

## Fire Suppression System

On Monday, January 23 the first stage of the fire suppression system installation started. The internal part of this project includes the hanging of pipe fitted with sprinkler heads. The main reason for this system is to stop a fire when no one is in the building.

The second, part of this system, which will be completed by a second company is connecting the fire system to the water main. This contract has been awarded and is awaiting final approval by the city.



The third aspect of this system is a monitoring system. Essentially an up-to-date fire alarm system which would alert a call center of a fire or that a sprinkler head has been activated, this helps us know that water is flowing in our building. By the way, each sprinkler head has to be set off by the fire on it's own.

Other details, our garage will serve as a storage and staging area so you will notice the church van parked in the parking lot. Also, the closet off the fellowship hall has been clean out. Ministry leaders were asked to remove anything of value out of the room. This week it was painted by Warren Sorenson and it looks great. Check our website for more pictures, uploaded often!

*Pastor Mark*

## Conference coming in May

Pastors and church leaders from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will travel to our church in Chehalis in mid-May to participate in a leadership conference that only happens every two years.

The conference will begin the evening of Thursday, May 17 and conclude before noon on Saturday, May 19.

The keynote speaker will be Lee Spitzer, Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of New Jersey and author of many books including, his most recent, *"Making Friends, Making Disciples."*

Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer will be speaking several times throughout this conference. You may purchase a copy of his book from Pastor Mark Wilks for \$10. We are hoping many people from our church will plan to participate in this leadership training.

There also will be several workshops available for you to attend. Registration information will be made available in the near future.

The opportunity to host this event not only opens the door for outstanding training for the people in our church, but also the opportunity to serve conference attendees.

We are asking our church members to volunteer only 2 or 3 hours so that everyone will have a chance to participate in the training sessions. We need help with classroom set-up; hospitality; audio/visual; serving & clean-up of lunch and dinner for 150; registration; etc.

We need your help! You can serve on "the front lines" or "behind the scenes". We will put you where you feel most comfortable.

Please contact Mindy Schwarz at 748-8734 or 789-1962 so we can get you assigned to a team. What a wonderful opportunity to bless others who are serving God and sharing the gospel with people throughout the Northwest. I know you will be blessed personally by helping and I'm sure you will have some fun too!

Excited about this opportunity!

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**e-mail articles to:**  
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**Church Office Hours**  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00 P.M.

**Cheer  
'Em On**



SuperBowl XLVI (46) will be played on Sunday February 5, 2012. The SuperBowl is one of the most watched events around the world, as a champion is crowned in American Football.

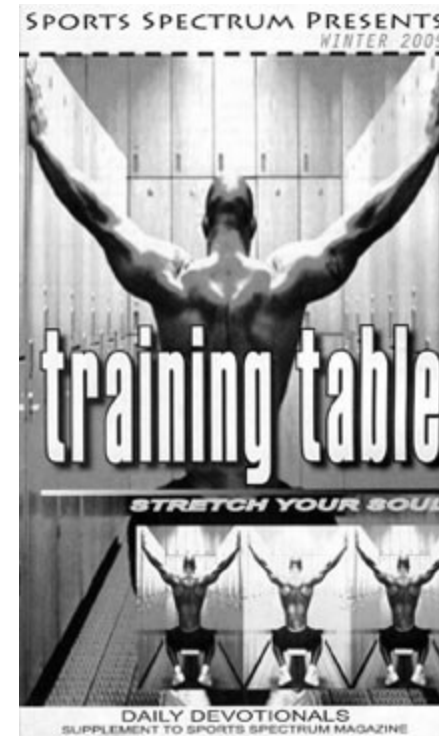
SuperBowl parties are also a very popular happening across the scope of all socio-economic-religious groups, including Christians.

