

First Church of God
712 S. W. 27th Street
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A NEW YEAR AND A NEW BEGINNING

Mission Statement

Our mission here at First Church of God is to be a loving fellowship committed to Christ and inspired to seek and lead all persons to salvation through Him.

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Sunday School

This Month's Activities

Children's Classes

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL- 10:30 a.m.
(Dismissed during Worship Service)

B.I.G (Belief in God)

B.I.G. Theme: "Stories about Jesus"

B.I.G. Idea: "We believe that the stories of Jesus growing up help us understand that Jesus is the Son of God."

B.I.G. Verse: "The child grew. He became strong and wise, and God blessed Him.
Luke 2:40.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Date	Lead Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Jan. 4	Tamara Pahl	Tina Williams	Karen Parker
Jan. 11	Debbie Oliver	Kathy Persinger	Whitney Porter
		Rod Parker	
Jan. 18	MaryLou Fletcher	Patsy Phelps	Jerod Ward
Jan. 25	Becky Waggoner	Sue Frey	Shellie Wyss

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 9:30 a.m.

(Ages 4 thru 5th Grade)

We have begun a study of the life of Jesus –with a couple of other adventures along the way. We will be talking about the 10 Commandments and what they mean in our lives today. Also, we will be learning the books of the Bible and the main theme of each Book.

Adult Classes

Adult Sunday School –9:30 a.m. in the Library

We have begun a new series: Acts: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit –a study which highlights the life of the first Christians. This is from the Bible study series by Bruce Beckel, and Stan Jantz. Join us as Maggie Wurtz leads us in this inspiring study of God's Word.

Adult Sunday School –9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

January 25th at 9:30 a.m. we will begin a new study from Deeper Connections entitled, the Miracles of Jesus. This interactive, six-week DVD study, will take us to the Holy Land and then each lesson will highlight a different parable and includes three components:

- Historical and cultural background
- Engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning
- Challenging applications of the Bible's meaning to life today

Everyone is welcome!

Circle of Sisters: Join us Sunday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor as we continue our study entitled, "A Jewel in His Crown", by Priscilla Shirer. If you have received new life in Christ, then you are a precious daughter of the King of all Kings, destined for beauty, holiness and victory!! Our study will lead you thru Scriptures, exploring your immeasurable value to God and your identity as His beloved daughter. Becky Waggoner is our fearless leader!!

For this month, the Band of Brothers will be meeting the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays, the 20th and the 27th. @ 7 p.m. We are currently discussing the Measure of a Man! All men are welcome.

Teri Ward is leading a book study of Kay Arthur's book, The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You. In this study we are learning who the Holy Spirit is and how He fulfills His AMAZING purpose in our lives. We are meeting **Tues. evenings @ 6:45 p.m.** in Teri's home. For more information, contact Teri @ 278-8091 or teri.ward@pendleton.k12.or.us.

W.O.W. (Women of Worth) will be meeting Mon., Tues. and Thurs. evenings @ 5:45 p.m. to do some low impact indoor walking exercises. And, on Tues. evening we will have a brief meeting, let by Sheryl Smith to share and encourage one another. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Wednesday Evening Studies

Children:

Date:	Pre-1st Grade	2nd-5th
Jan. 7	Richard & Marti McGraw	Mike & Pat Hagan
Jan. 14	Billie Parker	Rob Parker & Tom Demianew
Jan. 21	Mandi Campbell	Judy Moore & Anita Lewis
Jan. 28	Karen Demianew	Rod & Karen Parker

Pastor Rick is leading us on Wed. evening down a new path - - - We certainly are invited by God to come to Him with all our cares and questions. But, do we truly pause and listen to His answers and to the questions he might ask us for this New Year?

Wed. night dinners for January!!

Thanks so much to Jim and Patsy Phelps!!

 Jan. 7th: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert.

 Jan. 14th: Ham, Hash Browns, Cinnamon Rolls, Salad.

 Jan. 21st: Cider Beef Stew, Salad, Dessert.

 Jan. 28th: Chicken Alfredo w/Noodles, Green Beans,

January Birthdays

Conrad Wyss 7th
Wayne Miller 11th
Parker Campbell 22nd
Lynda Dunlap 22nd
Cameron Pahl 22nd
Kathi Schulze 24th
Mike Ferguson 25th



*May the good Lord
shower you with many
blessings on your special day.*

February Birthdays

Jill Swearingen 1st
Tamara Pahl 2nd
Tom Demianew 3rd

Youth (Grades 6—12)

☆ **Calling All Youth (Grades 6-12).** If you haven't had a chance to take a look at our youth website I suggest that you do it today. It contains a lot of information. It has a calendar of what's going on, information on meeting times, pictures of youth activities, permission forms, resources to help with life and in the near future movies of youth activities. **www.fcogy.com**

☆ **Our Small-Group Bible Study** continues to meet on Sun. evenings @ 5p.m. We will not be meeting on Sun. Jan 25th (We will be getting back from Blizzard that evening).

☆ **Winter Youth Retreat (Blizzard):** Jan 23-25 (If you haven't already turned in your registration form, it is to late.)

☆ **Sledding Party:** Feb. 14th. Free (bring your inner tubes/snowboards and I'll bring the PB&J sandwiches

☆ **30 HR Famine:** Feb 27-28. Are you prepared to raise money by going hungry in order to feed starving children throughout the world? I need the permission form filled saying that you have permission to do this if you want to participate with us. Now is the time to start asking people to support you. Turn in your permission form and I'll give you the booklet you need to collect money. *Checks only please... made out to World Vision.

Parents of students in grades 6-12.

I want to tell you of a resource that you can use. Are you are wondering what our youth ministries' purpose is? Do you wonder what the youth are doing in the form of activities or events? Are you interested in knowing what we are teaching your student? Would you like to know what we are planning on teaching? Do you need the permission form that your student was supposed to bring home? These things and more are available at the new youth website: **www.fcogy.com**.

*p.s. Parents, I have a letter for you that I will be mailing out this next week. However, if you would like to see it before I mail it out, I have it posted on the youth website. It's always good to take an occasional look so see if there is anything new.

If you have any questions, give Joseph a call at the church.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

I pray you had a very blessed Christmas. In my very small apartment, there were 9 of us for Christmas dinner –and what a fun, special time we had –sharing a meal, playing games, doing dishes and a gift exchange.

Some of you perhaps had to change plans because of all that SNOW, but sometimes in the midst of those unexpected circumstances, God gives us gifts we would never have expected.

And, now He has given us a bright New Year. So, what will we do with this gift? Our Board of Christian Ed. is challenging us to read thru the New Testament with them. Pastor Rich is asking us to pause and listen more to what God would ask of us this coming year, instead of what we might ask of Him.

So, A very HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you!
May God's rich blessings be showered on you

Y.A.H.

(Young at Heart)

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY:

Our plans for our Christmas party were postponed due to all the SNOW!! So, we have a new plan.....

Date: Friday, Jan. 23

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Jim and Patsy Phelps
47019 Kirkpatrick Rd.

Bring finger food and the white elephant item you have been saving for just the right occasion!
And, please let DiAnna Miller know if you will be attending. Email: diannamiller@qwest.net or 276-9020.

NEWS FLASH!

Back by Popular Demand!!

Jan. 26th, we will be receiving a shipment of Angel Soft Toilet Paper. Because this is such a great opportunity to help fund our mission trips, we will be offering the toilet paper for sale again this year. Price will continue to be \$50 for a case of 80 rolls. We are also offering to someone the opportunity to take charge of the project as a ministry. Another way to serve in your church!