 2-16

10:00 a.m.-12:00—Come & Go Baby Shower for
 Dan & Jamie Kruger

SUNDAY 2-17

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

REMINDERS

This Week

Nursery (9:00) Paul & Jana Loesch
Nursery (10:40) Tyler & Hannah Harmon
Greeters: Ken & Beth Rasmussen
AWANA Cookies: Chris McNeese, Shaun
 Brown, Sheila Nielsen

Next Week

Nursery (9:00) Denise Johnson
Nursery (10:00) Rob & Kristin McNeese
Greeters: Jim & Shannon Nielsen
AWANA Cookies: Kim McNeese, Vickie Swanson,
 Beth Rasmussen

GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$6,600

General Fund Offering—February 3: \$6031.37

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for these people with health issues or other concerns

David Peterson	Josh Johnson	Nancy Anderson	Mathew Dallman
Bev McNeese	Doug Kneisel	Cindy Kumsher	Evelyn Hill
Paul Swanson	Floyd Cutshall		

- For God to give us a passion to see Christ move in our community
- Servicemen & Women—including Kelly Anderson—National Guard
- Missionaries including Ken & Deb Quintus—On Common Ground Ministries
- Sunday School—including Adult Bible Class—Teachers—Larry Fox & Ray Christensen
- Life Group Leaders—including Paul Smith
- Youth Pastor—Pastor Jesse
- Please pray for Pastor Randal & Linda Kay as they begin their ministry here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL LADIES — The Ladies Bible Study will be February 21-March 28 where we'll be studying Precepts Ministries, "Breaking Free From Fear." Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS—The Membership class, led by Pastor Randal, which started last Sunday will be meeting in Room 5 & 6. (the first room past the rest rooms). This class is expected to last approximately 6 weeks.

PLANNING MEETING TODAY for a BRIDAL SHOWER for KATIE UKEN bride to be of KENTON SCHRODER. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please meet in the Fireside Room right after the Morning Service. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to help, please contact Jan Charbonneau (641-512-0245). The Bridal Shower is planned for March 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER for Dan and Jamie Kruger's baby. This will be Come & Go from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on February 16th.

BRIDAL SHOWER— If you would like to help with a bridal shower for Kelly Anderson, daughter of Chuck & Tonya Anderson, on February 23, please contact Janice Bertilson, Chris McNeese or Becky Nielsen.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

The best way to register is through www.hacamps.org. To receive a **\$20 early discount**, do so before **March 31st**. Also our church will pay \$168 for all camps \$335 or more and 50% for the camps under that amount. **To receive this, you must tell Kim McNeese** that your child is registered and for which camp. If you have any questions, contact Kim at: 641-860-0850 or mcneesemama@gmail.com



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"WE ARE FAMILY"

Notes

The Shepherd's Staff
Pastor Randal

It's All Relative

I never thought I would say that +8° is balmy, but considering that it is now -27° outside, I look forward to it warming to the "warmth" of 8°. You can see that it's all your vantage point, things like temperature can be relative. But if truth be known, cold is cold! It's a time of testing for this Southern California boy.

Though things like temperature can be relative, not everything else can be. Take sin for example. The Bible makes it clear that all are sinners, Romans 3:23 states, "*All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.*" *We are in desperate need of God's abundant grace and thankfully it is available to each of us. The Apostle Paul writes, "for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 6:23) *Sin may be always lurking like a roaring lion, but thanks be to God, His abundant love is so much greater.* (John 10:10)

How do we keep our spiritual pipes from freezing? It's by keeping a warm heart to the things of the Spirit of God. We are called not to dwell upon the things of the flesh, but to "*keep in step with the Spirit.*" (Galatians 5:25) *And how do we do that? It comes from dwelling on things of the Spirit like, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."* (Galatians 5:22-23)

As we wait for the gentle warming of spring, let us keep the water flowing in our spiritual pipes by allowing the Holy Spirit to flow in our lives, and let us pray for an early spring when all things become new. (Revelation 21:5)

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