
FCC NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



THE QUESTION

Our newest blog entry

Don't you want heavenly glory to settle all over your little life? I was dumbstruck by this question from the author of a book I am re-reading. It was just one sentence among so many but it was as though it jumped out of the page and caught me unaware. Since it was just me and God in the moment, I had to be honest that I didn't know how to respond. Yes, of course, is the expected answer but I had to spend some time digesting the question it seemed the Spirit of God had asked and was now waiting for my honest answer....

(Click [HERE](#) for the full blog)

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CHAOS

Wednesday Nights

I know I am not the only one who can't believe that it is already February! We have all taken notice that this winter has been far from ordinary regarding the weather. Like most of you, my spring fever tends to hit around this time. I start to look forward to springtime and that warmer weather. As I have aged, I have made a connection between Spring and the promise that God will make all things new. (Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 21:5). In both passages, God is referring to the work that He is doing through Christ to restore literally EVERYTHING!

In Chaos this year, we have been looking for ways to make old things new again. We have looked for ways to deepen relationships and show students Christ and the love that He has for them. We just finished a short study in the book of Philippians and explored how Christ is our source of joy in every circumstance.

We are now going to shift our focus to the Gospel Project for Students, which is a resource put out by Lifeway Christian Resources. The next four weeks we will be looking at the promise that God is always with us. When we believe that promise and live our lives there - it gives us great confidence and power for this life and the next.

Matt Tuinstra



NEEDS

Meals & Snacks

Looking for a way to serve? Sign up for one of the dates on the sign-ups below! We need desserts, meals, and snacks for our youth ministries!

CHAOS Meals/Desserts: [LINK](#)

Disciple6 Snacks: [LINK](#)

YOUTH CONFERENCE

For Teachers, Parents, and 8th-12th Grade Students: [LINK](#)

We invite both our youth in grades 8th-12th, as well as anyone who enjoys working with youth, to join us for the Ignite Youth Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

The goal of this conference is to equip and train students, youth workers and volunteers with Biblical principles that will help each church or ministry towards reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The theme of this year's conference is FAITH!

Dates: March 8th-10th, 2024

Cost: \$130

What is included?

- Conference Ticket
- Hotel Stay
- 3 Meals
- Transportation

Accommodations:

We have rooms at the Embassy Suites Hotel: 101 East Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

The conference will be held at Grace Church 4200 E 25th St, Des Moines, IA 50317

Chaperones:

If you are interested in being a chaperone for this event, your hotel and ticket will be covered! FCC will also cover the cost of your gas to get to and from the conference.

If you are interested in attending or sending your child, but this is a financial hardship for you, please inquire about scholarships info@homeforever.org

More information about the conference can be found here: [LINK](#)

Register here: [LINK](#)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The FCC Women's Ministry exists to equip women to be disciples who plant the church.

Visit our website here:

<https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry>

Email Stephanie Langer here:

stephanie.langer@homeforever.org

Check out and subscribe to our blog here:

<http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog>

Follow us on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMnr>

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Bible Studies and Scripture

We are currently studying book 4 of Nancy Guthrie's "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament" series. We will wrap the series up with Book 5 "The Word of the Lord" this Spring. Watch for sign-ups in March.

Watch for new weekly scripture memory posts on our Facebook page beginning Monday, February 19!



LADIES TIME OUT

Third Wednesday of Every Month

Ladies - take time out of your month for some fellowship with other Christian women! You are invited to FCC on Wednesday, February 21st from 9-11am for our next gathering! LTO is an opportunity for ladies of any age and stage to get together for encouragement and to 'do life' together. Coffee and childcare are provided! Bring a brunch item to share if you are able! We would LOVE to see you there!

Please contact Christa Poole for more information at christa.poole@homeforever.org

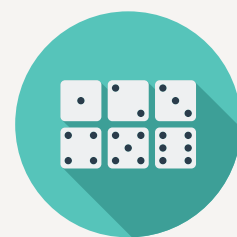
MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Monthly Book Club:

Join us on February 17th in the cafe from 10am-noon to discuss "The Best Yes" by Lysa Terkeurst. A few copies are available in the bookstore for \$11 each. Can't make it this month? Join us next month when we will read "Gospel" by JD Greear. **SIGN UP [HERE!](#)**

Bunco Game Night

Join us on Saturday, February 24th from 6-8 pm for a night of Bunco, snacks and conversation. No skill or experience needed-just bring an appetizer or snack to share. Come for a crazy night of fun with your sisters! Sign up **[HERE!](#)**



Brainstorm Brunch

Join us on March 9th from 10-noon for our 3rd annual Brainstorm Brunch to plan our 2024-2025 events. This is a great opportunity to gather with your sisters and help with ideas and planning for the coming year. I hope to see you there!

