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A Few Days Until El Salvador Team Leaves

CCEFC sent a team of five to El Salvador last year. Both pastors that we served then have been in close contact with us and have invited us to come back. The same team of five plus four others will be heading to El Salvador, Lord willing. We will be flying out on January 6, returning on January 15.

Both pastors have asked that we run a Vacation Bible School. They have asked us to be prepared for 100-150 kids in Tepititan and 75 kids in Citala. We will also be doing a building project in both towns.

The people from CCEFC that are planning to go on the trip are:

- Lynn Coville
- Stacey Coville
- Roger Wedel
- Andy Zylstra
- Darion Bartholomew
- Katie Rose Clarey
- Dana Schwartz
- Terrie Schwartz
- Martin DeYoung, an evangelist from North Carolina will also be going.

Please pray for these people and the ministry that will be going on in El Salvador.

The VBS theme is Respect – respect for God, parents and others. To quote Pastor Wilfredo, “Nowadays respect is lost and we want our children to be different”. As you can tell, Pastor Wilfredo is a Godly man with a vision – he’s a great guy to work with!

We have found a company that we can buy craft supplies from that will send them to El Salvador, so we will be asking for money for the supplies instead of having items donated. The items that need to be

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Studies
Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study– G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

“Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God”

Recently I was watching television and the program I was watching came to an end. The following program began, which featured a preacher. (I did not note the name of the preacher or the program). This preacher began talking about "The Jesus we deserve", "The Jesus I deserve", and telling others of "the Jesus they deserve".

The issue with this is that no one deserves Jesus; we deserve to spend eternity in eternal hell. We have the opportunity to know of Jesus and His work on the Cross only because of God's mercy and Grace. To deserve Jesus would mean that it is based on our good works. Isaiah 64:6 tells us that our good works are filth to God. Ephesians 2 reminds us that our works will not get us into right favor with God, but it is only through His grace.

This is but one example of the plethora of false teachings that can be found around us today. It may be over the airwaves (or cable...), books, or local churches. We must become Bereans and search out the scriptures to determine if the teaching we are hearing is consistent with scripture (Acts 17:10). Some will use a single verse, or part of a verse to make a case for a theological conclusion. This conclusion is inconsistent with scripture. Be careful of teachers who use a text to prove a point that fail to take in the context of that verse.

The new year is a good time to plan to become more acquainted with your Bible. Reading it regularly (daily) and meditating on the text. As you read ask some basic questions: Who is writing? Who is being written to? What do we know about these people? When was this written in terms of all of history? In terms of Biblical revelation? Where are the events taking place? What do we know about the area? What is being said? What action is taking place? How would the contemporaries understand the passage? Why was this being written? What is the message for us today? What do other passages have to say on this topic?

Will you dedicate yourself this year to becoming more familiar with your Bible?

Jim Hawkins—editor

The freedom of forgiveness

Martin Luther King Jr. called forgiveness "a permanent attitude," as opposed to "an occasional act." Maintaining a forgiveness mind-set leads to peace and freedom.

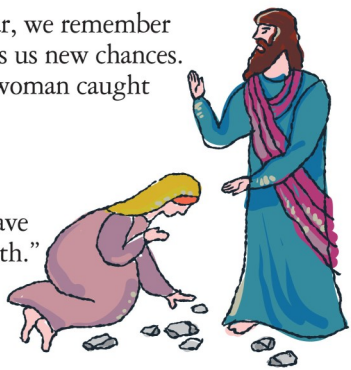
Author and pastor Max Anders experienced that freedom in seminary. After cheating on a Hebrew final, he was distraught and confessed his sin to God and the professor. "I felt deeply cleaned. Pure. Holy," Anders writes in *21 Unbreakable Laws of Life*. "I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. I wanted to run and jump and dance. The burden was lifted. ... I was free!"

By contrast, he writes, "If we don't ask for forgiveness when we wrong someone, we lose our moral authority; the debris of sin begins to accumulate in our hearts, choking our conscience Others know when we sin against them, and if we don't make it right, it hurts our reputation as well as God's."

?? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."



Answer: A (See John 8:11)

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Dana and Terrie Schwartz – 6:00 –
 8:00 PM at their house -13643
 East R Ave., call – 929-6242
 (every other week)

Mondays: Young Adult Bible Study
 8PM at the Fleck's led by Tren-
 ton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.