Tim Tebow has captured the attention of many, placing a great emphasis this season to Christian faith and it's place in professional sports. Tebow is by no means the first Christian to play professional football. As a matter of fact there have been quite a few vocal Christian football players and even many recent SuperBowl winning quarterbacks who openly share their Christians values and beliefs, guys like Kurt Warner, Payton & Eli Manning, Drew Brees, and last year's SuperBowl MVP Aaron Rodgers.

be sure to participate in the Christian fellowship of sharing time with other believers, and giving God the glory and honor in our lives whether you are a Super-Bowl champion or an armchair quarterback.

If you would like a booklet containing 10 Sports related devotionals and a feature story on Aaron Rodgers talk to Pastor Jeff.

*Pastor Jeff*



without power. I began to think about how much we take things in our lives for granted. Having running water and electricity for instance. I wonder "do we take God for Granted also?" Somehow I think we might just do that on occasion. We think "well I have trusted Jesus as my Lord and Savior and now I just can sit back and reap the bennies of being a Christian." Wrong!! Jesus does not promise that we will never have trials or temptations; he does promise that he will never leave or forsake us!! When troubles come, not if they come, He will be there with you and for you. When the snow of life gets too deep to move and the power seems to be gone He is still there with you.

In my personal daily devotions I am once again drawn to the book of James – that oh so practical little book -- I find that God shows me something new about myself each time I study this book, about once a year. I want to share a portion with you that applies to what I have been talking about. I refer you to James 4:8a NIV "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" This statement contains a great and important principle in our faith. If we wish the favor of God, we must come to him; also we can't even hope

always for, for he is always round about us; but we may come nearer in a spiritual sense. We may address him directly in prayer; we may approach him by meditation on his character; we may draw near to him in the worship time of our lives. We can never hope for his favor while we prefer to remain at a distance from him; no one who in fact draws near to him will find him unwilling to bestow on them the blessings which they need. BUT, you see there is a BIG BUT; come back to James 1:2ff NIV *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.* Remember the trials will come but God will be right there with you in the person of his Holy Spirit. Trust Him; lean on Him he can handle it.

So my challenge for you this month is this:

- What does it mean to draw near to God?
- When was the last time you purposefully made the move towards God?
- What keeps you from drawing near to God?

and see what God does in return – remember you will still get wet when it rains and sometimes your power will go out but not for long!

We continue our study of The Book of Acts. If you are not already in a group please make an effort to get in a group. You will gain, not only, the benefit of deeper understanding of the scriptures but you will make some real and lasting friends. Now who couldn't use both of these things?

Well my paper is full for this time.

### Pastor Skip



## Worship is. . . . .

. . . . . Staying the course. Do you ever feel like quitting? That it's all for naught so why go on doing whatever it is you're doing? Do you suppose the disciples were ever discouraged? Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me that there is a desperate need today for more godly leadership in our churches, schools and other ministries, even our government. Christian men and women who are devoted to taking the time and effort to let God train and

Word of God and prayer, and the ability to work effectively with people to help them achieve their best. We know that God's love never fails so it's always too soon to quit. We also, know that He will never leave us nor forsake us. We, as God's people today, have the Word of God as our lamp and we can trust the Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us. This means we don't have to do it alone; the Lord does it with us. What a remarkable privilege

and Peter, to name a few. So, when you feel discouraged and want to quit, take a look at some of these folks of the Bible. Jesus said "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener"(verse 1) and then "I am the vine and you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5, NIV) Think about it.

Blessings

under a fence and a lamb is killed. Frustration and discouragement weigh heavily. Each loss tears at my heart.

Some days I want to quit. It doesn't feel like it's worth the effort. I question the wisdom of what we're doing. I'm not hearing God's answers to my questions. Why continue?

Those are the days I've pulled out photos of the farm taken over the last seven years.

Newborn lambs. I remember their first staggering steps and recall my husband's joy as he watched the explosion of little white bodies as they jumped and ran.

A little boy riding with Grandpa on the tractor, grinning ear to ear. There was a time he was afraid of that noisy machine.

Seven foot cornstalks, fully tasseled. We still talk about the bumper crop of the sweetest corn we've ever had.