WHO YOU ARE

Event Recap

On February 3rd, 50+ ladies enjoyed an evening of dining, praise, worship, and teaching. Matt and Tara led an amazing gospel-centered set of praise and worship, and our guest speaker, Jill Noble, taught us about our worth in Jesus in her talk "Who We Are Because of Whose We Are". It was such a joy to see so many generations of ladies come together to fellowship and worship our Lord as a group. Our key verse for the evening was Isaiah 43:1 "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine".

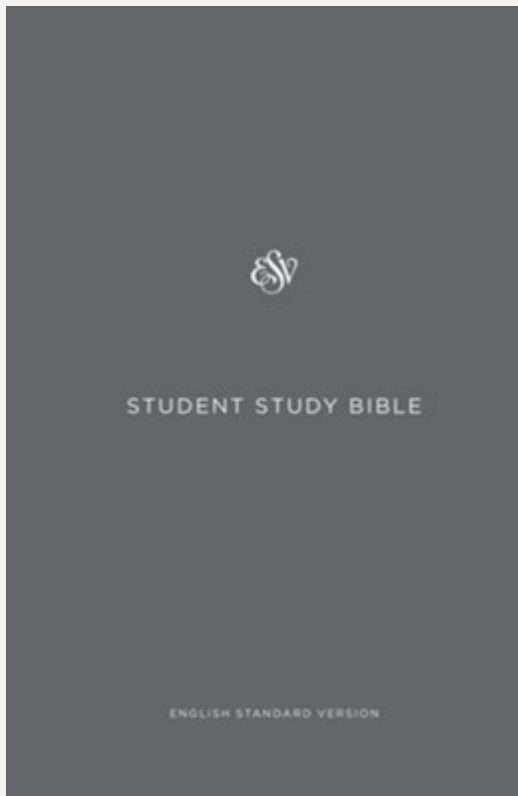


children's ministry

2ND-5TH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

February 18th

We are really excited to share that as part of our commitment to come alongside our Faith Families as they raise up (little) disciples who plant the church, we are going to be presenting 2nd-5th graders with a personalized study Bible! We hope that this is not only a Bible that they will grow with and use for many years to come, but that it will also be a helpful tool in each parents' ministry of discipleship in their home. This year we will be giving all of our upper elementary students a Bible, but in the future they will be presented to just our incoming 2nd graders. Bible presentations will be done by our KidZone leaders and take place during services next Sunday, the 18th.



Parents! If you have a child(ren) in grades 2-5 and have not yet heard from Bobbi regarding the Bible presentation, please contact her as soon as possible to make sure your children are included! They do not have to attend KidZone in order to receive one; this is a gift for all of our Faith children.

BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION

Isaiah 43:2-3a

Our KidzKconnect (4K-3rd grade) kids will be learning the same Bible verses as big church! Parents, please include them in your verse memorization at home! To help, they will be receiving new KidZone Take Home sheets with the monthly verse, daily lesson, and their teacher's name. We hope this is a useful tool in reminding you both to incorporate Bible memorization into your weekly routine! Also, keep an eye out for an email with a link to the monthly Seeds Family Worship songs. When possible, they will correspond to the monthly verse as well!

A purple-bordered card with the KidZone logo at the top left. Below the logo, it says 'FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE:'. To the left of the verse is a small icon of a book with a cross on its cover. The verse text is: 'Isaiah 43:2-3a When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.' Below the verse are two sets of horizontal lines for writing, labeled 'MY LESSON TODAY:' and 'MY TEACHER TODAY:'.

NEW BOOKS & CD!

Even our littlest church gets to participate in Bible memorization in KidZone with some new board books for the nursery and a Seeds Family Worship nursery CD!



Seasoned Saints

SEASONED SAINTS

Soup de Jour Contest Winner

Our Seasoned Saints gather every second Monday of the month here at FCC to fellowship, eat together, and get to know the other seniors in our church! In January, they organized a soup contest! Everyone voted and the grand prize went to Sue Kostroski for her Cheeseburger Soup! Thank you to all who participated and congratulations, Sue! Her award winning soup recipe is included!



Register [online](#) to be added to our "Seasoned Saints Roster" to receive reminders, updates and more! We meet again on Monday, February 12th for our special catered Valentines Day lunch!