**Birthdays &
 Anniversaries
 This Month!**

6-Brad & Lisa Gibbs
 10-Karen Wedel
 12-Greg Willis
 13-Lyndsay Juday
 14-Jo Johnson
 15-Jonathan Vincent
 16-Kay Landrum
 17-Ken Evensen
 18-Ken Dykstra
 23-Meghan Clarey
 25-Larry Fleck
 25-Addyson Steele
 25-Dylan Truax
 27-Michael Branch
 29-Raezi Colvin
 31-George & Joyce Wedel

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



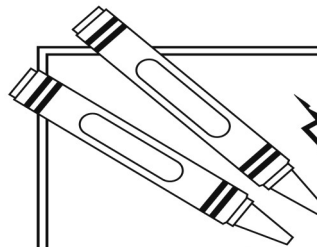
As you head into 2013, create a special journal for the new year.

What you need:

- Spiral notebook (with a plain-colored cover)
- Foam letters, numbers and shapes
- Stickers
- Jewels and glue (optional)

What you do:

- Decorate the notebook cover with letters and numbers. Options include "2013," "Journal" or your name.
- Decorate with foam shapes, stickers or jewels.
- Write in the journal daily – or whenever possible – recording life events, thoughts, prayer requests and more.
- Keep the journal private or share it with your friends and family.



PUZZLE

PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

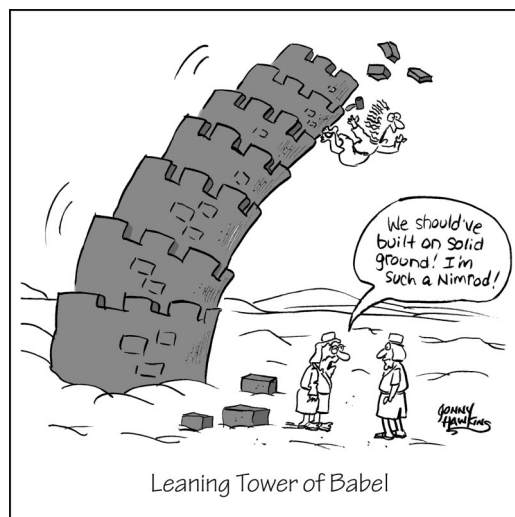
Want to start the new year off right?
Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 3						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV



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prepared ahead of time or that we already have will be going in our suitcases. If you are interested in donating for crafts or helping cut and prepare these items, please let Stacey Coville or Terrie Schwartz know.

Both towns are extremely poor. We have been asked to build a home for a church member named Hector in Tepititan. It will cost about \$1100.00. Pastor Oscar asked us to build a latrine for a church family that has 8 children in Citala. This project will cost about \$600. It is interesting that they have asked for us to help members of their church family, not the actual church building or either of the pastor's homes. These are some very kind, loving families!

There are some needs beyond the Vacation Bible School and building project that Pastor Wilfredo and Pastor Oscar have asked us about. If you would like to provide money toward any of these items, please put it in our church offering clearly marked.

- 50 chairs (\$9 each)
- Overhead projector (they want to hold evangelistic events in the city park)
- 2 microphones
- Fans

If you have a projector or microphone to donate, we could take it in our luggage. Please see Terrie or Dana if you have questions about filling any of these needs.

The last thing that they have asked for is help getting electricity to the home of another church member, Santiago, in Tepititan. He is Pastor Wilfredo's right-hand man. He and his wife are about 70 years old and are raising their granddaughter because both of her parents have died. They live in a structure built into the side of a hill. The cost for this is \$302. If you would like to donate towards this, please see Dana or Terrie as

Dark Chocolate Salted Caramel Oreo Pie

Ingredients

- 1 package (about 36) whole Oreos
- 1 cup (16 tablespoons) butter, divided
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream, divided
- 1 (12 oz) bag dark chocolate chips

Directions

1. Finely crush the Oreos with a food processor or blender. Stir crumbs together with 8 tablespoons melted butter until well combined. Press into the bottom and sides of a pie pan. Freeze crust for 10 minutes until set.
2. Combine remaining 8 tablespoons butter and brown sugar in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until mixture begins to bubble. Continue cooking, whisking constantly, for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Slowly whisk in 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream until smooth. Cool caramel about 15 minutes. Pour the caramel over the Oreo crust, then return to freezer for about 30-45 minutes until just chilled and set. (You don't want the caramel to fully freeze.)
3. Place chocolate chips in a glass bowl. In a saucepan, bring 1 cup heavy whipping cream to a simmer over medium-high heat. Pour the cream over the chocolate chips and let sit for 5 minutes, then whisk until completely smooth. Pour the chocolate over the caramel and freeze for a final 30 minutes, until just chilled and set. OR refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve. Before serving, sprinkle the top with a flaky sea salt

Store covered in the refrigerator and serve chilled. **Makes 8-12 servings.**

Editors Note: This recipe was requested from the Ladies Christmas Dessert.

soon as you can. They need this money sent before we go down.

