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Faith Classes beginning September 8th

Sign-in at the West Check-In Desk

Cubbie Room - 4 yr olds and Kindergarten

West Classrooms - Grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6

Upper Room - Jr and Sr. High Students

Adult Classes: see page 7 for more information.

Begin the Journey

Anxious for Nothing (Max Lucado)

Psalm 23 (Matt Chandler)

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FaithBytes

Issue 9 September 2024

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Submission Deadline for the October 2024 issue is:
Monday, September 23rd



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Feedback is always welcome.



Worship Schedule

8:15 AM Worship Service

9:00 AM Fellowship Time in the Gym

9:30 AM Faith Classes for all ages

10:45 AM Worship Service and Livestream

A staffed nursery is available in the West Wing for infants though 2 years.



Calling all kids ... ages 3 to 5 years old.

Faith Kids Jr. at 10:45 AM in the Nursery

Parents, please sign in your child at the West Check-In Desk.

FAITH FORCE

Seniors are invited to the monthly potluck on Monday, September 23 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Connie Carmichael, from Living At Home, will be sharing some exciting updates with us.

Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share.

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Mission Circle will be meeting Monday, September 16, at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Besides praying for our missionaries and discussing ways to encourage them, we will be finalizing the women’s activity (Mugs, Muffins and Missions) for Sept. 21st! See page 10 for more information.



Thank you for your ongoing support of Summit Ministries Scholarships.

When you purchase the following items, the monies go into the Scholarship Fund. You may also donate by designating on the offering envelope to “Summit Scholarships”. Scholarships help send a young person to the Summer Summit Ministry Conference, held in Colorado each year.

Available during the week in the East Foyer:

Notepads (\$3) Cards (\$10)

Sep..	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
1	Haroldson	Nick T. Jim & Julie T.	Wilmot	Youth Youth
8	Kraemer	Mark L. Mari Jo L.	Kriens	Lynda S. Sandra L.
15	Trottier	Doug & Mary B. Sarah G.	D. Johnson	Don G. Sue G.
22	Folkestad	Mike R. Dee R.	Becker	Pam K. Cindy E.
29	Lundstrom	Drew and Sarah M.	Help Needed	Dan & Pat McGuire

Sep.	8:00 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
1	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.
8	Dave V.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.
15	Steve M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Ken & Evie O.
22	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Help Needed
29	Dave V.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Help Needed
Sep.	10:30 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
1	Peter W.	Youth		Youth	Youth
8	Munson Family	Munson Family		Munson Family	Munson Family
15	Bev S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Denny S.
22	Sue P.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Matt K.
29	Dan K.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Linda K.

Sep. Library	NURSERY	Sep.	8:00	9:15	10:30	10:30 3-5yo	
1 Judy		1	Christa M.			9:45 Jennifer O. Reagan S.	9:45 Kiana S. Schauer Teen
8 Diane		8	Sarah & Adeline G.	Liz & Mabel A.		Trever & Piper V.	Kiana S. Schauer Teen
15 Ruby		15	Karen L. Lahanna L.	Grant & Amber Haley L.		Cora & Katelynn H.	Hannah & Jordan N .
22 Deb		22	Lahanna L. Sarah M.	Liz & Mabel A.		Lydia G. Sue P.	Kiana S. Schauer Teen
29 Kerry		29	Bev S.	Bethany H.		Hannah & Jordan N .	Kiana S. Schauer Teen

Hey Families!

I want to send a note of encouragement to you as we wind down the summer and gear up for FALL! I truly love the fall! As we gear up for the fall, I completely understand that it also means that school is gearing up too. This season tends to feel a bit overwhelming and I'm not here to add to your plate but to encourage some perspective in the home. Find the moments each day to focus on the Lord. There are many ways to do this, simply take a moment and pray about the burdens and joys in life, pray for someone else for strength, read a quick Bible HIS-story, use the Family Connection and discuss what your children learned on Sunday Morning, do the Awana verse and discuss the Bible HIS-story from that lesson.

All that to say, we are here for you and would love to walk alongside you during these months! Whether your child is just starting to learn their ABC's or doing some linear math equations, be sure to carve out some time for the eternal perspective, and dig into the Bible and strengthen your family's faith. If you ever need some idea where to start or how to enhance your daily family devotions just contact me, through email or stop by my office! Keep praying for one another as we encounter new parenting hurdles and continue to celebrate each other's successes! We are in this together!



