

News from the Neighborhood

To Worship God, Love One Another, and Reach Out To Our World

Dear Neighborhood Family,



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Another new year that stretches before us like a field of freshly fallen snow!

We'll soon make tracks in this new snow, and then it won't be long before the field is completely covered with our footprints. Where are yours taking you?

God is so good and will bless you greatly in 2012 as you follow Him with all your heart. Look for opportunities to touch others, disciple people, and just generally be a blessing. As we get before God and simply say, "here I am, Lord, for your use", we'll be amazed at the doors that will open. Remember, YOU are a minister! If you're a follower of Christ, you are a minister—a priest unto him, wherever you go. That's exciting. Let's be the kind of person that when others are around us, they

change....they grow stronger in Christ. That's what discipleship is all about.

The building shell is now closed in and pretty well completed on the outside. When spring arrives we will be doing some landscape work as well. This "shelling out" of the building has been our goal since our last Annual Meeting. Now we want to see the inside finished so the space becomes usable at last. Will you please prayerfully consider what you will give in 2012 to make this a reality? We will also be scheduling work days for you to volunteer for so that we can cut down on labor costs. Thanks for being so faithful to the Kingdom work here at Neighborhood!

For Him,

Pastor Norm

Neighborhood Youth Ministries



Hello Neighborhood,

I love to spend time with my family, as I'm sure you do as well. Sitting around a dinner table. Taking walks with Safara and the dogs. Sitting with Zion as he plays and smiles. Playing "come and find me!" with Safara as we both hide under a blanket and wait for Danielle to come and 'find' us. It's these times that I wish I could freeze and make them stay the same for a few years. So if anyone has come up with that elixir, let me know as soon as possible!

I feel the same about your kids.

Spending time with them every Wednesday. Watching them worship Jesus. Watching them watch me talk about Jesus. =). Playing stupid games with them. Praying for the sick on the streets of Helena with them. Hanging out at a youth conference with them. Experiencing new food in Mexico with them. Eating Chicago-style pizza with them. Listening to them share how Jesus is

changing their lives, not just because their parents go to church, but because He really is doing things in THEM!

As we do these things they continue to get older, grow taller, voices change, graduation gets closer.

Our teenagers are some of the greatest young people I have ever met. It's a privilege to grow with them, help challenge them, and see them follow after Jesus. I am looking forward to the following Wednesdays, Ski days, winter retreats, hanging out, and experiencing God together.

We may not have a magic elixir that keeps them the same, but we sure are going to have a good time before they graduate.

Love you guys.

Pastor Andrew

REVOLUTION

Every Wednesday 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Connection Groups

Ordinary people growing together!

Dear Friends,

As the New Year approaches we always seem to make that most important New Year's Resolution list and yet how many times does that list go by the wayside toward the end of January? I should know. I've done that many times. So.... how about making a resolution that you will want to keep? I promise there will be no dieting or exercising involved!

How about a resolution that will involve making new friends; bringing a sense of belonging; grafting you into a family; strengthening your relationship with God; and allowing you an opportunity to "reach out to your world?" This can all happen as you join one of our Connection Groups. Please check the list below. If you have questions, please contact the leader, or myself, and we'll be glad to help you find a group that you'll be comfortable in.

2012 can be a year of new beginnings for each of us. Won't you join us? You'll be glad you did!

Blessings to each of you --*Corlynn*



Connection Groups

Please contact the facilitator for meeting times and locations

- Sunday:** **OK (Older Kids) Club**—Ralph & Sandee Badger 431-3550)
- Monday:** **Women's Group**—Patty Hern (227-6098) & Kirby Lynch
- Tuesday:** **Women's Bible Study**—Cherie Dahl (458-9315)
Parenting Your Parents—Darryl & Jamie Rensmon (461-5862)
- Wednesday:** **Intercessory Prayer**—Charlie Rehbein (443-5279) & Jeff Larson (443-6111)
Women's Group—Georgie Rehbein (443-5279) & Corlynn Christofferson (442-8523)
Family Life— Charltons (439-7557) & Fredericksons (204-4430)
Women's Group—Sandra Skeels (465-6712)
Men's Group — Pastor Norm (442-8523) & John Quigley (492-8379)
- Thursday:** **Men's Group**—John Elliott (459-0801)
- Friday:** **Proclaimers**—Doyle Kline (992-0039)
- Saturday:** **Prayers & Squares**—Debbie Supalla (449-5575)
Men's Breakfast—Donovan Schmidt (227-0186)
Bible Study—Barb Halver (227-7529) & Karen Hendricks (443-4794)
- Online:** **MAST 2.0**—Bruce Supalla (449-5575)

