

TODAY, JANUARY 24

- ▶ 8:30a—Deacon's Prayer
- ▶ 8:45a —Prayer Time (for Children & Adults)
- ▶ 12:30p—Annual Potluck & Business Meeting / Election of Officers

EXTRA ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

◆ Sat. Jan. 30 — Women's Ministry "*Kick-Off*" Brunch 10:00a in the East Wing "If you want to walk on water, you've gotta get out of the boat!" theme this year. Please come and learn more about the many opportunities to serve our church family —there will be sign up sheets for all of the different committees

(Regular Activities are printed on the back of the bulletin)

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ Jan. 31—**Silver Sounds**—*Senior Saints Sing-A-Long* at Kuna Baptist Church 3:00p—bring a friend and a dessert to share
- ◆ Feb. 2 — J.O.Y. Group Potluck Luncheon 11:30a —"*You Are Never to Old to Dream!*"—Cindy Penner will be our guest—Food Assignments: A—F = Main Dish; G—M = Salad; N—Z = Dessert
- ◆ Feb. 4 — Pastor's Fellowship Meeting / MFBC
- ◆ Feb. 5—Men's Ministry **Steelheads Hockey Night** at Qwest Arena—puck drops at 7:10p—for Men/Boys/Fathers/Sons — purchase advance tickets from BJ Bourn by Jan. 17th— \$20 includes hotdog, chips, and drink
- ◆ Feb. 6—Men's Theology Break—Fast 7:30a resumes at the church
 - ◆ —Women's Ministry Committee Meeting 9:00a in Room #129
 - ◆ —Mission Conference "Kick-Off Banquet" for area pastors & the missionary families 5:00p at Montana Ave. Baptist
- ◆ Feb. 7-21 — Annual Missions Conference 2016—see bulletin insert for details
"*Unchanging Mission—Game Changing Methods*"
- ◆ Feb. 7 — Deacon's Meeting 12:30p

Ministry Assignments:

January 24:

Greeters: Ona Healy (F) Hendricks (B)
Ushers: Woody/ James M./ David/ Gary/ Bill
Nursery:
AM: James & Melissa Fife
SS: David & Jeanie Granger
PM: Susan Wyatt / Johsta Hendricks
Children's Church: Christy Ho
 Megan Schimanski / LeAnna Setter
Sound Booth: Jason Mackenzie (AM) Tyler Ho (PM)
Security: Dan Geib (AM) Linda Gene White (PM)

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Greeters: Olson (F) Linda Gene White (B)
Ushers: Woody/ James F./ Donn/ Carl/ Alan
Nursery:
AM: Brian & Mary Ann Rhom
SS: Kristine Schmidt / Amanda Bourn
PM: Judy & Megan Schimanski
Children's Church: Christy Ho
 Kim Moore / Iyana Bourn
Sound Booth: Jonathon Knapstad (AM & PM)
Security: Craig Rhom (AM) Luke Perrine (PM)

Meridian First Baptist Church

January 24, 2016

Pianist: Priscilla Robinson
 Song Leader: Luke Perrine

Baptism / Pastor Randy

Welcome/ Announcements:

Hymn #815—Psalm 100

Hymn #406—Wonderful Words of Life

Hymn #407—God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Greetings

Special Music: Brent Ho

Prayer / Offering: Pastor Dave

Hymn #766—At the Name of Jesus
 (Dismiss Children)

Scripture Reading: Garrett Munger

Message: "*The Parables of the Kingdom: The Weeds*" Pastor Randy

Text: Matthew 13:24-43

Closing Hymn: Luke Perrine

6:00 PM

Song Leader: Brent Ho

Special Music: Children

Message: "*The Parables of the Kingdom: Mustard Seed & Yeast*" Pastor Randy

Text: Matthew 13:31-35

Children's Ministry Program for ages 2 year old through Kindergarten



Pete & Deb Steele

Missionary of the
Month
 BNN
 Baptist Network
 Northwest

Financial Deposit Report

WEEK: January 17, 2016

General Fund: \$5,964.62

Special Fund: \$2,309.25

Deposit: \$8,273.87

General Fund Budget: \$43,466.15

MONTH: JANUARY

General Fund: \$27,603.71

Special Fund: \$2,979.75

Deposits: \$30,583.46

Understanding the Times

"...Men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do." 1 Chronicles 12:32

AlbertMohler.com

These words sound forth for us during times of unrest, war, conflict, epidemics, disasters etc. Albert Mohler is one man who stands up and speaks up with a Biblical worldview in the midst of our times.

The Scandal of Biblical Illiteracy: It's Our Problem

by Albert Mohler

January 20, 2016 (Excerpts)

"Researchers George Gallup and Jim Castelli put the problem squarely: 'Americans revere the Bible—but, by and large, they don't read it. And because they don't read it, they have become a nation of biblical illiterates'."

"The larger scandal is biblical ignorance among Christians. Choose whichever statistic or survey you like, the general pattern is the same. America's Christians know less and less about the Bible. It shows."

"Christians who lack biblical knowledge are the products of churches that marginalize biblical knowledge. Bible teaching now often accounts for only a diminishing fraction of the local congregation's time and attention."

"Youth ministries are asked to fix problems, provide entertainment, and keep kids busy. How many local-church youth programs actually produce substantial Bible knowledge in young people?"

"This really is our problem, and it is up to this generation of Christians to reverse the course. Recovery starts at home. Parents are to be the first and most important educators of their own children, diligently teaching them the Word of God. (See Deuteronomy 6:4-9.) Parents cannot franchise their responsibility to the congregation, no matter how faithful and biblical its may be."

"Churches must recover the centrality and urgency of biblical teaching and preaching."

How are you doing? What's going on in your home? Where is God's Word influencing your living? What can you do to move from "knowledge" to "understanding and wisdom"? And if that last question is confusing, maybe start by reading through the Proverbs— one for each day of the month and start recovery.