An Easter egg hunt, grandchildren scampering through the orchard, intently seeking the next colorful prize.

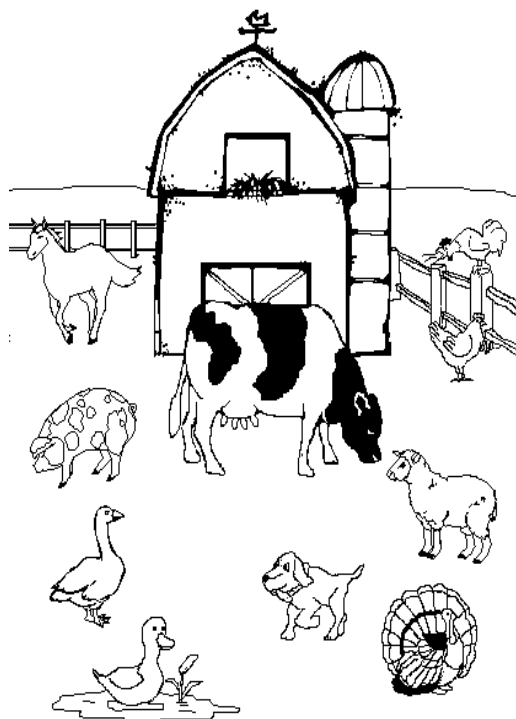
A bashful calf, snuggled up against Autumn's side, just hours after birth. I texted them to Mike at work. His "LOL" response was immediate. Our togetherness, even when apart, still works.

Reminders of the good things, happier moments on the farm, replace the defeated attitude. Those photos are God's answer to my questions. They renew my faith and encourage me to continue despite the things that don't work, that are broken.

Broken things have been on my mind where people are concerned, too. Several friends are battling health issues or injuries, some are mourning the loss of a loved one, others are fac-

broken heart, a fractured spirit, unable to see a reason for hope. The question haunts me as I grope for a response that will shine a bit of light on the darkness surrounding my friend. I look for answers in God's word.

*"In this (salvation) you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."*  
1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV



Although this speaks to purpose, it doesn't feel comforting. I continue to explore.

*"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."* Luke 22:42 NIV shows us Jesus struggled, too, but responded with submission to God's

*An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish he prayed more earnestly..."* Luke 43-44a NIV

Jesus prayed through the pain because God sent an angel to help him.

John 14:12-13a NIV reminds us Jesus also said *"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. And I will do whatever you ask in my name."*

If read out of context, verse 13a sounds like we just have to ask in Jesus' name. The requirement, however, is that we follow Christ's example and submit to God's will first.

The answers I'm finding are not a prescription for fixing my friend's hurts. Instead, I'm reminded how difficult it must be for them now. Rather than throwing scripture around like a band-aid, my gift to them is to listen, to show compassion and to pray with and for them.

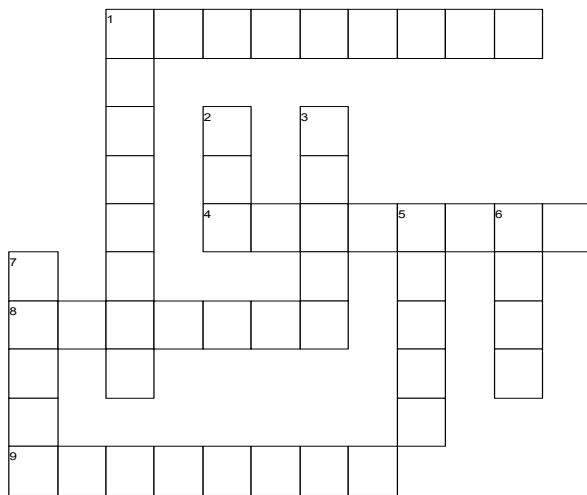
The farm photos reminded me of God's love and purpose for my life. God's Word provided a picture of hope despite circumstances. I pray I will be able to share that as the opportunities arise.