Upcoming Dates:

- Mar 11: Potluck & Pickleball Demonstration
- April 8: Potluck & Scavenger Hunt
- May 13: Potluck & Porch Pot Demonstration



Ingredients:

- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. pork sausage (like Jimmy Deans)
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. dried parsley
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups peeled diced potatoes
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 4 oz. sharp cheddar, grated
- 4 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, grated
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Directions:

1. In a 3 qt. sauce pan brown add beef, sausage, onions, carrots, celery, basil and parsley and stir and cook until the meat is no longer pink and the veggies are tender. Drain fat.
2. Add the chicken broth and potatoes and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for about 10 minutes, until the potatoes are tender.
3. Meanwhile, in a small pan melt the butter, add the flour and cook and stir for 3-5 minutes until it thickens. Stir into the soup and bring just to a boil to thicken the soup. Reduce heat to low and stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until the cheese melts. Do not boil at this point or the cheese and milk will curdle.
4. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream.
5. Enjoy!

Classes and Conferences

NEXT FAITH TRAINING CLASS

Christian Parenting

Mondays | 6:02pm

Dates: February 12 - March 18

Link: [CLICK HERE](#)



Join us as we study Dr. Ted Tripp's book, "Shepherding a Child's Heart". Pastor Chuck and his better half, Melissa, will be heading up this class which will run for 6 weeks.



FAITH TRAINING TESTIMONY

By Cal Gale

I am Cal Gale and have been attending the class Unpacking the Gospel on Sunday mornings during 2nd service. It has been a very enlightening series with excellent interchange among the participants. The sessions have tied the Old and New Testaments together to show that Christ has always been foreshadowed from Genesis to the four Gospels. Terms which we hear frequently, but are rarely defined, are shown to be an important part of the value to be received in Bible studies. This class is recommended highly for anyone wishing to understand the deeper meaning of the Gospels. Another bonus of this class is that it is on Sunday following the first service. It works well as people are already here at church, while other days have a lot going on that might prevent participation.

PARENTING CONFERENCE

Faith Community Church | Hudson

FCC Hudson would love to invite the families of our church to join them on Friday, Feb 23rd and Saturday, Feb 24th for their Disciple Making Parenting Conference.

Chap Bettis, the author of **Disciple Making Parent**, will be joining as the keynote speaker. They will also provide specific breakout sessions, zeroing in on helping parents and grandparents be equipped for discipleship with their families.

- Cost: \$30 (spouses added for only \$10)
- Grandparents are free!
- Childcare available for children ages 0-5 (registration is greatly appreciated!)

Friday, February 23

- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Sessions 1 & 2 with Chap Bettis (snack break provided)

Saturday, February 24

- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Sessions 3 & 4 with Chap Bettis + Breakout sessions (lunch provided onsite)

Register here: [LINK](#)

"We hope the Disciple Making Parent Conference will be an encouragement to your families and will help provide them with a framework and tools for raising their kids for a gospel inspired life!"



verse of the month



ISAIAH 43:2-3A

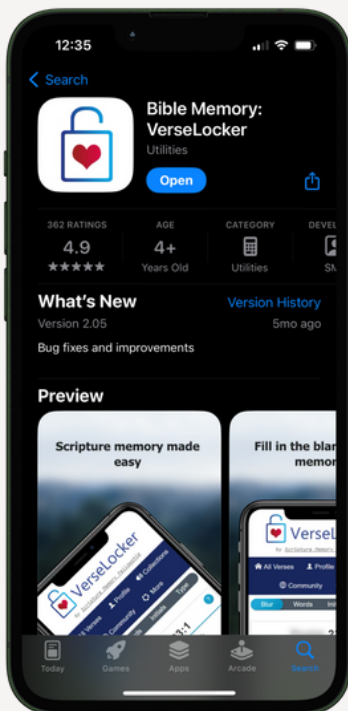
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

