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November Newsletter

Forest Hills EFC Calendar

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Bible Study	2	3 Pastor Teaches AM Pastor's Study Day	4 8:00 am Men Pray
5 Al Steely Sunday School Series Lord's Supper 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	6 Pastor's Day Off 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm CE MTG	7 Pastor Teaches AM	8 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Bible Study	9 12:00 pm Goldenagers	10 Pastor Teaches AM Pastor's Study Day	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
12 Al Steely Sunday School Series 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	13 Pastor's Day Off 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	14 Pastor Teaches AM 12:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 12:00 pm Missions Mtg 7:00 pm Council MTG	15 6 pm Thanksgiving Meal All Invited Main Dishes Provided Bring Salad or Dessert to share NO AWANA NO Bible Study	16	17 Pastor Teaches AM Pastor's Study Day	18 8:00 am Men Pray
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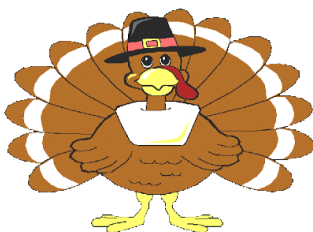
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If we have missed your birthday or someone else's, please contact the office to inform us.

- November 2 Betty Burnell
Michael Thode
- November 9 Connie Tregay
- November 10 Emily Vertin
- November 12 Rene Robeniol
- November 13 Sharyn Swenson
- November 16 Vonna Ketcham
- November 19 Ben Clow
- November 20 Jim Reynolds
Andrew Thode
- November 21 Gary Rice
- November 24 RaeAnn Feehan
- November 26 Bill Dempsey
- November 27 Frank Hood
- November 29 Melissa Clow
- November 30 Beth Meyerdirk



Thanksgiving Meal

6 p.m. Wednesday November 15th

Main Dishes Provided & Beverages

Bring a Salad or Dessert to share

ALL AWANA Workers, Kids, Parents & Forest Hills Family Invited

COOL GOD MOMENTS

by Betty Burnell

The doorbell rang at 6:30 p.m. tonight... I went to the front door where I left my dog wiggling at the stranger on the other side of the door while I snuck off to another door to exit and greet the stranger without interference from my puppy .

He was a comcast salesman. He asked if we had internet or TV service and I said "no." He asked why and I said that we have the internet on our phones and that we do free TV. He pressed a little more to see if there were any other reasons we didn't have the service. I felt led to share that I had been diagnosed with cancer for the third time. And that if we did have any extra money it would not be used to purchase Comcast.

This is where the COOL GOD PART starts. This guy, much to my amazement, asked if he could pray for me right then and there. I actually paused for a second and wondered if I had heard him right and when I realized I had, I exclaimed an emphatic "YES"! So I'm standing in my driveway with a salesman I've never met before, his hand on my shoulder and he is praying for me, actually pouring his heart out for me. Once he was done, I looked at him with tear filled eyes and said, could you pray for my son too who needed a special lift that night. And so he took the time to be a prayer warrior yet again. I could tell the way he prayed that he served the same GOD I served. He used Scripture in his prayers and then just to be absolutely certain I asked if he loved and served Jesus and not some other God and he assured me he did.

WOW ... that's the God I love and serve ... the ONE who sent a salesman that happened to be HIS servant at the exact moment that our family needed prayer. I LOVE the family of God! And I LOVE my GOD who has perfect timing! The Church of Jesus in action ... Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." True Christianity in action. WOW!!!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesdays

- 6:30 – 8:00 AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Saturday

- 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline for announcements, please email us or call by 10 a.m. Wednesday

Newsletter

Deadline for the Newsletter, please email it by the 17th of the month.

Contacting Pastor Mitch

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Celebrating The Reformation

500 years ago a feisty monk nailed his challenge to debate 95 Theses on the door of The Wittenberg Church. It was not unusual to do this, but what no one realized at the time was this event would spark what we mark as the beginning of the Reformation. This event took place on October 31, 1517, giving us something much greater than Halloween to celebrate on that day each year.

But as with so many other crusty and dusty details of history, we quickly forget those who have come before us. Many will recognize the names of Martin Luther and John Calvin, but there are many others who are not so easily recognized or remembered with much detail. How many of the following names do you recognize?

John Wycliffe, Peter Waldo, Jan Hus, Girolamo Savonarola, Ulrich Zwingli, William Tyndale, Philip Melancthon, Martin Bucer, Guillaume Farel, Theodore Beza, Thomas Cranmer, Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, John Knox, Lady Jane Grey, Wibrandis Rosenblatt, Wolfgang Capito Menno Simons, Peter Martyr Vermigli, Thomas Becon, Marie Dentière, Johannes Oecolampadius, Hellen Stirke, Heinrich Bullinger, Conrad Grebel, Robert Estienne, Pierre Viret, Zacharius Ursinus, Johannes Bugenhagen

Do not feel too bad, most of us need a refresher on these names. These are a number of the prominent names that have survived, but how many more who were instrumental in fostering change in their towns and countries have been forgotten? Most of those names we will not know until we have the chance to become acquainted in the New Heavens and New Earth. (You can read more about these faithful believers at DesiringGod.com in their "Here We Stand" Series on the Reformers.)

But do you think any one of these people did what they did with the goal of being remembered in mind? Or, were they simply following a God-honoring conviction to live, work and play with a particular set of principles in mind?

The legacy left to us by these faithful followers of Christ can be summed up in five principles:

- **Sola Scriptura ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.**

While all five "Solas" are significant, this is perhaps the most important and foundational principle of the

Reformation. What is our ultimate authority in matters of the Church— doctrine, salvation, daily living etc.? The critical point is the Bible is the ultimate authority for all things in the life of Christians. The Romans Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church both hold Tradition is equal to the authority of the Bible. Sola Scriptura empowers the people to read the Bible and know what God has said directly to each of us.

- **Sola Fide ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.**

Flowing from Sola Scriptura is the clear teaching of the Bible on salvation by "faith alone". Faith is a gift from God to believe the Gospel. There is nothing to be added to our salvation, such as good works, sacraments, or other means of salvation.

- **Sola Gratia ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.**

The companion to "Faith Alone" is "Grace Alone". Salvation is entirely a work of God in our lives. Grace particularly means "unmerited favor", so God saves us entirely based on His love for us and Jesus Christ's work through the Cross and Resurrection. We do not deserve to be saved, but God generously and freely saves us.

- **Solus Christus ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.**

Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ, not any other person or work or ritual or belief will make a way to enter heaven. Jesus made the exclusive claim, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6)

- **Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.**

The final "Sola" tells us God has done all of this for His glory and calls us to do all we do for His glory as well. The benefit is God's promise that our greatest joy is to be found in Him.

These only scratch the surface, but they are a good starting point to remember our rich history of faith.

In His Grip & Grace
Pastor Mitch