

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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Sunday, February 18	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Class (Conference Room)
Monday, February 19		God's Garden and Church office closed
		In observance of President's Day
	6:00 p.m.	Foothills Reserve Master (Worship Center)
Tuesday, February 20	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 780 (God's Garden)
Wednesday, February 21	1:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 154 (God's Garden)
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:15 p.m.	Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
Thursday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers (Hub)
	7:00 p.m.	Small Group at Chuck Jarrell's
Friday, February 23	9:00 a.m.	M.O.R.E. Small Group (Hub)
Saturday, February 24	9:00 a.m.	<i>TRANSPORTATION DAY!</i>
Sunday, February 25	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Class (Conference Room)
	10:30 a.m.	PNC meeting (Natalie's office)
	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Rm 5)
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group

God's Garden Devotions Schedule-Monday, February 26- TBD

We still need Volunteers for Transportation Day- Feb 24th

Sign up today on the sheet in the Hub next to the raffle baskets! We have a variety of volunteer opportunities. You can choose your time slot and your duties. Thanks. Contact Brian Long 602-373-4677 with any questions.

To the Home-Makers of Horizon- A huge thanks to everyone who so generously donated household items for the Mexico Mission trip. We received much more than we had hoped for. If there is more than our family can use, they will be able to share with their neighbors. What a blessing!

Lenten Devotionals are now available. Pick up your devotional in the Hub or the Worship Center today!

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ECO National Gathering News

My overall impression of the ECO Houston Gathering is: High powered Presentations & Worship from beginning to end. I have selected the Breakout Session called The Postmodern Path to Faith led by Don Everts, Associate Pastor at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield MO. Because Session is focusing on Jesus' command to 'Go and make disciples', this presentation seemed to fit Horizon's spiritual growth plans.

The process that emerged from their research of listening to the stories of over 1,000 new converts is that conversion typically followed the following steps:

1. Unbeliever trusting a Christian – who spent time with them
 - Disciple Avoiding knee jerk reactions to distrust and practicing kingdom habits that build trust
2. Unbeliever wondering about Jesus – disciple honoring any and all questions
 - Disciple focusing on Jesus and living curiously
3. Unbeliever opening up to change
 - Disciple being patient and challenging like Jesus challenged
4. Unbeliever seeking after God – Admitting that they want more of this God.
 - Disciple living out the kingdom in front of them and creating safe places for seeking
5. New believer entering the Kingdom – saying yes to Jesus.
 - Disciple being appropriately urgent and being clear but not oversimplifying

So, as we hope, share, and pray for the saving of our friends and family. We need:

- Understanding, that to move forward they must trust us
- Empathy, since many have scars from some previous church experience
- Patience, for the stages take time
- Endurance, to be there when they want to explore more or become discouraged.

Submitted by Sandy Castle ... may God always guide us for his service

To learn more about the ECO Gathering, see Pastor Joe, Sandy Castle, Sandy Hutchinson, Sue Mitchell, or Chuck Jarrell.

Please consider making a donation this month to the 15th Annual Cinderella Affair!

The Cinderella Affair provides high school junior and seniors new and gently-used formal wear absolutely FREE, helping make prom an affordable and memorable event! Please bring in formal wear, shoes and purses and place them in the box in the Hub.

Restocking our Food Bank Donations- Our shelves are empty. **If each person brought just one item each week to church, imagine how full our shelves would be.** Thank you for your continued donations. The food on the Pantry shelves in the Hub is given to the needy each month via donations at the church and delivered to the Phoenix Rescue Mission and Matthew's Crossing Food Bank in Chandler. The donations support our neighbors who need assistance.

Sunday Flowers Celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, or honor and memorialize a loved one by providing flowers for Sunday Worship. There is a new sign-up sheet on a clipboard on the wall by the kitchen window.

Driving, Helping, Caring As we all age or develop health issues we sometimes find ourselves in need of a ride. It's difficult to ask for help when we have been independent for so long. We have our church family who are caring, generous, and helpful Christians. If you are in need of transportation assistance, to and from church, grocery shopping, doctors' visits, etc. or would like to provide assistance, please contact one of our Deacons or Natalie in the church office at 480-460-1480.

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