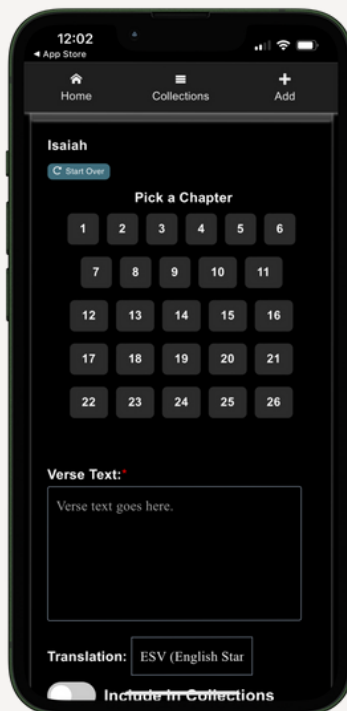


VERSE LOCKER

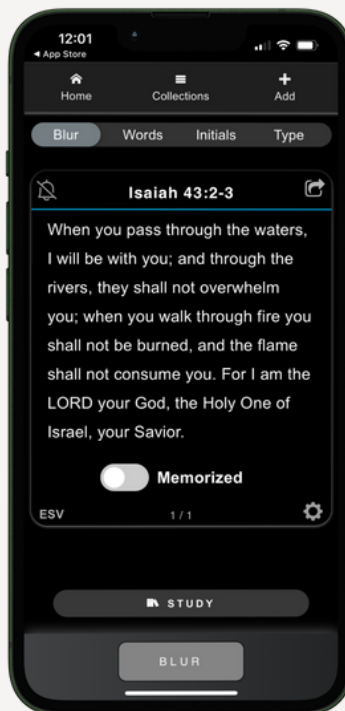
Looking for a new and useful way to
learn your memory verse each month?
The Verse Locker App is a great option!



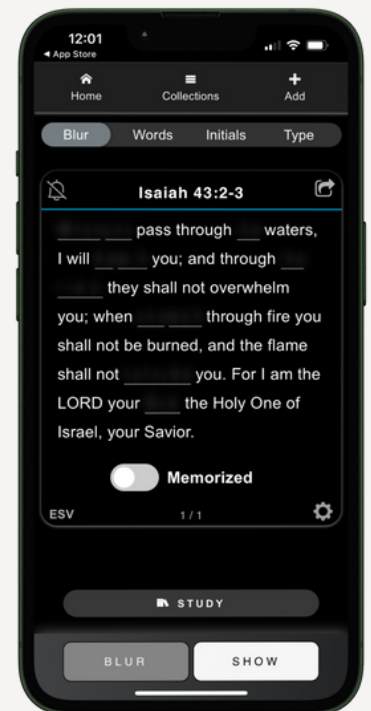
Download
the App
[LINK HERE](#)



Choose
your verse and edit
as needed.



Start to
memorize



Blur out more and
more words until you
have it memorized!

celebrations and more

COVENANT MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Join the FCC Family

We have the privilege of welcoming over 10 new members into Covenant this weekend. Welcome to the family! Our next Membership Orientation will be on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30-8pm. Sign up online if you want to join the class: [LINK](#)

If you want to be in the loop about our next orientation dates, email the [church office](#) to receive notifications!



BAPTISMS

January 28, 2024

We baptized two people last month! What a joy it was to listen to their testimonies and see them take this step of obedience! We have more coming up this week as well!



SMALL GROUPS

Get plugged in!

At Faith Community Church, small groups serve as our primary vehicle for the care and discipleship of the church that God has entrusted to us. Let's get you connected! Contact Mike Eastep at maelk4@gmail.com to find a group that works for you and your family!

We are still in need of more small group leaders! If you love the Bible and have a desire to be a part of and lead an intentional community of believers, please contact Mike Eastep.

COFFEE HOURS: In 2024, our Small Groups will be taking over our monthly coffee hours! Not only will this be a great opportunity for them to serve together, but it will also serve as a way for our church body to get to know one another a little better! If your small group hasn't signed up yet, please do [HERE!](#)

COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

Feb 11, 2024

12:30-2pm

Worship Center @ FCC

Let us gather together for a meal, to welcome our newest Covenant Members, and to highlight all we have going on at FCC!

Bring a dish to share!

COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

Sunday - February 11th

We have our quarterly Covenant Member meeting this Sunday here at FCC. This round we will be having a potluck LUNCH right after 2nd service! Bring your cold dishes and desserts in after service (leave in cold car or cooler as refrigerator space is limited), or bring your hot dishes inside and plug them in during 2nd service! We will have power strips available in the cafe and kitchen.

Looking forward to gathering with our family for fellowship, updates and encouragement!

CONVERGE CONFERENCE

January - 2024

On January 20th, more than 40 Pastors, Elders and church leaders from 8 different churches came together here at FCC for some fellowship, training, and a time of encouragement. Dr. Bruce Hopler spoke on how church boards can better work together to accomplish the mission of their church. This hands-on event was sponsored by the Converge Great Lakes Team.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wed 5-6am | Sat 7-8am

We currently have 2 groups of men coming together who have a passion to study and discuss and digest the Word of God. We invite anyone to join us on Wednesday and Saturday mornings!!