*Pastor Mike
Family Pastor*



FSM - students 7th-12th

Pastor Mike Tackett
Invites you
to join with other youth in the
Upper Room...



Sundays - 9:30 AM - Sunday Faith Class
Wednesday - 7:00 PM - FSM Group

Check out the Website:

www.faithbridgepr.org/ministries/student-ministry/

**Or join the Facebook Group: FSM UPPER ROOM (Faithbridge Church)
for upcoming week by week youth events.**

Please pray for **David Blake**, who is scheduled to speak at both services on Sunday, September 1st. He will be headed back to Indonesia and Thailand for meetings and training events there from September 2-14.



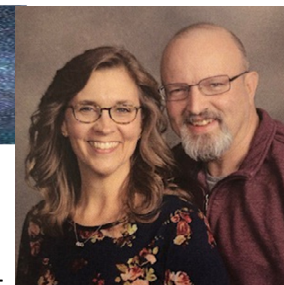
We praise the Lord for the 16 years that **Todd and Missi Marsden** have been serving in East Asia. They have resigned from Pioneers and have relocated to Park Rapids. Pray for them as they continue to serve as teachers at local area schools.

God has given us more opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let's answer the call.

Be sure to read the latest news from our missionaries - letters are located in the East and West foyer kiosks.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Dave Lindquist



Dave and Tracee Lindquist have attended Faithbridge for 26 years. They are parents to three children; Alisha (Anthony), Kevin (Neka) and Amanda (Stephen) and two beautiful granddaughters. (Three more grandchildren expected soon.)

David grew up in Bemidji and has been employed by the Menahga Public Schools as their Technology Coordinator since 1997.

As a young boy, "I overheard my parents leading my older brother to the Lord and secretly prayed the same prayer. A few days later I told my parents about this, not knowing if I would be in trouble or not. They explained in more detail to me what this decision meant, and that they were by no means "upset". I was about 7 when this happened. Within a year or so, I was baptized in a lake around the Guthrie, MN area. When I was a teenager, I re-committed my life to Christ at camp and have been trying to serve Him to the best of my abilities since. Thankfully, God brought Tracee into my life and our 30+ years of marriage have been a joyous gift from God. He has indeed blessed me with a loving spouse, parents, children and grandchildren."

One of my life verses is Isaiah 58:11 "And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."

Board of Deacons	Seth Holte - Chrm.	Denny Sleen	David Lindquist
	Bud Kading	Drew Maninga	David Wolff
	Justin Mitteness	Mike Ritter	Charlie Schmidgall



Parents: As you do your school shopping, don't forget to check out the bargains for filling a box for Operation Christmas Child. School supplies are always a welcome gift to put into your shoebox. Don't wait til the last minute to begin to find items to place in the boxes. A little at a time takes the pressure off.

Adult Faith Classes are starting September 8th and running through October 13th. Quarterly Family Meeting is October 20th. There will be new classes from October 27th to December 20th.

Begin the Journey

Fireside Room

We would like to invite you to an introductory class that will help you get to know more about Faithbridge Church! From learning Faithbridge's history, it's statement of faith, what it means to be a church member, and everything in between, this class has it all. This class is a requirement for membership at Faithbridge but becoming a member is not required (though highly encouraged!). The class will meet for a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 6 weeks.

Anxious for Nothing with Max Lucado

Man Cave

In this video Bible study, Max Lucado explores God's promise in Philip- pians 4:4-8 and presents that while anxiety is part of life, it doesn't have to dominate life. As you follow God's prescription for worry – celebrate his goodness, ask for help, leave your concerns with him, meditate on good things – you will experience his peace. You can stop letting anxiety rule your day and find true calm and contentment in Christ.

Psalms 23 with Matt Chandler

South Room

Because we know Psalm 23, we often breeze through it without slowing down long enough to rest in the assurance it offers. Pastor Matt Chandler introduces us to the great Shepherd, the Lord, who promises to provide for every need of His flock. Though only six verses long, this Psalm teaches us profound truths about our loving and protective God. By studying Psalm 23, we'll encounter a life-transforming question: Do you trust the Lord to care for your needs?

Prayer Warriors

Lower Room

You are welcome to join us if you believe God hears and answers pray- er. It is encouraging to spend time with others, praising God, thanking Him, confessing sin, asking for His blessing, and praying for His changing work in our own and others' lives. We encourage your prayer requests. "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

Registration is online and open!
www.faithbridgepr.org/events

September 4th is our orientation/book pick up night.