*"Father in Heaven, thank you for your instruction and for the Holy Spirit who helps me to understand. I pray today for each of the circumstances mentioned and ask that you provide the strength each person needs. You know their names, their struggles and the healing that each requires. Holy Spirit, Counselor and Comforter, be with them, let them feel your presence and sense the hand of God working in their lives. Help me, Lord, to respond with grace and compassion as I become aware of their needs. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen."*

*Fau Ternan*



# Love...



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- 4 "Love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself." Mark 12:31  
 8 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love \_\_\_\_\_ forever." Psalm 118:1  
 9 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your \_\_\_\_\_." Deut. 6:5

## DOWN

- 1 "I lift up my hands to your \_\_\_\_\_, which I love...." Psalm 119:48  
 2 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a \_\_\_\_\_ is given." Is. 9:6  
 3 Love never \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 13  
 5 Universal symbol of love  
 6 "If you love me, you will \_\_\_\_\_ what I command." John 14:15  
 7 Lover of your soul



## WEATHER

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- Clouds
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- Drizzle
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- Hail
- Hot
- Ice
- Lightning
- Rain
- Sleet
- Snow
- Storm
- Sunny
- Thunder



Our Snow/Ice Storm caused us to lose a club night, so clubbers are always allowed to seek out an Awana Club Leader/Director at church on Sunday and recite their verses/sections. We want to help all our clubbers to complete their handbooks this year.

February, 2012

- 5 – No Awana Club
- 11 – Saturday, Grand Prix Pit Day 10 a.m. – Noon in Youth Center
- 12 – Vote on Clubber Choice for Theme Night on April 15, 2012 & Spark Store
- 19 – Red, White & Blue – Cubbies & T & T Store
- 26 – Uniform Inspection – Wear your tennis shoes, long pants & clean, buttoned-up uniform

**Clubber Choices to Vote on are:**

- Decorate/Dress Up Your Leader
- Nerf Night
- Star Wars

Grand Prix Car Kits are \$6, you may purchase your kit at Awana Club Night or Pit Day. Be sure to register for your BBQ choice and your side dish to bring.



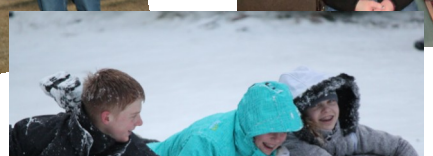
High School Girls—Pastor Jeff's Office  
 11-12th Boys—Pastor Mark's Office  
 9-10th Boys—Youth Center  
 8th Grade—Youth Center  
 7th Grade—Church Kitchen  
 6th Grade—Downstairs Hallway

Doors open at 6:30 for Dinner  
 7:00-8:30 Worship, Announcements, Message,  
 Games, discussion groups.

**Wednesday Night Messages**  
 February 1 ~ Soul Man  
 February 8 ~ Mind over Matter  
 February 15 ~ True Love  
 February 22 ~ Strength to Move  
 February 29 ~ Unique

Wednesday Attendance	Students	Staff	Total
Jan 4	67	15	82
Jan 11	61	13	74
Jan 18	Canceled due to Snow		
Jan 25	56	15	71

# SnowBlast 2012!



good news of the gospel. Fourteen Good News Clubs® are being held this school year, reaching 189 children for Christ, with 19 professions of faith as of January 20. These clubs are held in Adna, Boistfort, Centralia, Chehalis, Evaline, Mossyrock, Napavine and Safe Family Ministries.

Our 2011 summer ministries reached 1071 adults and children with 31 decisions. With 27 volunteers from 12 churches, we are just scratching the surface. Our goal is to have a club in every elementary school in the county, but we need more help to accomplish the task. Three of our clubs are supported by volunteers from First Baptist - Patti Trent, Jan Rufener, Rochelle Woods, Mary Kraupa and Deborah Chaffee. Our teachers are provided teaching material and monthly training for Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs and scripture memory.