Contact Paul at paulw.occ@gmail.com



PRAYER CHAIN

Sign Up Online

We here at Faith Community Church believe that any fruitfulness that FCC will have in the future starts with, and will be sustained only through prayer. If you are a Covenant Member of FCC and would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please sign up [HERE!](#)

RIBS & BINGO REGAP

February - 2024

Our Ribs & Bingo event brought in over 100 people from our church and the community! We had fun playing many games of Bingo, handing out prizes, and of course, eating Ribs! Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this event possible!



GIVE

fccnr.org/give

You can give once or set up recurring donations online, or place your tithes in the offering boxes just outside the sanctuary doors (in the wall)! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month of December

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	68	67
Expenditures	63	74

Because of your generosity and faithful giving, many of these classes, events and opportunities are possible. Thank you!

The Cheerful Giver

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 9 As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”



CONNECT

We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00am or 10:45am for in person services. Stay up to date with what's going on and follow us on Facebook, or catch up on services you have missed on our YouTube channel!

 [@fccnewrichmond](https://www.facebook.com/fccnewrichmond)

 [@faithcommunitynr](https://www.youtube.com/fccnr.org)

 [@fccnr.org](http://fccnr.org)

PRAYER TEAM



Every Sunday Morning

Each Sunday morning we host a time of prayer for our church, our leaders, our missionaries and our activities. We also pray for any specific needs we are aware of. This time is open to everyone, not just members of the Prayer Team. We meet in Classroom D-3 at 8:00 AM each Sunday.

Questions? Contact Peter

Bergeson at pgbergeson@gmail.com

HERE TO SERVE

T-Shirts for Sale

We have these great serving t-shirts available for \$5 in our bookstore! Feel free to wear them on the days you serve, and for different events around FCC! Faith Community Church shirts are also available!



HOSPITALITY TEAM


Join the team

Are you looking for a way to get plugged in? Our Hospitality Team is a great way to start serving. Hand out bulletins, greet guests when they come in the door, usher people to their seats, make and clean up coffee... we have something for everyone. (Fur coat is not required)



upcoming events @ FCC

FEBRUARY 2024

- 1st: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am
Bible Quizzing 6-8pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
Worship Practice 7-9pm
- 2nd: GriefShare 6-8pm
- 3rd: Men's Study 7-8am
WM: Evening for Women 5:30-8pm
- 4th: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Communion
Unpacking the Gospel Treasures Class 10:30am-noon
Disciple6 5-6pm
- 6th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm
Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 7th: Men's Study 5-6am
CHAOS 6-8:30pm
- 8th: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am
Worship Practice 7-9pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
- 9th: GriefShare 6-8pm
Elder Planning Meeting
- 10th: Men's Study 7-8am
Elder Planning Meeting
- 11th: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Baptisms and New Member Inductions
Unpacking the Gospel Treasures Class 10:30am-noon
Covenant Member Meeting 12:30pm
NO D6
- 12th: Seasoned Saints Lunch 12pm
Christian Parenting Class 6:02-7:32pm
- 13th: Covenant Membership Orientation 5:30-8pm
Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm
Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 14th: HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 
Men's Study 5-6am
CHAOS 6-8:30pm
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 15th: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am
Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm
Worship Practice 7-9pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
- 16th: GriefShare 6-8pm
- 17th: Men's Study 7-8am
Women's Book Club 10am-noon
- 18th: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Bible Presentations
Coffee Hour between services
Unpacking the Gospel Treasures Class 10:30am-noon
Disciple6 5-6pm
- 19th: Christian Parenting Class 6:02-7:32pm
- 20th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm
Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 21st: Men's Study 5-6am
Ladies Time Out 9-11am
CHAOS 6-8:30pm
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 22nd: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am
Worship Practice 7-9pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm
- 23rd: GriefShare 6-8pm
- 24th: Men's Study 7-8am
WM Bunco Night 6-8pm
- 25th: Worship 9 & 10:45am
Disciple6 5-6pm

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- 26th: Christian Parenting Class 6:02-7:32pm
- 27th: Minor Prophets Class 6:30-8pm
Understanding Narrative and Law Class 6:30-8pm
- 28th: Men's Study 5-6am
CHAOS 6-8:30pm
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 29th: Women's Bible Study 9-11:30am
Red Cross Blood Drive 1-7pm
Worship Practice 7-9pm
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm

