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# December Newsletter

# Forest Hills EFC Calendar

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Pastor Teaches AM Pastor's Study Day	<b>2</b> 8:00 am Men Pray
<b>3</b> Al Steely Sunday School Series <b>Lord's Supper</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	<b>4</b> Pastor's Day Off 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm CE MTG	<b>5</b> Pastor Teaches AM	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pastor Teaches AM Pastor's Study Day	<b>9</b> 8:00 am Men Pray
<b>10</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	<b>11</b> Pastor's Day Off 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	<b>12</b> Pastor Teaches AM 12:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 12:00 pm Missions Mtg	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>14</b> 12:00 pm Goldenagers	<b>15</b> Pastor Teaches AM Pastor's Study Day	<b>16</b> 8:00 am Men Pray
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor's Study Day	<b>23</b> 8:00 am Men Pray
<b>24</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship  <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>26</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>27</b> NO AWANA NO Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Pastor's Study Day	<b>30</b> 8:00 am Men Pray
<b>31</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship						



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If we have missed your birthday or someone else's, please contact the office to inform us.

- December 5 Judy Kloster
- December 10 Theresa Thode
- December 11 Scott Saylor
- December 17 Katie Clow
- December 18 Jane Block
- December 21 Marty Barker  
Tina Leinbaugh
- December 22 Virgil Smith
- December 25 Cole White

## Learning from Your Dog

by Betty Burnell

I am not even going to try to explain the craziness in this article because you already know that I am crazy and that does not need explained. So here goes....

When was the last time you made someone feel awesomely special when they walked through the door of your house or work place or where ever?

I was feeling especially thankful one day for the tremendously hard work my husband endures at his job while I sat home and held down the couch. As I was sitting, I wondered how can I make him feel special for all he does for me? That same day, when he came home, I watched our dog, Hal, and she gathered something in her mouth and went to the door and started wiggling hysterically while whining and grring and pacing in circles all at the same time.

I got the bright idea that this might work for me to ... so I plopped a hot pad in my mouth, and started doing the twist (the human form of wiggle) until Don popped in and saw that I was very pleased to see him. Yup he thought I was CRAZY !!! but He also felt the love and appreciation packed in the motion.

Now for all you normal folk out there, I won't feel frustrated if you chose a different way to show your devotion to the people you love ... All I care is that you find a method and way to show it.

I can't come up with any verse that says "thou shall wiggle to show thy appreciation to one another" but Scripture on several occasions does say we are to LOVE! Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

**FIND A WAY!!! Put love in motion!!!**

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## **Contacting Pastor Mitch**

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## Gift & Devotional Reading Recommendations

One of the hardest things at Christmas time is to find a good gift for the people you care about. It is a good time to shift our eyes from human attempts to fix our problems to God's perfect solution for humanity's failings. The greatest gift of Christmas is the opportunity to remember the greatest of all gifts given by God Himself.

The list of books here are not only good gifts, but they are also good books to read together as a family during advent.

While I give you the book price at Amazon.com most of these can be found at Christianbook.com and a few can be found at the local bookstore. Several of these are available through Banner of Truth Publishing, which is a great source of quality Christian books.

### Advent Reading Choices

These are collections of two or three page readings for each day of December leading up to Christmas Day. These are excellent books to buy for yourself or give as a gift. (Several are downloadable from DesiringGod.org)

*The Dawning of Indestructible Joy: Daily Readings for Advent* – by John Piper  
\$6.23 paperback or \$5.92 kindle at Amazon.com

*Good News of Great Joy: Daily Readings for Advent* – by John Piper  
\$7.99 paperback or \$2.99 at Amazon.com

I add a bonus of Tim Keller's advent book:

*Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ* – by Timothy Keller  
\$13.59 hardback or \$10.99 kindle at Amazon.com

For the family with younger kids. Once you get them into the story, your kids will ask to read from these three books as they tell three converging advent stories. Our kids loved them. They have a reading for each day of Advent, so four books give you the next four years of advent reading. Buy one and try it.

*Jotham's Journey: A Storybook for Advent* – by Arnold Ytreeide  
\$11.31 paperback or \$15.99 kindle at Amazon.com

*Bartholomew's Passage: A Family Story for Advent* – by Arnold Ytreeide

\$15.80 paperback or \$9.99 kindle at Amazon.com

*Tabitha's Travels: A Family Story for Advent* – by Arnold Ytreeide  
\$11.31 paperback or \$9.99 kindle at Amazon.com

*Ishtar's Odyssey: A Family Story for Advent* – by Arnold Ytreeide  
\$13.55 paperback or \$15.99 kindle at Amazon.com

### Gift Ideas:

*Dangerous Journey* is a wonderfully illustrated abridged version of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. This is a great gift idea for your kids or grandkids, even those who are non-believers. Even the oldest adult will enjoy looking at the illustrations as well as reading this time-honored story about Pilgrim's journey to the Celestial City. This is also a good coffee table type book as well.

*Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress* – by Oliver Hunkin  
\$17.53 Hardcover at Amazon.com

### Gifts for older readers looking for good devotional material

*Voices from the Past: Puritan Devotional Readings* – by Richard Rushing  
\$22.40 cloth-bound or \$16.00 kindle at Banneroftruth.org

*Voices from the Past 2: Puritan Devotional Readings* – by Richard Rushing  
\$22.40 cloth-bound or \$16.00 kindle at Banneroftruth.org

*A Year with C.S. Lewis: Daily Readings from His Classic Works*  
\$20.29 Hardcover \$10.49 Kindle at Amazon.com

*The One Year Christian History (One Year Books)* – by E. Michael Rusten  
\$10.59 paperback \$9.99 kindle at Amazon.com

Enjoy a good read over the Advent Season & give gifts that will encourage others to read as well.

In His Grip & Grace  
Pastor Mitch