This is a lot of information! We are still trying to sort it out and coordinate all of the many facets of this trip! There are many needs but truly, the thing we need most is your prayers.

Please pray for us to make wise choices with the time and opportunities God is giving us.

Please pray for us to be prepared in our packing and purchasing for both the VBS and the building projects. (I can't picture how to take sawzalls, cement tools and carnival games in our luggage!)

Please pray for the people that we will be going down to serve.

Please pray that people will come to know the Lord through the classes and through the contacts we make all 9 days.

Please pray that we represent Jesus well when we are travelling, building, teaching, playing and building relationships.

Proposed Calendar 2018**January**

6-15 El Salvador Mission Trip
 7 Communion & Potluck
 9 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 11 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 11 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 12-14 Camp Barakel
 31 AWWANA-Make Your Own Pizza Night

February

4 Communion & Potluck
 6 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 8 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 8 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 14 AWWANA Valentine Party
 17 Valentine Dinner

March

4 Communion & Potluck
 7 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 9 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 9 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 11 Day Light Saving Time STARTS
 20 Spring Starts
 25 Palm Sunday
 30 Good Friday/.Galesburg THERE.7:00P.M

April

1 Easter & Communion & Brunch
 2-6 Spring Vacation **NO AWWANA**
 10 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 11-13 Conference Louisville, KY
 12 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 12 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 29 Fire in Woods 5:00 P.M.

May

3 Nat. Day of Prayer
 6 Communion & Potluck
 8 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 8 Elections
 9 AWWANA Jungle Joes
 10 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 10 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 13 Mother's Day
 16 AWWANA Awards
 20 Graduation Sunday
 27 Memorial Day

June

3 Communion & Pot Luck
 12 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 14 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 14 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 17 Father's Day

July

1 Communion-- 1 Service- Potluck
 10 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 11 VBS Training Meeting
 12 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 12 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 21 Scotts Parade-VBS Set-Up & Float
 23-27 VBS 6:00-8:30
 27 VBS Meal for All

August

5 Communion & Pot Luck
 5 Nomination Ballots Available
 7-12 Kal. County Fair
 14 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 16 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 16 CE Board -6:30 P.M.
 19 Picnic
 25-26 Civil War Muster-Jackson
 26- Nomination Ballots DUE

September

2 Communion & Potluck
 9 Jr.-Sr. High Starts
 9 Teacher Dedication
 11 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 12 AWWANA- Kick Off
 13 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 13 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 20 Jt. Board Meeting
 23 Fire in Woods 5:00 P.M.
 26 See You at the Pole

October

8-9 Great Lakes Dist. Annual Conf.-Rockford
 7 World Wide Communion & Pastor Appreciation Pot Luck
 9 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 11 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 11 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 17 AWWANA Hay Ride /Pumpkin Carving
 31 Hallelujah Party 6:00-8:00

November

3 Shoe Box Filling 6:30
 4 Communion/ Day Light Saving Ends/ Pot Luck
 8 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
 8 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
 10 Flakey/ Bakey & Veteran's Day
 13 Annual Meeting
 18 Thanksgiving Service THERE W/Galesburg 6:00
 21 No AWWANA
 22 Thanksgiving Day

December

2 Communion/Advent Begins-Pot Luck
 8 Ladies Dessert 6:00 P.M.
 11 Elders 7:00 P.M.
 13 Deacons 7:00
 13 CE Board 6:30
 16 Children's Christmas Program 6:30 P.M.
 19 AWWANA Caroling Family Night
 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 P.M.

Pat Answers

So is there a Good Word as we Begin 2018?

Yes, God's Word stands forever as the Good Word even as we begin 2018 amidst growing discord in our own country and international threats like Islamic terrorism and North Korea. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present Help in trouble"* – Psalm 46:1. May we daily say with King David, the sweet psalmist of Israel – *"I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies."* – Psalm 18:1-3.

None of us knows what lies ahead in 2018, but GOD does!!! Our trust, our hope, our confidence are all in Him. We know no matter what that He is in control and working all things after the counsel of His will – Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 115:3. He is also working

all things for the good of those who are in Christ, His followers – Romans 8:28.

So let us take comfort and joy in the Lord and His Word. A good summary statement of our assurance in Christ is from the Heidelberg Catechism from 1563, the very first question: *"What is your only comfort in life and in death?"*

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him."

Rejoicing in our assurance in Christ alone,

Pastor Pat

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