

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2-24

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

TUESDAY 2-26

Noon—Community Prayer

WEDNESDAY 2-27

3:45-5:00 p.m.—AWANA
 6:30-9:00 p.m.—Combined Youth Group

THURSDAY 2-28

6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

FRIDAY 3-1

Office Closed

SATURDAY 3-2

10:00 a.m.-Noon—Come & Go Bridal Shower
 for Katie Uken

SUNDAY 3-3

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
 3:00 p.m.—Westview Service

REMINDERS

This Week

Nursery (9:00) Dennis, Lori & Shayna
 Ostercamp

Nursery (10:00) Brady & Hilary Wilson

Greeters: Gene & Deb Uken

AWANA Cookies: Ren Kahlstorf, Cathy
 Lemay, Nancy Anderson

Next Week

Nursery (9:00) TBA

Nursery (10:00) Jamie & Sheila Nielsen, Eden
 Nielsen

Greeters: TBA

AWANA Cookies: Katrina Peterson, Marge Ball,
 Kelsey Units

GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$6,600

General Fund Offering— \$6,222.00

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	Marv Johnson	Family of Loella Perkins
Bev McNeese Family			

- For God to give us a passion to see Christ move in our community
- Servicemen & Women—including Robert Goerish
- Missionaries including Michelle Hill—Family Life
- Sunday School—including Preschool Class—Teachers—Amber Nielsen & Hannah Harmon
- Life Group Leaders—including Paul Christians
- Youth Pastor—Pastor Jesse
- Please pray for Pastor Randal & Linda Kay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFEGROUP LEADER MEETING—There will be a meeting for all Life Group Leaders today after the Morning Worship in the 7th & 8th Room at the end of the North hallway.

BRIDAL SHOWER— There will be a Come & Go bridal shower for Katie Uken on Saturday, March 3 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the church. They are registered at Wal-Mart, The Market and White Barn Picket Fence.

ALL WOMEN — Stop by the table in the foyer today to pick up your book or sign up for "Breaking Free from Fear" the Precepts Inductive Bible Study. This will be a 6 week study and will begin Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Books are \$9. Childcare will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS—The Membership class, led by Pastor Randal, which started February 3 will be meeting in Room 5 & 6. (the first room past the rest rooms). This class is expected to last approximately 6 weeks.

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE— There will be no Worship Team practice this Thursday, February 28, due to an overlap with the Women's Bible Study.

STAMP MINISTRY—We will no longer be collecting cancelled stamps to be processed for sending to Missions.

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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"ACTIVE LISTENING"

Nehemiah 8:1-18

Notes

The Shepherd's Staff Pastor Randal

Thin Places

When we hear the phrase, "thin place" our minds most likely go to a gym or a weight loss clinic, but today I would like us to consider that space where we feel closer to God. The ancient Celtic Christians believed that the distance between heaven and earth was about three feet, in other words, not that far apart. They also held to the idea of thin places, places where people are drawn toward God. A place, maybe a church or a unique location, in nature. These thin places opened their hearts to a deeper sense of God's holy presence and to His abiding peace.

This past week two dear saints crossed from this life into the presence of God. Both Loella Perkins and Bev McNeese loved and served the Lord faithfully and their passing leaves a huge hole in the hearts of those who knew them. In some ways, their passing has brought some to that thin place, the place where God seems that much closer and heaven that much more real.

Thin places are not mentioned in Scripture by name, but they are there. Places where bushes burned without being consumed, where one is hidden in the cleft of the rock, or dreamt of a ladder ascending toward heaven. These, and other places, in the Scriptures speak of those special encounters where the presence of God was that much clearer and dearer.

The psalmist penned, "*How lovely is Your dwelling place O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD...for a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*" (Psalm 84) My prayer for you is that you will discover those thin places where you are drawn closer to the courts of the LORD and can drink more deeply at the fountain of God. And for those of you who suffer grief, may you come to know the closeness of the Lord and His abiding peace.

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