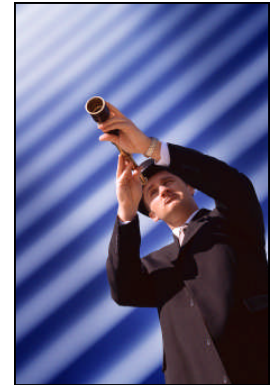
Upcoming Events

- One Service at 10 a.m.
January 1
- Midweek Ministries
every Wednesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Wednesday Connection Meal
every Wednesday, 5-6 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast
every 2nd Saturday each month
- Minister's Renewal
January 23-25
- Potluck & Vision 2012 Meeting
February 12
- Ladies' Retreat
March 2-3
- Youth Winter Retreat
March 16-18
- Midweek Ministries & Connection
Meal canceled March 28
- Palm Sunday
April 1
- Easter April 8
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:45 a.m. Breakfast
10 a.m. Easter Celebration
- Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
April 16
- District Council
April 23-25

VISION 2012 Meeting

Members, mark your calendars and plan to attend the Vision 2012 potluck and business meeting on Sunday, February 12th .

Non-members, you are also invited, but will not have the privilege of voting in any elections.



Potluck

- Immediately following 2nd service in the church basement.
- Bring a main dish AND a salad or a dessert.

Vision 2012 Meeting

- Begins after the potluck, upstairs in the sanctuary
- Building project update
- Financial reports for 2011
- Election of 2 Leadership Team members

Membership

- If you are interested in becoming a member, please pick up a membership packet in the Info Center and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Children's Ministries



We hope you had a fantastic Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior.

You know what? Even outreach isn't too hard for our kids! Two puppet shows and a full-blown

Christmas program in the past year, and who knows what's yet to come? If you don't already have a personal ministry, you might want to claim it before one of the kids takes it. Here's what's on the plate for the next few months...

On Sundays

Prayse Kids, Jr. (preschool):

January/February

- Kingdom Tales (about God's armor),

March/April

- To The Depths (Jesus' treasures)

Prayse Kids (K-4th grade):

January/February

- Shipwrecked (Paul's journeys),

March/April

- Winter Extreme (Jesus' teachings)

J12 (5th-6th grade):

With the Christmas play over with, we're starting up again in January, AND expanding it to cover both services. Don't miss out on our series "The Case For A Creator" and join in with Praise Guitar and other fun activities! Join us as we learn how

to "be about our Father's business."

On Wednesdays

Royal Rangers (K-6th grade):

"The Power of a V-8" is our continuing theme, with trips to see Army tanks, a bike rodeo and *Snow Motion*. Don't miss a night! There's just too much going on.



Missionettes (preschool-6th grade):

Girls just wanna have fun, and there's not much that can top what's going on with the various age groups. We even raced derby cars last month. Join in on the excitement, friendship, and learning about our Lord. Bet you can't quit after one night.



AND back by popular demand, another **Family Movie Night!**

Reserve April 20th on your calendar right away.

Bruce & Debbie Supalla



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**We're on the web:
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Annual Ladies' Retreat March 2-3

Hi Ladies -- What comes to mind when you hear the words "Relax, Restore, Refresh"? How about a weekend set aside to enjoy a peaceful experience to recharge your faith and friendships!

I want to welcome you to Sea Side Escape, a retreat designed with you in mind.



Mark your calendars now for the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd and join us for our third Annual Ladies Retreat. Be watching for more details!