5:00 - 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Enter at Doors N2 or W1 for Awana Orientation

"We will have a short video for you to watch that will explain what AWANA is and what your role is as a parent. Doing your part will help your children and our volunteers succeed!"

FIRST REGULAR CLUB NIGHT:

September 11th ~ 6:55-8:30 PM

We are in need of a few more volunteer positions:

- ⇒ Leaders for T&T 3rd-6th grade
- ⇒ 1 for Sparks K-2nd grade
- ⇒ 2 people to help check kids in
- ⇒ 1 nursery worker for volunteer's children



Please join us in prayer for a successful year and clubbers with open hearts to receive God's Word and parents who will come alongside of them.



You are invited to join us for a Women's BSF Bible Study of the book of Revelation beginning on Thursday, September 12th from 1:00-3:00 pm. We will be meeting at Faithbridge Church, enter at Door S1. If you have previously registered, you can expect a phone call from your group leader. If you have not registered, please **register** at

www.join.bsfindernational.org.

Questions - Contact Joyce at 218-252-1659.



VBS Appreciation



A very BIG and Much Appreciated THANK YOU! goes to all our volunteers present during a very successful five day VBS. This includes Pastor Mike, Mister Brown, Crew Leaders, Bible, Craft and Game Helpers, Cooks, Servers, Decorators, Nursery Workers, Office Staff, Registration Workers, Custodian, Parents and of course, our young attendees. We give praise to God for His faithfulness.



Camp Lebanon

Check the Camp Website www.camplebanon.org

Always a fun time away, a time in the Word and a time of fellowship.

Coming Events -

September 2 - Dedication of the new Gym

September 17 - Fall Senior Day



Register SOON!

Men's Fall Retreat : www.camplebanon.org/fall-mens-retreat
September 20-22

Women's Fall Retreat

#1 September (26)27-29 (FULL) and #2 October (3)4-6

Story of Camp by Number (from the August Newsletter)

- 5 Sheep in Camp's sheep pen to help experience "The Good Shepherd"
- 1700 Summer Youth Campers (9 sessions)
- 162 Kids who said "YES!" to Jesus
- 28 Sweat Team (first stop in D3)
- 41 Service Crew (second step in D3)
- 26 Leaders in Training (third stop)
- 802 Family Campers (4 sessions)
- 37 Summer Rental Groups
- 5600+ Total Summer Attendance
- \$11,068 Missions Offering (for Ukraine Camps)
- \$14,109 Swimming Grandma's Big Splash
- \$33,500 5th Annual Wiffleball Challenge
- 650+ Grand Opening/Abeler Farewell
- 84,898 Youth Campers - 1947-2024

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Camp's Most important Number! Every camper welcomed, loved, kept safe, and presented with the Gospel.



Faith Women's Ministry and Faith Mission Circle

All Ladies

You are invited to come and join us ...

MUGS, MUFFINS AND MISSIONS



September 21st from 10 AM - Noon
Fellowship Hall



A morning of mingling and Q & A
with our missionary ladies
over warm drinks and fresh muffins!

Bring your own mug!

Questions? Ruby (218-252-6527)



Men's Ministry

MEN...Save the Date! September 20-22
Camp Lebanon Fall Men's Retreat.

"**MEN OF TRUST**, How to build trust from God's perspective"
Speaker will be David Horsager, (John Parks son-in-law). A motivational speaker and CEO of "Trust Edge Leadership Institute"

HOBBY BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

"Cybersecurity – Protecting Self, Family, and Others"

"Handgun Shooting Tips"

This is always a great time of fellowship, worship, activities and of course, good food!

Register at www.camplebanon.org/fall-mens-retreat



Helpers Needed

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We need volunteers for nursery and for 3-5 year old room.
They can be teens if they are mature enough to work with kids and be the helper.

Please consider serving for one hour out of the month's 16 hours so that young families can be together in church.
(First Service, Faith Classes, Second Service, 3-5 YO Class)

