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We Wish You All a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

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FaithBytes

December 2024



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Faith Family December Schedule

- 8th - Homeschool Choir Christmas Concert - 6:30 PM
- 9th - Faith Force Seniors Catered Noon Meal - R.S.V.P. - 11:45 AM
- 11th - FSM Christmas Party at Hill/Rockensock home - 7:00 PM
- 15th - Widows and Widowers Luncheon after the second service - R.S.V.P.
- 22nd - Regular Worship Service times with the Children's Christmas program during both services.
- 24th - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM
Doors Open and Cookies starting at 4 PM
- 25th - Merry Christmas
- 29th - One Worship Service and Baptisms at 9:00 AM
Brunch in Gym following the service.
- 31st - ReNew Years Eve for Families at 7 PM - 12 AM

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Submission Deadline for the January 2025 issue is:
Monday, December 23rd



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Feedback is always welcome.



All Church Information

Worship Schedule



- 8:15 AM** Worship Service
- 9:00 AM** Fellowship Time in the Gym
- 9:45 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 YO to 1st grade.

Faith Kids Jr. at 10:45 AM in the Cubbie Room (West Side)

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

FAITH FORCE

Faith Force Seniors are invited to a catered Christmas Lunch on Monday, December 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Come and gather at 11:45 am. The Homeschool Choir will sing some Christmas songs. We will have a time of carol singing following the lunch. Please RSVP to the office or text your name to 218-255-1210 by 12/5 that you will attend. This is a special time of Fellowship, Fun and Food to close out the year. We will deliver Christmas Cheer bags to the shut-ins following the lunch.

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Mission Circle will be meeting Monday, December 16, at 1:30 PM at Rita Blake's home. We will review the prayer letters, pray and rejoice in God's goodness during this past year. Women of any age are invited to join us.



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) Calendars (\$10)



Dec.	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
1	Henderson	Mark & Mari Jo L. Jim & Julie T.	Kriens	Youth Youth
8	Trottier	Doug & Mary B. Nick T.	Vredenburg	Lynda S. Sandra L.
15	Folkestad	Drew & Sarah M. Sarah G.	Diane J.	Don & Sue G.
22	Lundstrom	Ray & Barb M. Brian & Wendy K.	Amber L.	Pam K. Dan & Pat McG.
29 8:45	Haroldson	Byron & Judy D. Gail W.	One Service at 9:00 AM	

Dec.	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	Ken & Evie O.
15	Frank S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.
22	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.
29	Mike R.				Frank S.
Dec.	10:30 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
1	Youth	Youth		Youth	Youth
8	Matt K.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Sue P.
15	Bev S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Denny S.
22	Munson Family	Help Needed		Help Needed	Munson Family
29	ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 AM				

Dec.	Library
1	Judy
8	Diane
15	Becky
22	Kerry
29	Deb

NURSERY

Dec.	8:00	9:30	10:30
1	Rita B. Brooke N.	Grant & Amber L.	Jennifer O'D. Kiana S.
8	Christa M. Jessica L.	Liz A. Bethany H.	Trever & Piper VB
15	Sue P. Karen L.	Lahana L. Liz A.	.Mitteness Family
22	Sarah & Drew M.	Shelby & Paul F.	Kiana S. and Teen
29	One Service	9:00 AM Liz & Ryan A.	One Service



What Does It Take to Celebrate?

SCRIPTURE READING — LUKE 1:26-38

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.

"May your word to me be fulfilled." Luke 1:38

Some years ago, a Christmas musical included Mary saying, "If the Lord has spoken, I must do as he commands. I will put my life into his hands. I will trust him with my life."

That was Mary's response to the surprise announcement that she would be the mother of the Son of God. Whatever the consequences, she was able to say, "**May your word to me be fulfilled.**"

Mary was ready to surrender her life to the Lord, even if it meant that she might be disgraced in the eyes of everyone who knew her. And because she trusted the Lord with her life, she became the mother of Jesus and could celebrate the coming of the Savior. Mary took God at his word, accepted God's will for her life, and placed herself in God's hands.

