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# FAITH FIRST

**'Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him'**

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV

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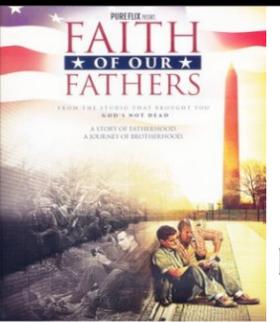



**FUNDRAISERS FOR SUMMER YOUTH CAMP**

Deacon Sponsored  
**FISH FRY**  
 Saturday, April 9  
 11am 'till the fish is gone!!  
 dine in or carry out available  
 Donations accepted



**CAKE AUCTION**  
 Sunday, April 24 during the pm service  
 We'll need volunteers to make cakes to be auctioned off. Please contact the church office if you can help out in this way.



**Our next Family Movie & Game Night will be Friday, April 15, beginning at 6:00pm, in the FLC.**

**"Faith of Our Fathers" will be the featured movie.**

**SYNOPSIS:** With the Vietnam War raging in 1969, two young fathers report for duty. A man of great faith and a doubtful cynic. A quarter-century later, their sons meet as strangers. Guided by handwritten letters from their fathers from the battlefield, they embark on an unforgettable journey to The Wall-the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Along the way, they discover the devastation of war cannot break the love of a father for his son.

**Mark your calendars now to come and enjoy a family-friendly movie or come play your favorite games. There is no charge and snacks will be served. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you!**

# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings,

April is here and the first quarter of 2016 is in the books! Wow, it is crazy how time flies as we get older! We will get things started in the second quarter of the year with the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning. It will be a great time to reflect on what the Lord has done in all of our lives as we are only one Sunday removed from Easter. Come and join us this Sunday!

Also, we will be gearing up for our first "Can We Talk" semester. It will last six weeks, and end with six to seven well-trained members who will be ready to share their faith! I am looking forward to this and so is our staff. Cole will be leading this semester and he is excited and I know that he will do a great job. If you are interested in being trained this time around please let the church office know. The reason we are starting with a small group is so that we can make sure the ground work is laid firm. After this group passes through we will use these six to seven people to help lead groups during our next semester. So, for example, our two groups of three can turn into six groups of three during the next training opportunity. Be in prayer about joining us and we are looking forward to seeing you in Can We Talk!

Lastly, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed our new men's Bible study. We are five weeks in a six week study, and I am thrilled with how it has turned out! We are having anywhere from eight to thirteen men working through the Bible study that comes with the *Woodlawn* film. In my opinion it is a really good study about how all nations make up the body of Christ, and how we can be a part of a revival movement by praying and seeking God as He leads us in our everyday lives. I have had a great time getting to know our men better and I know they are also building better relationships with each other! We are hoping to start a different study in the following months and men, if you weren't able to join us this time, I hope you will join us then!

Peace be the journey,  
Bro. Derek

SERVICE SCHEDULE	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
MidLake Mission	8:15 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:15 am
Kidz Praize	6:00 pm
Youth Discipleship	6:00 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Bible Study	12:00 pm
AWANA	6:00 pm
Youth (7th-12th)	6:15 pm
Choir Practice	7:30 pm



## April Birthdays



If your birthday shown below is not correct, please inform the church office so we can keep our records correct and up to date.

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 3 - Willie Gaudet     | 15 - Clint Conn      |
| 5 - Taylor Jay        | Kane Smith           |
| Carol Williams        | 22 - Kathy Melde     |
| 7 - Charles Melde     | Tami Smith           |
| 8 - Kelli Barnett     | 23 - Amy Carr        |
| 9 - Hilary Edgar      | Cloye Jeter          |
| 10 - April Johnson    | Jimmie Smith         |
| 11 - Leslie Menke     | 25 - Melissa Farris  |
| Bill Simpson          | 26 - Shelby Hardin   |
| 12 - Damon Watson, II | Conner Phillips      |
| 13 - Doris Ener       | Gail Watkins         |
| Stormy Turner         | 27 - Cole Clark      |
| 14 - Ronnie Felts     | Kevin McCroskey      |
|                       | 28 - Kristi McDaniel |



North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering

# HERE I AM SEND ME.

Week of Prayer April 3 - 10

Church-Wide Goal: \$3947

ISAIAH 6:8

## NEW MEMBERS

**Robert Gutel**  
356 Cedar Ridge  
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12/15



## Matt's Memo

For the past month I've been coaching my boys' little league team. A new experience for me but for the most part, a good one. **Our Three Goals: 1) Learn a lot, 2) Work Hard, 3) Have Fun.** Last night we had our first scrimmage and **I learned a lot more** than I expected, **worked harder** than I wanted to, and although we had our positive moments, **I struggled to have fun.**

At one point during the game one of my sons didn't return to his position between innings when the rest of the team took the field. Not only was he not on the field, but was not in the dugout, and nowhere in my direct line of sight. Frustration and fear gripped me for just a few moments until he was spotted by another parent. He was underneath the bleachers kicking rocks! My fear subsided and the frustration took over. When returning from an untimely restroom break he became distracted (probably several times) and because of that his team was without a player.

Later that evening after praising him for the hit he got during the game we revisited his "rock-kicking". I said to him, **"I want you to do your best, to focus on what I ask you to do. If you do then you'll help yourself and you'll help your team.** As he headed off to bed I hugged him, kissed his head, and told him I loved him and was proud of him.

After replaying some of the evenings situations back in my head I couldn't help but think about our Coach in this game of life; God our Father. The One who created the game of life. There's no situation that could arise that He hasn't seen many times before and He's our Coach! We're on the winning team! How could we fail? .....We're distracted. Maybe not by wicked or evil things but anything that causes us to lose our focus on God and His will for our lives.

This month, as we root for our favorite ball teams, let's not forget about God's Team. **Let's focus on Him, learn His ways, work hard at His will for our lives, and share in His everlasting Joy.**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderfully, blessed Easter!!!! As we move deeper into the spring season things will begin moving fast as we start gearing up for graduation and the summer break.

We have a few things we need to remember this month. One is the deacon sponsored **Fish Fry** on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 11:00am. If you are working you need to be here at 10:00am to begin setting up. Another event we will have this month is the **Cake Auction** which will be Sunday, April 24, at 6:00pm (during the evening service). I am praying that everyone will come out and support our youth at these two events.

We are continuing through the book of John on Wednesday nights. It is my prayer that God will continue to teach us His truth through this book. If you haven't had an opportunity to come and be part of what we are doing on Wednesday night please feel free to come and see what we are doing.

On Sunday nights we will be continuing with our study on how to share our faith. I am very excited about how things are going and know that God will bless our efforts in this regard. This study can be started at any time so if you would like to learn more about how to share your faith please come and sit in for a Sunday evening, at 6:00pm.

Our Sunday morning Bible study we are still plugging our way through the Bible. I know that each of us can grow from taking a deeper look into God's word, so I would like to encourage each of you to come and see what God will teach you through this study. I would also like to encourage each of you as you grow increasingly busier to continue to read your Bible. I leave you with this verse from Psalm 119:16 **"I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word."**