Please text 812-345-9517 to help or call the office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday 8:15 AM Worship Service 10 AM Worship Service 10 AM Faith Kids 10 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel	2  6 PM Volleyball	3  9 AM Gym use 3:30 PM Heritage Comm 4:30 PM Chapel use 5:00 PM Pickleball	4 7:30 AM Men's Study-Menahga 5 PM AWANA Parent Orientation and Books Night - Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM Chapel use 7 PM FSM	5 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	6 Office Closed	7 10 AM GriefShare <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Dads N Daughters - Camp Lebanon</div>
8 Fall Schedule Begins 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:45 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel	9 Homeschool use 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Trustee Brd Mtg 7 PM Deacon Brd Mtg	10 9 AM Gym use 4:30 PM Chapel use 5:00 PM Pickleball	11 7:30 AM Men's Study-Menahga 9:00 AM Release Time Mtg 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	12 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM BSF use 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	13 Office Closed	14 10 AM GriefShare
15 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:45 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel	16 Homeschool use 1:30 PM Mission Circle 6 PM Volleyball 6:30 PM Missions Team	17 Fall Senior Day at Camp Lebanon 9 AM Gym use 9 AM MomCo 4:30 PM Chapel use 5:00 PM Pickleball	18 7:30 AM Men's Study-Menahga 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	19 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM BSF use 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	20 Office Closed	21 10 AM GriefShare 10 AM "Mugs, Muffins and Missions" Fellowship Hall <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Men's Retreat - Camp Lebanon</div>
22 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:45 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel	23 Homeschool use 11:45 AM Faith Force 6 PM Volleyball	24 9 AM Gym use 4:30 PM Chapel use 5:00 PM Pickleball	25 7:30 AM Men's Study-Menahga 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	26 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM BSF use 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	27 Office Closed	28 10 AM GriefShare <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Women's Retreat #1 - Camp Lebanon</div>
29 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:45 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel	30 Homeschool use 6 PM Volleyball	 <h1 style="margin: 0;">SEPTEMBER 2024</h1> 				

*Don't forget to look in your Church
Directory for the September
Birthdays and Anniversaries*



Grief Share is a grief support group for help and healing after the death of a family member or friend.

A new session will be starting September 7th in the Chapel from 10 AM - Noon.

You can register online at <https://www.griefshare.org/>

If you wish to find out more information regarding this group, please contact one of our Faith Nurses, Rebecca Anderson, through the church office.

- Requests can be phoned/emailed to the Church Office or to the Compassion Coordinator, Jan Henderson (732-4522), who will forward them to the Prayer Group or Prayer Chain, as you direct.
- **Prayer Warriors: A weekly prayer list, can be delivered to your FBC mailbox or emailed upon request.**

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no fruit, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

Habakkuk 3:17,18

Josie Carter	Jared Lange	Davita Taylor
Chase Bohman	Malachi Martin	Owen Van Batavia
Chasity Bohman	Sean McGaffey	Ryan Vredenburg
Brian Evink	Jim Sleesman	

Thanks for praying for our servicemen; for their safety and for their families.

We need your help: If the status of any of the following military personnel has changed, please inform the office so we can update this list. Thank you!

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

Losing a loved one is one of the most distressing and, unfortunately, common experiences people face. Most people experiencing normal grief and bereavement have a period of sorrow, numbness, and even guilt and anger. Gradually these feelings ease, and it's possible to accept loss and move forward.



For some people, feelings of loss are debilitating and don't improve even after time passes. This is known as complicated grief when painful emotions are so long lasting and severe that you have trouble recovering from the loss and resuming your own life.

Different people follow varied paths through the grieving experience. The order and timing of these phases may vary from person to person, but it's important for everyone to do the following:

- Accept the reality of your loss
- Allow yourself to experience the pain of your loss
- Adjust to a new reality in which the deceased one is absent
- Begin to focus more on existing and possibly new relationships.

Risk factors for developing complicated grief include:

- An unexpected or violent death of a loved one (accident, murder or suicide)
- Death of a child
- Close or dependent relationship to the deceased person
- Social isolation or loss of a support system or friendships
- Past history of depression or post-traumatic stress disorder
- Traumatic childhood experiences (abuse or neglect)
- Other major stressors, such as financial hardship

Without appropriate treatment, complicated grief can lead to depression, suicidal thoughts, anxiety, sleep disturbances, difficulty performing tasks of daily living, substance misuse or abuse or increased risk of physical illness.

Prevention strategies for severe complicated grief may include talking about your grief and allowing yourself to cry; family/friend support and your local faith community; bereavement counseling one-on-one or in a group setting.

Many communities worldwide have **GriefShare** programs that are free of charge to redirect individuals toward answers found in the Word of God. After all—Jesus himself wept at the death of His beloved friend Lazarus (John 11:35). We offer such a program here at Faithbridge—please join us if or when you find yourself struggling with grief due to the death of a loved one. No one should try to 'go it alone'. Seek the strength that comes only from the Lord.

Library is open on Sunday mornings: 9:15-10:45 and 11:50 - 12:15

Access to the library is also available during the week when the church office is open. Someone from the office will let you into the library and check out instructions are available.