That's what it takes to truly celebrate Christmas: to believe what is completely unbelievable to many people, to accept God's will for our lives, and to place ourselves in God's service, trusting that our lives are in his hands. Only then will we be able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Ask the Holy Spirit today to help you trust God with your life and to turn the controls of your life over to him. When you do, your life will never be the same.

Lord, our God, please give us faith to believe that the child we celebrate on Christmas is your Son, our Savior. Help us to acknowledge him as Lord and to trust him with our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

[Arthur J. Schoonveld](#) from *Today In The Word*

A Baptismal Service is being planned for December 29th, during our "One Service" at 9 AM. Jesus instructed, "*believe and be baptized*" and that's what those who chose to follow Him did. Baptism is an obedient outward sign of an inward conversion experience – and it's a celebration into a new life! If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the office or you may also fill out a "Form" on our Website under the "Events" tab.



FSM - students 7th-12th

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



December 4 & 18 - FSM in the Upper Room
 December 11 - Christmas Party at the Hill/Rockensock home
 Watch for more detail to come.
 December 25th - No FSM
 December 31st - ReNew Year's Eve Service @ 7 PM

Check out the Website: www.faithbridgepr.org/events
 Or join the Facebook Group: **FSM UPPER ROOM (Faithbridge Church)**
 for upcoming youth events.



Calling all Moms!

Meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month
 at Faithbridge at 9:00 AM

All Moms are welcome!



December 3rd - Christmas Brunch and Testimony

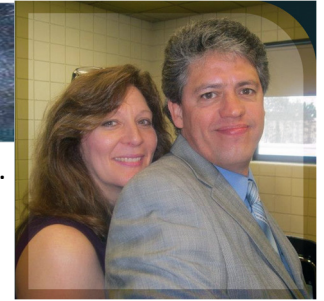
This year's theme is "Wild Hope."

**Want 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.

Thank you all for your contributions to Operation Shoebox. We delivered 100 boxes to the Wadena drop-off point. May we follow them with prayer as they are delivered around the world.



DEACON OF THE MONTH David Wolff



David has been a part of Faithbridge for 45 years. Many Sunday school teachers have fond memories of him. He married Sharon (Haas) 40 years ago. They have been blessed with seven children, ages 20-38 and 11 grandchildren and 12th on the way.

He says, "I grew up in a Christian home where church and God were in a lot of conversations. I learned from my Dad what a Christian man and father should be. Sunday school teachers at Faith Baptist helped me find my way."

David and Sharon own the Wolff Transportation Company which has allowed them to travel to many places in the US. They like to trade their trucks for motorcycles and enjoy fresh air rides for short and long trips.

Two of David's life verses are Ephesians 4:26 *"In your anger do not sin"*: *Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.* and Matthew 6:34 *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

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

Park Rapids Area Homeschool Choir

Sunday
 December 8th
 6:30 PM
 @ Faithbridge



IT IS CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN!

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birth through prayer and reflection, we contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Savior and anticipate his promised Second Coming. Amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. This can be a very hectic time of the year. When everyday concerns and strains start to get the better of us, let’s take a deep breath and regain control this holiday by focusing on the gifts that really matter...

Our Nurse’s gift to you is 12 days of Christmas prayers taken from a precious book by Brian Morgan. WE PRAY FOR ALL OF YOU...

