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News from Melbourne Heights for February 2016

Upcoming Events

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From the Pastor

by Adam Schell

How do you spend your Sunday nights? Maybe you've spent the last six months watching *Sunday Night Football* on NBC. Maybe you go out to dinner with your spouse. Maybe you stay at home and watch *60 Minutes*, or curl up on your couch with a good book.

But what if you could spend your Sunday nights having a great time with a great group of people? What if you could watch the last big game of the season surrounded by fellow fans? Or what if you could share a meal and make some new friends? Or what if you could get together with other people to discuss and debate current events? Or what if you could get together to watch a movie, or go bowling, or just to be together with other people?

What if we could stop asking "what if?" and make it all a reality? Well, that exactly what we're going to start doing on Sunday nights beginning in February. Each Sunday night we are going to be hosting a different fellowship event.

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From the Pastor

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It all kicks off (pardon the pun) with our Football Fellowship on February 7. Then every week we'll have something different going on. We'll have game nights. We'll have movie nights. We'll have nights when we work on projects together. We'll even have nights when we just get together to go out to dinner. And of course, we'll also have time for prayer and a devotional every week.

And we want you, yes you - the person staring at your smart phone or laptop right now - to be a part of these fellowships. So come out on February 7 at 6:00pm and be a part of our first Sunday Night Fellowship...and join us every week as we grow closer to each other and closer to God together.

February's Bible Study



Our Faith is a journey, not a destination. So everyday of this journey we have the capacity to move closer to God or to move further away.

Throughout the month of January, we spent Wednesday nights trying to understand some of the challenging aspects of our faith that keep us from moving closer to God. In February and March, we will take the next step on this journey.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm, beginning February 17, as we find ways to follow God more nearly, know God more clearly, and love God more deeply.

February's Sermon Series



In 1707, Isaac Watts wrote, "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride."

Although we sing the words of this hymn every year during the season of Lent, have you ever stopped to think how strange these words really are? Our richest gains are really a loss, our pride should actually inspire our contempt. But no matter how strange it sounds, it's also true...and it's all because of the cross.

But we don't like to talk about the cross. Sure, there are hymns we like to sing and scripture we like to read, but none of us are really comfortable surveying the cross. After all, the cross was an instrument of violence and death. It's far from a lighthearted subject.

But the season of Lent draws us into the shadow of the cross. The season of Lent forces us to survey the wondrous cross. The season of Lent forces us to make sense out of something beyond our understanding.

So throughout the season of Lent we will journey toward the cross together, and allow our foolishness toward the cross to be transformed by God's power.

February's Birthdays



February 8 | Charlotte Stopher
February 9 | Barbara Orr
February 11 | Hope Crawford
February 12 | Helen Tinsley
February 14 | Michelle Cloud
February 14 | Ray Howard
February 14 | Shirley Park
February 16 | Sondra Elliot

Lenten Collection



In 2013 we began a new tradition at Melbourne Heights for the season of Lent. For this six week period, we collect an offering of tangible items to donate to a local non-profit organization or charity. Over the last three years, we have donated canned goods, blankets, paper towels, toilet paper, and other household items to a half dozen different organizations.

This year, we will once again be collecting items for the Cabbage Patch Settlement

House. "The Patch" is a local, non-profit Christian organization who seeks to equip and empower at-risk children, youth and their families by helping them maximize their economic, educational, emotional, moral, physical, social and spiritual potential.

Each week during the season of Lent, beginning February 14, we will be collecting a different item to donate to "The Patch." We'll be announcing the item we'll be collecting one week in advance through our bulletin, "Top Things" email, and Facebook page. So keep your eyes open, and see how you can help the children and families of "The Patch."

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Plastic Shopping Bags Needed

It doesn't matter where you shop—whether it's Kroger, Walmart, Target, or even the mall—we all end up with lots of plastic shopping bags stored away under our sinks or in the pantry.

Believe it or not, we can use your plastic shopping bags at Melbourne Heights. We use these bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless, and we also use them while volunteering at SEAM. So bring us your bags...and we'll put them to use.

Spotlight Event



On February 7, a certain sports league will be hosting their annual championship game.

Due to trademark law we're not able to tell you the name of this particular game, but it involves an oblong ball that players throw, catch, and run with while trying to avoid getting tackled.

But even though we can't tell you what the name of the game is, we'll still be watching it together at Melbourne Heights.

We'll meet in the Banquet Hall on February 7 at 6:00pm to watch the big game on our 120" big screen. Even if you're not a sports fan, you can still come and enjoy the commercials. And don't forget to bring along your favorite snack foods for the party.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us as we watch "The Game that cannot be named" together.

Youth News

by Joe Noland

Things have been a little quiet in the realm of the Youth Group in the New Year, with the exception of the new video announcements on Sunday mornings.

However, that's about to change. The youth are gearing up for a very busy spring. And it all

starts with our Valentine's Breakfast on February 14. The youth will be making pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage for the church to enjoy throughout the Sunday School hour.

Then the youth will be headed to Perfect North for our annual Ski Trip on February 20. This trip is open to parents and adults as well, so if you'd like to join us on the slopes let me know and we'll reserve a spot for you.

On top of these special events, we will also be resuming our Youth Bible Studies on Sunday nights. We'll be starting a new study on Star Wars: The Force and God - which seems appropriate with the overwhelming success of a certain new film.

Mission Update: Habitat



We will soon be participating in the 23rd annual Baptist Build for Habitat for Humanity. As always, we will be scheduling a work day at this year's build, and you're invited to come out and lend a hand. Details about our workday will be available in next month's newsletter.

As part of our commitment to the Baptist Build, we also pledge to financially support the construction of this new home. We have pledged \$2,500 to this year's build, and we need your help to reach this goal. Throughout February, you're encouraged to donate by designating "Habitat" on your check or envelope.

Kid's News

by Michelle Cloud

After the busyness of Christmas, things slow down for our Children's ministry in January and February. But just because we don't have much going on, that doesn't mean we're not hard at work planning for the future.

We will be resuming Children's worship on Sunday mornings in February with an emphasis on God's love for each of us - which is especially appropriate as we begin looking ahead toward Easter.

Speaking of which, Easter is just around the corner, and we're planning lots of events and activities for our children in the month of March. The highlight will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt with hundreds of eggs hidden around our church for our children to find.

And, as always, remember we cannot do what we do to minister to the children of our church without your help. So we encourage you to come out and lend a hand with one of our children's events and see how God can use you to help our children grow in their faith.

Senior Adult News

You don't want to miss the next two Senior Adult monthly meetings. We have two excellent and exciting programs planned.

On February 2, Bob Mueller will be our guest speaker. Mr. Mueller has been with us before and always has an entertaining, motivational and educational program. Bob will share his life experience relating to his work with

Hosparus. Come join us Tuesday, February 2 at 10:00am in Rogers Hall. After our program, we will go to lunch at Rafferty's.

On Tuesday, March 1 our church staff will join us and share how they each entered into ministry. As a special treat, Rick Donaldson, our Administrative Assistant, will bring a devotional thought. Make plans to join us in March for what promises to be a fun, and exciting morning.

All adult 55 and over are welcome to join us for any of our meeting. Come give it a try...you might just like it.

Looking Ahead



Do you make the best Chili around? Have you always wanted to prove it? Here's your chance.

On March 13 at 6:00pm, we're hosting our third annual Chili Cook Off. So cook up a pot of Chili and show off your skills. You might just take home the award for best or hottest Chili.

If you're more of an eater than a cook, then bring your appetite - and \$5 per person - and enjoy all the Chili you can eat. All proceeds will benefit our Youth Camp Fund.