



From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

Remember, Ponder, and Meditate

The psalmist writes the following in Psalm 77:11-12: “I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.”

The psalmist has consciously decided to *remember* the deeds of the Lord and his words of old, *ponder* all God's work, and *meditate* on God's mighty deeds.

But where would the psalmist learn of all these things about God?

The only place available to the psalmist was the word of God.

The word of God is the repository of the deeds of the Lord, his works of old, his word, and his mighty deeds. It is only in the word of God that these things are found.

As you and I prepare for 2024, I want to encourage you to do what the psalmist did. I want to encourage you to read the word of God. I want to encourage you to remember, ponder, and meditate on the word of God. For it is in your reading of the word of God that you will grow strong in the faith.

If you will join the psalmist in this purposeful way of living, rather than just drifting and coasting into the new year, then mark off time today to plan by asking yourself three questions:

First, *when* will I fit the reading of God's word into my day? What can I change to make it fit?

Second, *where* at home or work will I read and begin my meditations and prayers? Where can I make some quiet and solitude? If you want it, you can make it.

And third, *how* will I read my Bible this year? Will I read a chapter a day? Will I use the Daily Bible Reading guide? Will I use a thematic guide? Will I use a devotional help?

As you commit yourself to the word of God, I believe you will discover that you will have a truly wonderful 2024.

Many are the plans
in the mind of a man,
but it is the purpose of the Lord
that will stand.
Proverbs 19:21 ESV



Books to Give

A number of Christian books and history books were donated and are available at the church for anyone who is interested. Please let Scott Simmons know if you would like to browse the titles. After Sunday morning service is generally a good time.

January Anniversaries

Scott & Patricia Harshfield
Anup & Seema Kagalkar

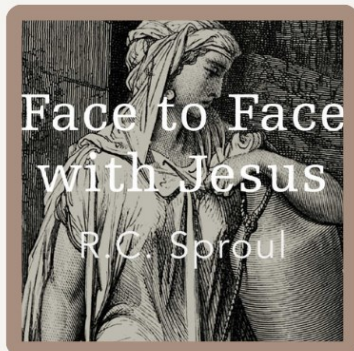
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January BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Barber January 6
Ron Whitley January 8
Vern Yu January 8
Rene Palacio January 9
Alexander Mas-Beazel January 10
Nuji Kunanayagam January 12
Faith Schultz January 13
Richard Gainer January 18

Toney Sauls January 18
John McNulty January 20
Andrea Proctor January 22
Lilli Palacio January 23
Abby Mondin January 26
Natacha Etienne January 28
Christopher Powe January 29
Melissa McNulty January 31

Women's Winter Bible Studies



Continue tracing the unfolding story about Jesus as the main focus of all Scripture as we study from the Gospels with RC Sproul and then the Great Commission with Buck Parsons.

MONDAY EVENINGS

(JAN 8, 2024)

6:30-8:30

ZOOM

Abby Hutto points out that each work of Jesus narrated in John reveals an aspect of God's character and nature, along with modern-day testimonials applying these truths.

TUESDAY EVENINGS

(JAN 16, 2024)

5:30-7:30

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TUESDAY MORNINGS

(JAN 9, 2024)

10:00-12:00

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STUDY GUIDES IN THE NARTHEX TODAY \$20



ESL UPDATE

We ended the semester of ESL on a positive note as we talked about celebrating Christmas. In many of the classes, the students shared what their Christmas traditions were in their home countries and some of the teachers passed out little gifts or had special classes sharing Christmas treats to end the semester. One of the level 3 classes enjoyed a Christmas brunch and Christmas cookies.

As we ended our classes before Christmas break, all of the classes read the Christmas story for our devotional



and talked about the real meaning of Christmas. We learned that many students whose countries do not traditionally celebrate Christmas have begun to celebrate Christmas now that they are in the USA. This led us to the joyful news that Jesus came as the light of the world to show God to ALL people of ALL nations and that we can share that light by repeating the great news and singing about the greatest story ever told!

By: Michelle Shearer, ESL teacher

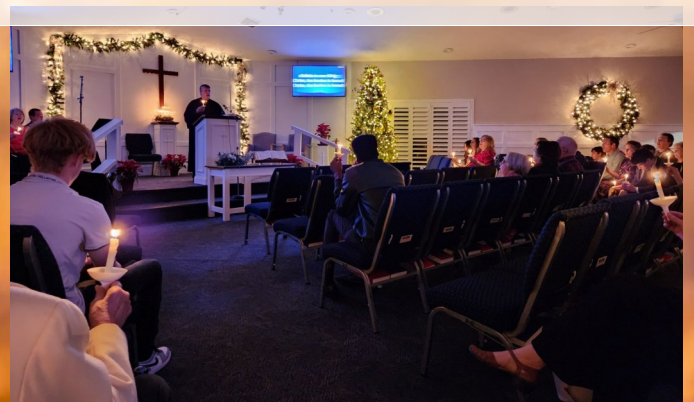
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Christmas Eve Service



35th Women's Christmas Brunch

December 2, 2023



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Calendar of Events: 2023-24



Fall

Women's Small Group
9/5 - 11/14

Women's Bible Study
9/11 - 11/14

Men's Breakfast
9/16

Adult Bible Fellowship
Children & Youth SS
9/3 - 12/17

Men's Bible Study
9/2 - 12/17

Youth Group
7/17 - 12/17

Membership Class
11/5

Church Retreat
11/10 - 11/12

Thanksgiving Dinner &
Service
11/19

Winter

Youth Group
12/3 - 2/18

Women's Christmas
Brunch
12/2

Beginning of Advent
12/3

Christmas Eve Service
12/24

Adult Bible Fellowship
Children & Youth SS
1/7 - 3/31

Men's Bible Study
1/7 - 3/30

Women's Bible Study
1/8 - 3/26

Missions Conference
2/9 - 2/11

Membership Class
2/18

Spring

Passion Week
Maundy Thursday
Service
3/28

Good Friday Service
3/29

Easter Sunday
3/31

Youth Group
4/1 - 5/26

Women's Bible Study
4/1 - 5/14

Men's Bible Study
4/6 - 5/25

Adult Bible Fellowship
Children & Youth SS
4/7 - 5/26

ESL End of Year Lunch
4/27

Membership Class
5/19

Summer

Vacation Bible School
TBD

Missions Trip to Belize
July TBD

Membership Class
8/18

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