

Missions Trip:

Our own Levi Spain has an opportunity to go with Central College on a missions trip to McAllen, Texas over the Christmas break. This is a very impoverished area of our Country very near the border. They will be building homes and showing God's love to those in the area. The cost for Levi for the trip is \$200.00. Anything above that goes for purchasing building supplies in McAllen as well as clothes and food for distribution. If you would like to help support Levi and this ministry opportunity, make checks out to Central College Campus Ministries. Checks may be placed in offering or given directly to Levi.

Digging Deeper will resume January 11th at the home of Todd & Paula Steffens, 110 12th Ave., De Witt. Digging Deeper is for teens ages 13-18 who want to study the bible and have Christian fellowship. Jessica Bates & Paula Steffens will be co-leading the girls study on Esther. Todd will continue the boy's study on evolution. This small group bible study meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. GIRLS: Please let Paula know by this Monday, January 2nd, if you want to participate in the Esther study so a book can be ordered for you. Thanks and hope to see you on Wednesdays!!!



ATTENTION JV-ers! Mark your calendars for WINTER BLAST - FEBRUARY 3-5, 2012 at Hidden Acres Camp! Go to www.reachstudentscd.com/ events for the registration forms and details. Forms and \$\$\$ must be turned in to Craig Jepsen or Terry Keegan by Jan 15th. Invite a friend! YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

End of year giving to the building update: In support of our goal to reduce the mortgage in December, the facility loan has been reduced from \$85,895 to \$66,406.57. Praise God!

Friendship Pads: You will notice that there are black pads at the end of each row today. There are pads inside. Please open and sign, even if you are a regular attender and especially if you are visiting. We will use these pads for keeping our information updated and knowing who was here each Sunday. Also after the pad has gone down your row send it back and if there is someone in your row that you do not know their name, take a look! This pad will replace the connection cards in the bulletin.

TONIGHT:

- ~No JV Group
- ~No PM PLUNGE Group

•Tues. morning Women's Bible Study will not be meeting from Dec 20th thru January 3rd. We will be studying Exodus beginning again on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012. Contact Susan Keegan (659-9271) for more info.

Ministry Opportunities: We are in dire need of a volunteer to coordinate the Nursery Schedule. Please see Dale Wriedt if you can help.

Communion: We still need volunteers to prepare and clean up after communion. Please see Scott or Mike if you can help out in this area.

CELL BLOCKS IN JANUARY:

Cell blocks will meet only once in January so that everyone is encouraged to pray at the Sunday Night January prayer meetings. See your cell block leader about when your group will meet. At the January meeting each group will work on verses, share from their Journal and then spend an extended time in prayer.

If you are not in a cell block and would like to be, see Pastor Mike, Merv Hassebrock, Scott Kazinski or Todd Steffans and we will get you plugged in!

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
<u>NURSERY:</u> 9:00AM TBD	<u>NURSERY:</u> 9:00AM TBD
10:45AM TBD	10:15AM TBD
<u>USHERS:</u> Doug Hinkle, Scott Stocker, Austin Spain, Andy Anderson Jr.	<u>USHERS:</u> Andy Anderson, Jon Cornelius, Peter Keegan, Craig Jepsen
<u>GREETERS:</u> Harry & Mary Weigandt	<u>GREETERS:</u> Gale & Olivia Radcliff

• Jan 9 (Mon) 7:00PM Leadership Meeting

• AWANA is taking a break over the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. See you on Wednesday, 1/11/12!

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• **Winter Break - Truth Singers will meet again on 1/19/11**

• Pray for our Shut Ins: Al & Ann Pries @ Maggie's House, Mary Mehus

Please e-mail Paula @:
tpsteffens@mediacommb.net w/
prayer chain & info line requests or
to be added to 1 or both of these lists.

A staffed Nursery is provided for ages birth to 3 during Sunday School and the 9:00AM worship service.

• Jan 5 (Thurs) 5:30-6:30PM Dodgeball for grades 7th and up here at DEFC

•Jan 7 (Sat) 7:00AM Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study & breakfast

JANUARY - Month of Prayer

Today begins our month of Prayer: What a great month this will be as God's people gather both Sunday Morning and Evening for prayer!

Today, in the foyer is a sign up sheet to sign up to come and pray during Awana, youth group and Truth Singers. You do not have to stay the whole time but gather to pray for these ministries as they are going on.

There are great plans for the Sunday evening prayer services that begin January 8th.

On the 22nd we will observe "Right to Life" Sunday. Please stay tuned for more details.

On the 29th, Pastor will be preaching a biographical sermon on Bonhoeffer's life and using Mark 1:16-20. We will continue this in the Sunday School time discussing, how a Christian relates to a godless government. This would be a great Sunday to invite friends.

Month of Prayer Sunday Evening Service:

Jan. 8: Families and Marriages. Healing Service

Jan. 15: Our Community, Outreach opportunities, Our Missions

Jan. 22: The Unborn Our Nation, our Community, Our Church

Jan. 29: Revival Healing Service

Our Worship Services in January

You will notice today that our services are stripped down throughout this month. Worship, the preaching of the Word on Prayer and Prayer will be our focus. Sharing time will be an extended prayer time in each service and Communion will be held at 10:30a.m. in the upper Sanctuary today and on the 15th for those desiring to have communion. Come to pray!

In Sympathy:

~Our sympathy goes to Bruce and Karilyn Floyd on the passing of Karilyn's mother on December 17th.

~Our sympathy also goes out to Tom and Shirley Feller on the passing of Shirley's sister this past week.

~Please remember in prayer all the family members as they deal with their grief.