JOY in abundance and laughter, for laughter cures our ills and joy makes our spirits soar

A SIGH when you need one, for a sigh clears the heart as a cough clears the throat, and with a sigh comes acceptance of what we cannot change

TEARS when you need them, for tears clear the eyes to see the stars and cleanse the soul to let healing begin

SERENITY, for fights and wars start in individual breasts and that is where they must end

WISDOM, for our priceless gift is the gift of choice—and we should use it well every day, in word and deed

PATIENCE, for most troubles pass if we wait them out, and success comes with persistence

COURAGE, for there may be many pitfalls and dangers ahead and problems can only be solved when they are faced

COMPASSION, for we cannot help others until we understand them, and we cannot understand them until we walk in their shoes

A WILLINGNESS to work, for work turns dreams to reality—whether the dreams are ours or belong to those we can help

UNWAVERING FAITH, for faith shapes our morals and our destiny and draws us closer to God

A MIND FULL OF HOPE, for hope determines our attitudes, sets our goals, and creates our ideals

A HEART FULL OF LOVE that every day you must give some away to those whose paths you cross

BLESSINGS TO YOU FROM OUR GREATEST GIFT—JESUS!

Thank you for your prayers as the Missions Ministry Team made 2025 budget decisions. God has blessed Faithbridge Church financially through putting it in the hearts of members and those who attend to give. We were able to raise 9 missionaries/couples monthly support for 2025. We were also able to give one-time end-of-year gifts to the missions board/sending agency accounts of all of our missionaries.



Our missionaries are passionate about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ from God's Word with the various people groups they work with.

Soon you will be seeing slides up front, on a rotation basis, of all of the 17 missionaries that Faithbridge supports! We hope this will spark awareness and interest in them. If you do not yet receive the missionary prayer letter packets, please ask Jan Henderson (218-255-1210) to put them in your church mailbox!


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.

Helpers Needed!

We need more volunteers for nursery. 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)

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Communion Sunday 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Faith Classes 10:45 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel 5 PM Basketball	2 Homeschool use 2:30 PM N Kitchen use 3:30 PM Gym use 6 PM Volleyball 7 PM Conference Room	3 9 AM Gym use 9 AM MomCo 9 AM Fireside use 3:30 PM Gym use 3:30 PM Heritage Comm 5:30 PM Pickleball	4 7:30 AM Men's Study-Menahga 8:30 AM Release Time 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall use 1:00 PM Gym use 3:30 PM Gym use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	5 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM BSF use 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	6 Office Closed 12:30 PM Chapel use	7 10 AM GriefShare 2 PM Fireside use	
8 8:15 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Faith Classes 10:45 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel 5 PM Basketball 6:30 PM HS Choir Concert	9 Homeschool use 11:45 AM Faith Force 3:30 PM Gym use 5:30 PM Finance Mtg 6 PM Trustee Brd Mtg 6 PM Volleyball 7 PM Deacon Brd Mtg	10 9 AM Gym use 9 AM Fireside use 3:30 PM Gym use 5:30 PM Pickleball	11 7:30 AM Men's Study-Menahga 8:30 AM Release Time 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall use 1:00 PM Gym use 3:30 PM Gym use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM @ Hill's	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 2 PM Fireside use	
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*Don't forget to look in your Church
Directory for the December
Birthdays and Anniversaries*

COOKIES NEEDED:

We are in need of cookies for the Christmas Eve Service. If you can help, please bring two dozen cookies. Watch the bulletin for times to deliver them to church.



**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.

NEW BOOKS:

Christmas Tree Farm - Bestselling and award-winning author *Melody Carlson* charms and delights with this uplifting Christmas story full of old memories and new beginnings. When Madison McDowell returns from several years teaching overseas, she has high hopes of picking up where she left off at her family's Christmas tree farm in Oregon. But between damage from a recent wildfire and neglect due to her sister Addie's unwillingness to invest, the farm is in sad shape. And to top it off, her former high school flame, the now-widowed Gavin Thompson, has plans to turn his neighboring property into a dusty, noisy dirt bike track for his daughter. With the odds stacked against her, Madison decides there's only one thing to do: double down on her dreams.

A Treasury of Christmas Miracles by *Karen Kingsbury* - a collection of true stories of God's presence today. It's so easy under the hustle of packages and the bustle of crowds to lose sight of the tenderness and the truth of the holidays. These stories will cause you to catch your breath with a fresh realization of Christ's preeminence throughout all seasons - even the winters of your life.