The Forge, a novelization by Chris Fabry of the newest Kendrick Brothers movie - when Cynthia's marriage implodes she struggles to raise her teenage son, Isaiah, alone. Shows the power of prayer, the transformation only God can achieve, and the lasting influence one person can have on others.

Along a similar theme are two non-fiction books: **Praying the Scriptures for Your Adult Children** by Jodie Berndt and **Never Too Late, Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Child**, by Rob Rienow

Unsung Hero DVD is based on the true story of the family of musical group For King and Country and singer/songwriter Rebecca St. James, as they move from Down Under to the States with nothing more than their seven children, suitcases, and love of music. Rated PG. Approx. 114 minutes.

Just For the Summer by Melody Carlson is a light fun read about two women who trade jobs for one summer. What could go wrong?

All My Secrets is a Gilded Age Novel of historical fiction by Lynn Austin. New York, 1898. The only thing more shocking than Arthur Stanhope III's unexpected death is the revelation that his will bestows his company—and most of his vast fortune with it—to the nearest male heir, leaving his mother, wife, and daughter nearly impoverished. A tale of choices, consequences, and new beginnings.

Fragile Designs is a stand-alone novel by Colleen Coble that is hard to put down. What Carly Tucker never expected as she begins to go through the attic was to find a letter in a trunk, written in her husband's handwriting... dated two days before his death. Eric had discovered that Carly's grandmother was adopted---a fact Carly is certain Gram is not aware of---and had already begun trying to track down her birth family. Is it possible that Eric's death wasn't random after all? With few options, con't →

Carly reaches out to Gram's neighbor Simon, a local homicide detective. One of the items in the trunk is an enameled egg. If it truly is a Faberge egg, the value could set Carly up for life . . . and would certainly be worth killing for.

I See Jesus by Nancy Guthrie is an illustrated picture book for 5-8 year olds highlighting the shadows of Jesus throughout the story of the Old Testament and showing Jesus is the culmination of the whole story of the Bible.

Wherever You God, I Want You to Know by Melissa Kruger – As your kids dream about where they might go, what they'll do, and who they might meet as they grow up, Kruger reminds them about what matters most of all – loving and following Jesus. Ages 3-6.

Looking For.....Library Coordinator - Looking for someone with a love for books and all they provide to readers. Work would include ordering, maintaining, promoting, mending, and scheduling. Would help to know the interests of young children ages 2-12. Contact Kelly Maninga.

Some Duties: Scheduling, purchase books, process books (computer, labels, cover), print due date labels, print list and contact overdues, book repairs, order supplies, and sort through book donations. You would be working with volunteers and instructing them in the various areas.



Faith Force Seniors

If you are 60 and older - retired or just tired - snow-bird or resident and are looking for some good fellowship and great food ... we know just the place to come!

Faith Force Seniors meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 11:45 for the noon potluck and program. You are invited to join this great group.



Back to School Prayers

Whether you're sending your child off to school each day or home-schooling them, every child will face a variety of temptations and moments that can become defining moments. As a parent or educator, you don't have to face it alone, and neither does your child. Below are prayers and Bible verses to speak over your children and students during their school day.

1. A Prayer For Courage: Dear God, as my child walks into school, I pray that Your strength and peace will cover them each and every day. Remind them they can turn to You when they feel scared or discouraged, and You will give them exactly what they need. I humbly ask that You will remind them that they don't have to do this life alone because You are always with them. No matter what obstacles come their way, I pray they will find strength and courage in You alone.

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

2. A Prayer For Kindness: Please empower and remind my child to be kind to every single person they encounter at school. Lord, please clothe them with Your mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience so they will glorify You. I pray they will show kindness to their classmates and the staff. If a time comes when kindness is not shown to them, may they feel Your presence all around them enabling them to be a light for You even when it is difficult.

"Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:12-14)

3. A Prayer For Protection: Lord, I humbly ask You to protect each and every child, including my own, as they go to school every day. I won't be there to protect them, but I have peace knowing You are their refuge and ultimate protector. Therefore, I ask that their emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical health will be guarded and protected by Your mighty hand. Thank You for caring for them.

