

The Weekly

Big Timber Evangelical Church

Sunday, January 29, 2012

This Week At A Glance:

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Men's Prayer Breakfast

- 7:00 am at Country Skillet Restaurant

Women's Winter Gathering

- 5:30 pm Diana Plaggemeyer's home

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Women's Bible Study

- 9:30 am at the church
- Childcare provided

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- 10:45 am in the Conference Room

encounter Student Ministry

- 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the church

Thursday, February 3, 2012

Mane Trail Ministry

- 4:30 pm in the Basement

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan 29 James Greenlee, James Corbin
Erin Larson, Jake & Pat Dews (A)

Jan 31 Onica Alford

Feb 3 Erica Chavez, Ron Boe,
Dorothy Schuman

In the Nursery

This Week: Rhonda G. & Julie T.
Next Week: Amy Krum



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God doesn't mass produce his church! Every church is unmistakably unique and incomparably different! Our local church is "one of a kind" and God has given us unique strengths, gifts and abilities to serve Him here. Over the next eight weeks we will be discussing our mission, values and vision which comes out of the Great Commission. Last week we covered the first part of our mission mandate. Week three is churchUNIQUE: ...to know Jesus and follow him.

Valentine's Banquet

Support the Student Mission Trip and don't miss out on the Valentine's Banquet on Friday, February, 10 at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place. Tickets need to be purchased no later than February 5th. The banquet is a fundraiser for the student mission trip to the Philippines in June. The evening will be filled with a four course meal and entertainment. Tickets are \$30 a couple and can be purchased today at the Gathering Grounds! Childcare and children's meal also provided for \$5. See Pastor Michael for questions or more information.



Join us for an Info Meeting!

We want to invite you to join us today at 3:00pm in the Gathering Place. We really do want to include everyone in this so please make it a priority to come. Feel free to bring some cookies to share. Childcare provided.

Women's Winter Gathering

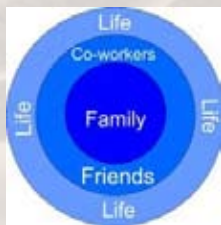
All ladies are welcome to attend the Women's Winter Gathering on Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 pm at Diana Plaggemeyer's house (5 miles west on the N. frontage Rd). Soup and rolls will be provided. Bring a dessert or salad to share and enjoy a great evening together!

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This past Sunday we talked about what it looks like to "encourage everyone." Encouragers are needed more than we realize. Encouraging is more than just a nice thing to do. It's absolutely essential. Especially in the light of the study I shared last week done by the Gottman Institute which concludes that most conversations have a conversation ratio of 1 encouraging word for every 6 critical comments. The more I reflected on this ratio and paid attention to my own conversations the more I began to realize the truth of this study. It reminded me of Ephesians 4:29 which says, Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

The word encouragement means to give support, confidence, or hope to someone, to cause someone to be encouraged by verbal or non-verbal means, or to inspire with courage, to spur on, to give help. It's something that we are told to do numerous times in scripture. But what does this look like? What does it look like to encourage everyone? Is it even possible?

If we take a big view of the relationships that all of us have in life there are three circles of relationship.



The inner circle is our family. The next circle of relationship is friends and co-workers. And then the outer circle is life. Most of the time we take this circle for granted. This is the person behind the

counter at the coffee shop. This is the person who services our vehicle. This is the person that delivers the package or cuts your hair. It is also the person that is the most easy to overlook. We should look for ways to encourage everyone (that means all three areas) in some way. Proverbs 11:25 says, *he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.* The law of reciprocation is that when we refresh others, we find refreshment.

But there's an even more important and valid reason to encourage others! The Apostle Paul writing the Thessalonians said, ¹⁰ *He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.* ¹¹ *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.* The most important reason for encouraging others: Jesus and what he has done for us!

Pray that God would give you an ability to encourage everyone you have the chance to this week!

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Today in Sunday School

What I learned today:

Kids will recognize that Jesus is all-powerful and will share his love with others.

Key Verse: "For I am convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God" (adapted from Romans 8:38-39).

Bible Story: Mark 1:21-28

Marriage Conference



Nationally known speaker Mark Gungor will be presenting his Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Conference at Journey Church in Bozeman. **Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage will not exceed \$35.00 per person. It will be held at the Commons at Baxter & Love in Bozeman, Montana on Friday, Feb.10 from 7pm- 9am and Saturday, Feb.11 from 9am- 12pm.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sam Summers at (406) 922-0190 or MaryKay Yeley at (406) 570-6220. Register online at <http://www.laughyourway.com/events/2012/02/Bozeman-MT/> or call 866.52.LAUGH (866-525-2844).

Women of Faith

Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings. Popular speaker and Bible teacher Sheila Walsh teams up with comedian and storyteller Ken Davis. Tickets can be purchased on line at womenoffaith.com or by calling 1-888-493-2484. If you purchase 4 tickets you can receive one free. We know of two ladies so far if you would like to get in on the savings, call the church office soon for info!



Gathering Grounds



Students and adults working in the Gathering Grounds are participating in the Student Philippine Mission. All money spent on coffee drinks will help support those individuals. Gathering Grounds is open each Sunday from 10:00 - 10:30 am. Come try a latte, frappe, or mocha! Prepaid drink cards redeemable for

5 hot drinks (\$15) or 5 cold drinks (\$20) are available. Also available is a "drink of your choice" card for \$3.50 which can be given as a gift or used for yourself.

Building Project/Basement

The building committee has received bids for finishing the basement and can begin work as funds are available. We have enough funds on hand for the sprinkler system, HVAC, electrical, rough plumbing, drywall, and ceiling installation, and possibly a few other projects. Thank you for your support and prayers! The basement will provide us with additional space for Sunday School, Small Groups, Student Ministries, and meetings.

December Financial Report

December 2011 Giving: \$17,234.83

December 2011 Expenses: \$18,179.32

2011 Annual Meeting

We will be having the 2011 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Place. Join us as we recap 2011 and look forward to 2012.