We had a great Luncheon in January: a delicious meal; a good turn out; and an inspiring program presented by Dave Klovdahl, the Director of Lewis County Young Life.

Our next activity, Thursday, February 9 is a crab feed hosted by Bill and Edith Wiley at their home-1283 SW 22nd Street in Chehalis in Chehalis. We will eat at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish to share (dessert or salad), and \$5.00 to pay for the crab and beverages.



church.

After three month's training at Children's Ministry Institute in Missouri, Elaine Reed came to serve in Lewis County as missionary director in April 2011.

Financial, prayer and volunteer support from local churches provides resources needed to accomplish the task God has set before us. We know that "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." It is not our ability that counts, but our availability, for "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." (I Thess 5:24) He can use us to accomplish His will, if we only let Him. Thank God for His faithfulness in our lives and for the blessings that He has promised for those who persevere in ministry. THANK YOU, First Baptist, for your strong support of CEF here in Lewis County.

- Wisdom in leadership for the Board members and Director
- Successful Silent Auction Friday, April 27
- Committed youth for Christian Youth in Action – June 22-30
- Good health of our committed and faithful workers
- Increased support – currently at 2/3 of our 2012 budget level
- Continued good attendance at teacher trainings

*Mary Funk,*  
**Mission Team Leader**

## PRIME TIMERS (55+)

Our March Luncheon will be held at the church on Thursday, the 8th. The tentative program will be presented by Carolyn Elder and Linda Nelson on their recent trip to Israel.

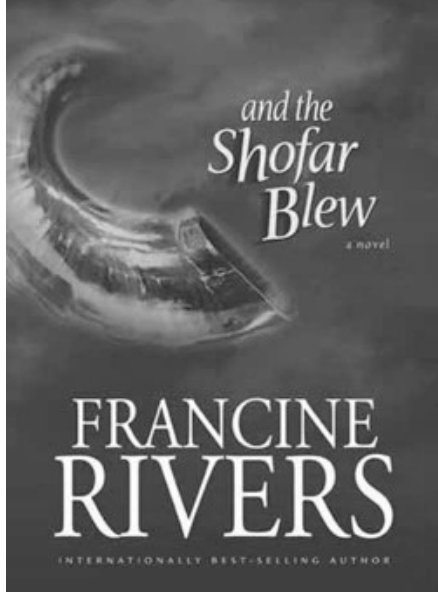
Signup sheets for these activities are on the main bulletin board.

Looking ahead:



- April 12 - Luncheon
- May 10 - Luncheon
- May 23 - Lakewold Gardens and Botanical Conservatory in Tacoma
- June 14 - Day trip to Tokeland and Westport
- July 24-26 - Leavenworth and outdoor theater
- August 1 or 2 - Picnic
- September 10-13 - Senior Adult Camp
- October 1-3 - Seaside, Oregon
- October 18 - Luncheon
- November 8 - Luncheon
- December 7 - Annual Christmas Dinner

*John Lyttle*



If you want a burden for our pastors, read the modern day novel **And the Shofar Blew** by Francine Rivers. The story is a good read about a Pastor and his son who also became a pastor and the worldly temptations a pastor faces every day. If Satan can attack the church, he can do a lot more damage than any of us can imagine.

**New to our library Mystery Novel**

**Last Light** by Terri Blackstock  
#1 in the **Restoration Series**

Your car suddenly stalls and won't restart. You can't call for help because your cell phone is dead. Everyone around you is having the same problem and it's just the tip of the iceberg. Your city is in a blackout. Is it a terrorist attack . . . or something far worse?

Bestselling suspense author Terri Blackstock weaves a masterful what-if novel in which global catastrophe reveals the darkness in human hearts - and lights the way to restoration for a self-centered world.

Barbara Covington has one more chance to save her daughter from a devastating addiction, by staging an intervention. When eighteen year old Emily disappears on the way to drug treatment - and her interventionist is found dead at the airport - Barbara enters her darkest nightmare of all.