Land of Silence by *Tessa Afshar* - Before Christ called her *daughter* . . . Before she stole healing by touching the hem of his garment . . . Elianna is a young girl crushed by guilt. After her only brother is killed while in her care, Elianna tries to earn forgiveness by working for her father's textile trade and caring for her family. When another tragedy places Elianna in sole charge of the business, her talent for design brings enormous success, but never the absolution she longs for. As her world unravels, she breaks off her betrothal to the only man she will ever love. Then illness strikes, isolating Elianna from everyone, stripping everything she has left. No physician can cure her. No end is in sight. Until she hears whispers of a man whose mere touch can heal. After so many years of suffering and disappointment, is it possible that one man could redeem the wounds of body . . . and soul?

Of Fire and Lions by *Mesu Andrews - Survival*. A Hebrew girl first tasted it when she escaped death nearly seventy years ago as the Babylonians ransacked Jerusalem and took their finest as captives. She thought she'd perfected in the many years amongst the idol worshippers, pretending with all the others in King Nebuchadnezzar's court. Now, as Daniel's wife and a septuagenarian matriarch, Belili thinks she's safe and she can live out her days in Babylon without fear--until the night Daniel is escorted to Belshazzar's palace to interpret mysterious handwriting on a wall. The Persian Army invades, and Belili's tightly wound secrets unfurl with the arrival of the conquering army. What will the reign of Darius mean for Daniel, a man who prays to Yahweh alone? Ultimately, Yahweh's sovereign hand guides Jerusalem's captives, and the frightened Hebrew girl is transformed into a confident woman, who realizes her need of the God who conquers both fire and lions.

One Last Thing by *Rebecca St. John* and *Nancy Rue* - Tara Faulkner has dreamed of her wedding and the life she and her fiance Seth will share in their hometown of Savannah . . . and by all accounts, it should be a charmed one. But when she discovers three weeks before the wedding that Seth is seriously addicted to pornography, Tara's dreams are shattered. She must decide whether she will stand by Seth, but she also must let go of the dream she shaped for herself and discover a real vision for her life-and where it will come from. With all else falling apart, Tara encounters an unexpected-and unlikely-group of women mentors. They help her peel back the layers of shaming secrets and begin to clearly see the real issues of her generation.

AND SOME NEW BOOKS FOR JUNIORS:

The Hiding Place by *Corrie Ten Boom with Elizabeth and John Sherrill* – One of the bestselling books of all time – now a captivating graphic novel! Introduce your kids to this classic. Ages 8-12.

Brave Heroes and Bold Defenders – 50 True Stories of Daring Men of God including C.S. Lewis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Billy Graham and Tim Tebow. Men who have used their God-given talents to live out their faith to the fullest. Ages 8-12.

Bible Infographics for Kids – The Bible is far from boring. This crazy-mazing collections of infographics depicts the Bible's key concepts, important people, unusual facts in a new and exciting way! Dive in and explore the Bible like never before! Ages 9-99.



Congratulations



Winston Tucker was born on October 13th to Phillip and Ava Rousu. He weighed 8 lb. 9 oz. He joins his siblings: Darcy, Georgia and Wilfred.

Jackson Louis was born on November 9th to Nate and Maria Ahrendt. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. Proud grandparents are Dave and Mary Ahrendt. He joins 6 girl cousins!



Faith Prayer Ministry

- 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.**

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because He has come and has redeemed His people.”
Luke 2:68



Faith Military Connections

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

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!



Faith Classes

Watch in the bulletin for the new Adult Faith Classes that will begin on January 5th. Be a part of these small groups that meet on Sunday Morning. Great topics, discussions and get to know others here at Faith.



2024 Pie Auction

Thanks to everyone who had a part in the pie auction! The pies were delicious, the bidding was lively, and the total was generous! (\$12,875.00!) It is a joy and privilege to turn this night of fun into financial Christmas gifts for the missionary ladies!



