

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2024

A Word From the Pastor

Our church is led by a variety of persons in a variety of positions – staff, deacons, & ministry leaders. Those groups meet as a team – The Lead Team – once every three months to plan, discuss, pray, & keep us as a church moving forward. The Lead Team met Sunday, January 28th, & I asked two questions that I ask every time we meet \rightarrow "What is the 'pulse' of the church?" "What do we have to celebrate?" Here are their answers.

The pulse \rightarrow <u>Positive</u> – people are upbeat about the present & the future & enjoying what is occurring. <u>Faithfulness</u> – there is faithfulness amongst both our regular attenders & new folks that are joining us. <u>Hungry</u> – people are wanting to see God @ work & be part of what He is doing. <u>Anticipating</u> – people are waiting for something else good to occur & see what God will do next. <u>Consistent</u> – ministry is happening over & over & we are seeking to always be on the move. <u>Happy</u> – this is undoubtedly tied to the joy we experience in worship & relationships.

To celebrate → We celebrate the many positive happenings & environments going on within our church family. We celebrate not only that we see new faces, but that they are staying :) We celebrate the near completion of the Fellowship Hall renovation & the camaraderie developed between the men who have faithfully stayed with it. We celebrate the Prayer Garden & its beauty that draws people. We celebrate our *Embers* (young adults) ministry, both its growth & the involvement of its members in the overall ministry of the church. We celebrate sixty years of ministry as a church this year – that is right, *sixty years*! You will hear more soon but look for April 28th to be a day of celebration.

Are we perfect? No. Are there issues & circumstances that we need to address, & consider, & be mindful of? By all means, some of which we discussed @ the Lead Team meeting & are wise to address. But we must not miss what God is doing & be willing to step into it & be part of something that is much bigger than ourselves.

Two last things to leave you w/ this month. Looking forward to the MACHO93 (men's ministry) sponsored *Daddy-Daughter Dance, February 17th*. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. Speaking of anniversaries, February marks ten years in our current sanctuary! Wow. We will recognize this on February 25th.

I love you & am so thankful to serve as your pastor! Pastor Albert



Arlington Community Services

Canned meats Tuna in pouches Canned pasta Canned fruit Pork & beans Dry potatoes Peanut butter crackers Saltine crackers Ritz crackers Snacks Peanut butter Small toiletries Clean white t-shirts Gently used Bibles

Worship With Us

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Team Rehearsal 9:00 am

> Community Groups 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Embers Ministry 5:00 pm

Wednesday Services

All Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study

Embers Bible Study

Youth Bible Study 6th - 12th Grade

Children's Ministry Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Preschool Ministry Birth through Pre-K

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Engage Team Meeting Sunday, February 4, after church



Men's Gathering Wednesday, February 7 After Bible Study All men are invited for snacks & fellowship!

Deacon's Meeting Thursday, February 8, 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Prayer Walk Saturday, February 10



HAPPY Presidents Day

Monday, February 19 - Office Closed

Stewardship Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm

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SUNDAY Kidz Church - 11:00 am

All Aboard! This train themed series will show kids what it means to be followers of Jesus and "ride with Him." Our memory verse is John 14:6, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

- 2/4Joy Ride (Ms. Cindy & Ms. Bethany) 2/11...... Stay on Track (Mrs. Maria & Mrs. Michelle) *Meet in big church first
- 2/18.....Dining Car (Mrs. Evelyn & Mrs. Caroline)
- 2/25.....No Kidz Church Sit with parents or another adult ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEO!***

W.O.W. - 6:30pm (Worship on Wednesday)

We are continuing the Ninja the med series Hi-Yah! Our memory verse is Ephesians 4: 23-24, "You must be made new in your hearts and in your thinking. Be that new person who was made to be like God, truly good and pleasing to Him."

- 2/7Take Off Stealing/Put On Hard Work

- My Words Can Honor God 2/22:



We're planning an EASTER EGG HUNT for are accepting donations for candy filled Easter



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 6PM

FINGER FOODS | MUSIC | PHOTO BOOTH





Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 am 1022 Hospitality Lane - (Monument Rd Location) SIGN UP IN YOUR SMALL GROUP CLASS OR IN THE LOBBY



CASH & CARD ACCEPTD

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Auction

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 5PM

Make a dessert to donate and bid on all the delicious treats to help support the Youth Summer Trip!