Two new DVDs for the Library  
**Big Ol' Sweet Iced Tea**

by Anita Renfro

**GraceCard**

Witness the power of forgiveness. With Michael Joiner, Michael Higgenbottom and Louis Gossett, Jr.



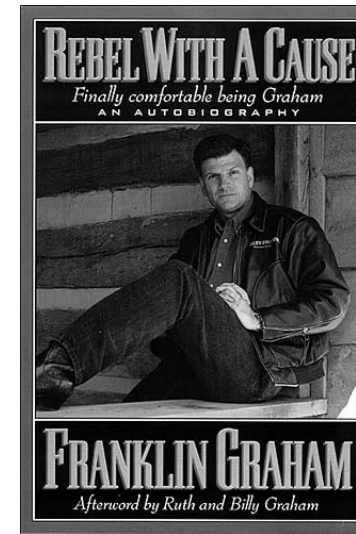
Biography

**Rebel with a Cause**

by Franklin Graham

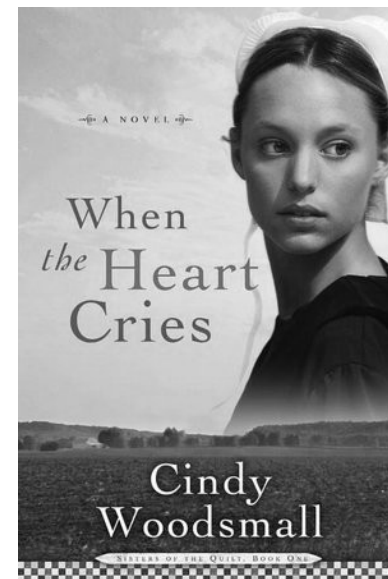
A telegram addressed to the newborn Franklin Graham read "Welcome to this sin-sick world and the challenge you have to walk in your daddy's footsteps" For most of Franklin's life walking in his

early struggles and his late triumphs.



**Sisters of the Quilt Series**

If you read **When the Heart Cries** by Cindy Woodsmall, we now have two more books in the series: **When the Morning Comes** and **When the Soul Mends.**



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**Ada's House Novel** by Cindy Woodsmall has also been added. We now have **The Hope of Refuge** which is the first book in the series. We had the second book of

Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center	Fellowship Hall	Fellowship Hall Cheri Foster , 360-219-3571
<b>Prime timer's (55+) Crab Feed</b> February 9 @ 12 pm Bill & Edith Wiley's Home Bring a salad or dessert	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> February 18 @ 7 am Fellowship Hall Mike Foster , 360-219-3617	<b>Circle Meeting</b> February 23@ 1pm Library Mary Funk, 748-8718

## CAMP BETHEL REPORT

The Camp Bethel Board met on January 14th. The Camp begins the year in good financial shape. The best we have seen in years, thanks to the hard work of the Operations Committee, our Executive Director and contributions from churches.

Projects scheduled for this year include: new siding and windows on John Friend Lodge; Paintball installation; demolish the old managers house; revamp the flat roofs on Nickerson Hall; re-roof the Director's house.

A list of items needed for camp upkeep include: a trailer for transporting the camp mower; tractor; gator or utility vehicle; carpet cleaner; rakes, landscaping tools, power tools. Other needs include: batteries and cables for golf carts; playground equipment; and trans-

mission work on our Director's car.

If you shop at Safeway, you can help the Camp by going to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and search for Camp Bethel. Then sign up your club card. A percent of your purchases will go to the Camp. You can also help by volunteering to work on one of the projects, or giving a financial gift to the Camp

### YOUTH CAMPS 2012:

- Senior High - grades 9- this year's graduates - July 15-21
- Junior High - grades 6-8 - July 22-28
- Elementary - grades 3-5 - July 29-August 2

