

TODAY, JANUARY 31

- ▶ 8:30a—Deacon's Prayer
- ▶ 8:45a —Prayer Time (for Children & Adults)
- ▶ 3:00p —**Silver Sounds**—*Senior Saints Sing-A-Long* at Kuna Baptist Church—bring a friend and a dessert to share
- ▶ 7:15p—CCY Youth Worship **S.N.A.C**

EXTRA ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

- ◆ **Tues.** 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
- ◆ **Thurs.** Feb. 4—Pastor's Fellowship Meeting 9:30a / MFBC
- ◆ **Fri.** Feb. 5—Men's Ministry **Steelheads Hockey Night** at Qwest Arena—puck drops at 7:10p—for Men/Boys/Fathers/Sons — \$20 includes hotdog, chips, and drink
- ◆ **Sat.** Feb. 6—Men's Theology Break—Fast 7:30a resumes at the church
- ◆ —Women's Ministry Committee Meeting 9:00a in Room #129
- ◆ —10:00a AWANA Bible Quizzing Practice at the church / Adri Longstreet
- ◆ —Mission Conference “Kick-Off Dinner” for area pastors & the missionary families 5:00p at Montana Ave. Baptist

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

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ Feb. 7-21 — Annual Missions Conference 2016:
“*Unchanging Mission—Game Changing Methods*”
⇒ **Monday, Feb. 8** — 7:00p Women's Mission Event at Whitney Baptist Church in Boise—sign up in the foyer—No cost—Carpooling from the church at 6:30p
⇒ **Friday, Feb. 12**—6:30p—Missions Banquet—Grace bible Church—sign up in the foyer — Cost: \$10 per person/ Please indicate your entire choice and put the tab back into the envelope provided at the sign up table
⇒ **Wednesday, Feb. 17**—6:30p Missions International Dinner—sign up for food items online at www.perfectpotluck.com Coordinator: Duron Password: fun
⇒ **Saturday, Feb. 20**—7:30a Men's Mission Breakfast at the church—Cost: \$5—sign up in the foyer
⇒ **Saturday, Feb. 20**—5:30p Youth Mission Event at Ice World—Cost: \$10
- ◆ Feb. 7 — Deacon's Meeting 12:30p
- ◆ Feb. 23 —TVCBS Courses will begin

Ministry Assignments:

January 31:

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)

February 7:

Greeters: Carol Barrett (F) LaMarque (B)
Ushers: Woody/ Lloyd/ Kelly/ Josh
Nursery:
AM: Rosy Nelson / Kathy Hamilton
SS: Connie Postmus / Jean McGill
PM: Susan Wyatt / Johsta Hendricks
Children's Church: Christy Ho
 Megan Schimanski / Hero Fife
Sound Booth: Brent Ho (AM) Brent & Tyler Ho (PM)
Security: Bill Postmus (AM) Dick Olson (PM)

Meridian First Baptist Church

January 31, 2016

Pianist: Lina Sklyarov
 Song Leader: Bill Toyer

Welcome/ Announcements:

Hymn #56—To God Be the Glory
 Hymn #686—Psalm 111 (Part 2)
 Hymn #626—The Lily of the Valley

Greetings

Special Music: Luke Perrine

Prayer / Offering: Pastor Saltz

Hymn #596—I Surrender All
 (Dismiss Children)

Scripture Reading: Garrett Munger

Message: “*Three Parables: Hidden Treasure, The Pearl, and The Net*” Pastor Randy
 Text: 13:44-50

Closing Hymn:

6:00 PM

Song Leader: Kelly Shoemaker
Night of Guitars

Message: “*A Prophet Without Honor*” Pastor Randy
 Text: Matthew 13:51-58



Jerald Touchstone

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 24, 2016
 General Fund: \$5,390.76
 Special Fund: \$1,132.00
 Deposit: \$6,522.76

General Fund Budget: \$43,466.15
MONTH: JANUARY
 General Fund: \$32,994.47
 Special Fund: \$4,111.75
 Deposits: \$37,106.22

All in God's Family

“*But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to be called the children of God...*” John 1:12

Currently several of our church leaders are reading and discussing, the Christian classic, “Knowing God” by J.I. Packer. At the heart of this book is gaining a correct, biblical view of God and thereby knowing him intimately.

So, today, I ask you, “How well do you know God?” and “How can you know God...more...deeper...?”

I ask this because as I counsel with individuals I constantly begin to realize that many of us (yes, I said “us” since I too can be a guilty here) have developed, nursed, regretted, manipulated, fostered, received and/or accepted FALSE views of God. From that starting point, one's identity and behavior becomes more than distorted. James describes this person as: “doubting”, “tossed”, “double-minded” and “unstable”. Furthermore, James develops his letter around “the wisdom from above” (3:17) which only comes from knowing Wisdom, personally. And sadly the previous descriptors are granted those individuals who fail to “ask God” for wisdom. (1:5).

“*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not supposed that he will received anything form the Lord; he is double-minded and unstable in all his ways*” (James 1:5-8).

Knowing God requires, each of us personally coming to Him in faith. “Faith comes through hearing, and hearing the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). In faith and humility we approach Him through His Word. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight” (Proverbs 9:10). As we do this, we will “grow in the grace of knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

It takes time to know God. So today, take the time to go to Him in humility and faith as you open up “the word of God...” which is “...living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart”...and “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:11,12,16).

-Pastor Dave