Lots of laughter!
Intense bidding
and cheering by
all!



Pies and goodies to be
auctioned!



Auctioneers Ken and Chuck



Silent Auction Table



Honoring LaMae James



Kitchen help - Colleen, Diane, Christy, Kerry



Widows & Widowers

Christmas Lunch
Sunday, December 15
12:30 PM
Fireside Room

RSVP to the church office by Dec. 11
218-732-1404 or office@faithbridgepr.org

A note from our Librarian, Joyce Killmer...

We are still looking for a **library coordinator** to join me in managing the library. The library is still my "happy place." I enjoy working here and would like to train someone who loves books and libraries to work with me and possibly eventually be the lead librarian. Maybe you've been reading the notes about library coordinator, thinking it sounded kind of interesting but just weren't sure. Please come and talk to me or give me a call (Joyce at 218-252-1659) or talk to Kelly Maninga. It's not an overwhelming job; it is varied. I enjoy choosing and purchasing books that look interesting to me or that I think regular patrons would like. Our library computer system is fairly easy to learn. Or you could be instrumental in an upgrade to a new system! If you love books and reading, are computer literate and detail orientated and would like to encourage others to read, you meet the qualifications to share in a very satisfying ministry!

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED

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**



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.

The CHI St. Joseph's Health Auxiliary is excited to announce our online **Rada Cutlery** fundraiser is now open! Shop a wide selection of high-quality kitchen knives, cookware, and more, all while supporting patient comfort and healing at CHI St. Joseph's Health.

Here's how to shop:

- Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.
- Visit RadaFundraising.com and select "CHI St. Joseph's Health Auxiliary."

The sale runs through December 31st, so don't miss out on this opportunity to give back!



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



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.

PARK RAPIDS CLASSIC CHORALE
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 3:00 PM
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Schmoll, Luke and Kristina

CRU
U of Minnesota Campus outreach ministry & Regional Financial Director.



- ◆ Pray for them as they venture into being landlords of an outreach house in their neighborhood with the purpose of mobilizing believers to minister to the neighborhood with prayer and the Gospel.
- ◆ Pray for the expanse of God's kingdom in our immediate block in the heart of the Phillips neighborhood.
- ◆ Praise that there are many prayers being offered up for the lost in our area.

_____, **Kyle and Lara**

Reaching out to Muslims in East Asia through personal interaction and English language studies.

- ◆ Pray as we prepare to go to the ME January 1st.
- ◆ Pray for our hearts as we say goodbye.
- ◆ Pray for the last step of getting the money from our apt. sale.
- ◆ Pray that God would prepare the right apt. in the ME; surrounded by people with open hearts to hear the good news.
- ◆ Pray for us as we trust the Lord for our parents and kids' lives as we leave.



Straubel, Paul and Michele

Oak Hills Christian College
Director of the Center for Indian Ministries



- ◆ Praise for leading us to a new location for the BUILD program beginning in March, located on the Flathead reservation in western Montana.
- ◆ Pray for new workers, David and Rachel Anderson, as they raise support and prepare to move to Red Lake this summer.
- ◆ Praise and pray for Tamanius Harvey who is beginning an internship at Wahbun Chapel in Ponemah. Pray that it will be a valuable learning experience as he seeks God's will for future ministry.

Swenson, Greg and Asa

Japan with WorldVenture
Serving in evangelism, discipleship and worship ministries in partnership with the church in Japan



- ◆ Praise for an encouraging time at the Church Planting Institute.
- ◆ Pray for opportunities for gospel witness during the Christmas season in our community, especially the special service on the 22nd.
- ◆ Pray that believers will grow in and seekers will find faith as Asa concludes her Alpha Class with CAJ moms.
- ◆ Pray for safety in travel for Karin and Jonah as they return to Japan for the holidays from college.