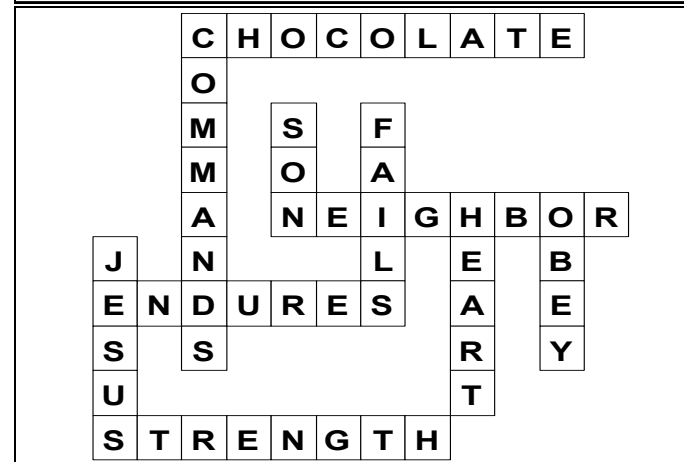
Brochures will be available soon.

*John Lyttle*

## Circle Meeting

The Louise Campbell/C.O.S. Circle will meet Thursday, February 23 at 1pm in the Library. You are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mary Funk, 748-8718.

Solution to the crossword puzzle on page 5. Did you get them all without looking?



"We were on the way out the door before I remembered I needed something for the..."

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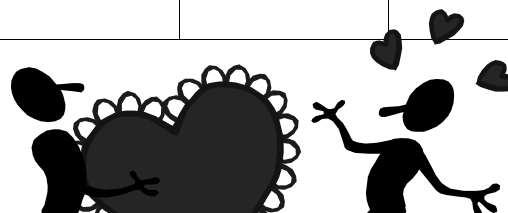
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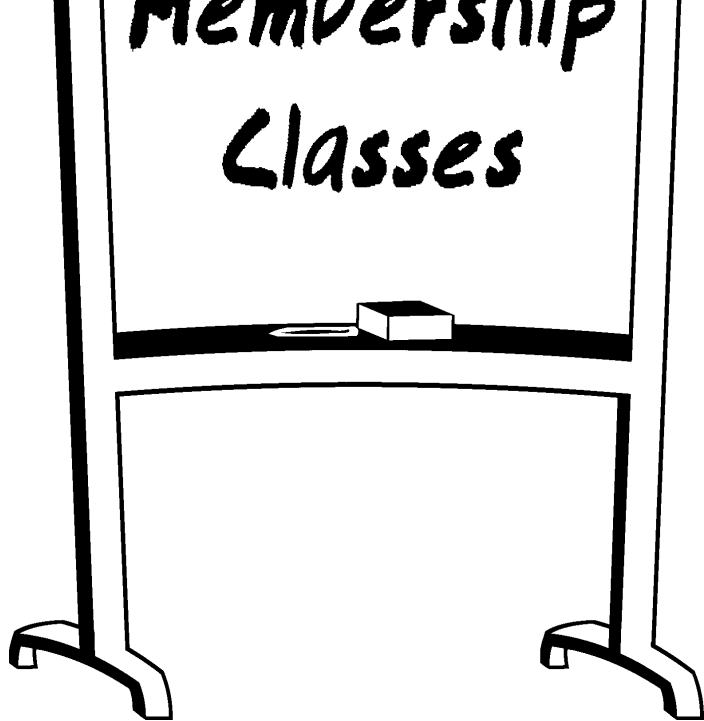
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Thinking about membership at FBCC? That's fantastic! Membership at FBCC is a pretty big deal. That's not because we think members are better than anyone else; it's because joining a church is a commitment. At FBCC when you are a member you are saying, "This is my church! I belong here!" The pastors want you to feel that way, we want you to know we want this to be your church and we feel so blessed when you make that commitment. We will be holding our next CLASS 101 on Sunday, February 12, 12:30 P.M. in the church fellowship hall. CLASS 101 is all about what we believe, what we are doing here and what makes us different from other churches. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Cheri in the church office (360-748-8628).

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