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) *"For the angel of the Lord is a guard; He surrounds and defends all who fear Him."* (Psalm 34:7) →

4. A Prayer For Resilience: School isn't always easy. You know this, God, but I praise You for You are an ever-present help in times of hardship. I am asking You to pour out Your strength and reminders of Your peace and power on my child each day. When they face a hard subject, have a problem with friends, get in trouble, or simply feel fatigued from school in general, I ask that You will uphold them with Your mighty hand and restore them. Please encourage them when times are tough. I pray they are able to rest well when they return home from school and that You will restore them for the next day. You are our sustainer; please sustain my child. Thank You, Jesus.

“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

5. A Prayer For Joy: Thank You, Father, that my child gets to learn each and every day. As they go about their lessons and classes, I pray that You will provide them with endless happy moments and memories they can look back on when they get older. May my child wake up and be joyful about school. Please give them heavenly, lasting joy and encouragement as they grow and learn. Finally, I pray the joy they have will be evident to all and their joy will point others to Your goodness.

“I pray that God, the Source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

From Bright^{FM}



Calling all Moms!

Starting September 17th from 9 - 11 AM at Faithbridge
All Moms are welcome!

This year's theme is "Wild Hope."

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” ISAIAH 43:18-19, NIV

Are you ready for the wild and passionate life God has for you? Are you excited to discover new things about yourself? To loosen your grip on control so you can be open to receive? It's time to face your limits in the wilds and come out on the other side with stories to tell.

**If you would like to be a blessing to the moms that attend, we need volunteers to help with our little ones during the time when the mothers meet.

You are invited to join Local Worship Leaders

Praise Worship & Picnic

Hosted at Jaspers on East Hwy 34

Saturday, September 7th at 3 PM.

Food will be available for purchase from
the Hoot Owl Food Truck at 4 PM.

A free will donation for worship ~ proceeds will go to the local
Pregnancy Resource Center.

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Food Shelf Remember our Park Rapids Food Shelf!

308 Pleasant Ave. S, Park Rapids. Food and monetary donations are welcomed, now more than ever.

The **Caregiver Closet** is located in Unit B of the new Climate Storage PR Furniture Center - 1104 Park Ave S. Park Rapids.
Tues./Wed. 1-3pm / Thurs. 10-noon

Menahga High School
September 21st, 8 - 10 AM
\$25 cash donation
Open to everyone.



Living At Home Caregiving support group

- 1st Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at Riverside Church.

An Afternoon Out is for those experiencing memory loss and their caretakers. Thursdays, 1-2:30 PM at Riverside United Methodist Church.

SOLOS - 1st Monday of month 10:30-Noon at Northwoods Bank.

Save this date.

October 1st - Teepa Snow seminar on Dementia - more information forth coming.



Always looking for Mentors to work with our kids on a one to one basis. Call 732-0058.

Reading Buddies will be needed in October. Call Kinship for more information.



Eastside Church on Thursdays, 6:30 pm. No advance sign-up necessary.

Celebrate Recovery is a group open for anyone dealing with hurts, hang-ups or habits.



Beyer, Danielle *Red River Youth for Christ* Special Projects Coordinator.

- ◆ Pray for the YFC staff as they plan for programs at the area schools and the detention center Bible Studies for returning students and for the outreach at after school gatherings.
- ◆ Pray for Danielle and Cody in their additional roles as new parents to Lucielle Paige (Lucy).
- ◆ Pray for the students to hear with open ears about the love of Jesus for each of them.



Blake, David and Rita *Southeast Asia with Wycliffe* Management of Bible translation programs.

- ◆ Pray for Laura and Mary back at their colleges, each with significant changes in their living situations.
- ◆ Pray for David's trip for meetings and training events in Indonesia and Thailand, Sep 2-14.
- ◆ Praise for the groups that are collaborating to get the scriptures into many people group languages.



Borstad, Mike and Sherry *Argentina with Cardón Ministries* Leadership development in NW Argentina, especially rural church seminars, mentoring long distance and on-site.

- ◆ Pray that he will be able to finish the "Prophets" course so that it can be taught next year.
- ◆ Pray as he prepares and moderates the discussion for a weekly study group for Spanish-speaking coordinators for Catalyst Mission.
- ◆ Pray about the possibility of assisting a close-by Hispanic church. Mike will be meeting with leadership about helping them.
- ◆ Praise for your continuing support of our ministry.



Camp Lebanon Bill and Lisa Abeler - retiring Directors

Ministering to churches through Camp ministry.

- ◆ Praise for the great summer ministries.
- ◆ Praise for the completion of the new Gym facilities.
- ◆ Pray for the camp board as they search for a new director.
- ◆ Pray for Abelers as they will be adjusting to new surroundings and a different life style away from camp.

