

## PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are p.m. unless otherwise noted

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Early Worship Service  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:15 African Prayer Advocacy Team (gym)  
 6:00 Epic Center (Sr.Hi)  
 6:00 Prayer Partner Team kickoff (F.H.)  
 (see note)

### Monday

- 9:00 a.m. Forever Fit (gym)  
 10:45 a.m. Primitimers Forever Fit (gym)  
 6:30 Telecare  
 7:00 Salt & Light (Ages 18 - 30) (F.H.)

### Tuesday

- 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible studies

### Wednesday

- 10:00 am Ladies Prayer (library)  
**THE SUMMIT**  
 5:00 - 6:15 Dinner  
 6:30 AWANA (ages 2 1/2 - grade 4); Expedition 56 (Grades 5 -6); The Pier (Grades 7 -8); Sr. Hi. Life's Blend; Worship Choir Rehearsal; Adult Bible Studies; (nursery for infants up to age 2 1/2)

### Thursday

- 6:15 Forever Fit (gym)  
 6:30 Worship Team (Jeff)  
 7:00 Uganda Team Meeting (F.H.)

### Friday

- 6:00 a.m. Men's floor hockey (gym)

### Saturday

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Super Bowl Breakfast  
 (tickets required) (gym)  
 5:00 Saturday Community Contemporary Worship  
 "Superbowl tailgate cookout"  
 6:30 AWANA (Jr./ Sr. Hi) Games practice (F.H.)

## COMING EVENTS

2/1	L.I.F.E. SUPER BOWL PARTY (4:00 p.m.)	2/20	PRIMETIME LIVE (12:00 p.m.)
2/07	"NO REGRETS" MENS CONFERENCE AT ELMBROOK CHURCH	2/20-21	GIRLSPACE SLEEPOVER
2/15	SR. HI UN-VALENTINE'S BANQUET	2/22	PASTOR CHUCK'S ORDINATION SERVICE (6:00 p.m.)
		3/6-7	WORSHIP ARTS SIMULCAST
		3/7	AWANA 24-7 EXPO GAMES
		3/8	MOPS SPA NIGHT

## PRAYER CONCERNS

A detailed prayer list is available at the welcome area in the lobby.

### Missionary Focus

Mark and Brenda Bindon  
 Naknek, AK



Prayer requests:

- Spiritual encouragement and fellowship for the believers in the isolated small villages.
- Safety in flying, including wisdom when deciding to fly or not.
- Good weather on weekends so we can fly to the villages and have church services.
- Pray for an airplane for their pastor so he can go to the villages for church services. His previous airplane was vandalized last summer.

**Short term missions:** Tom Tidwell - Kenya - First Love International until February 1, 2009

### Our Family

Scott Anderson - herniated disc  
 Evelyn Peterson - Williams Bay Care Center  
 Carol Solheim - undergoing radiation and chemo  
 Pastor Howard Matson - recovering from lung transplant  
 Carl Jacobsen - home recuperating from a fractured pelvis  
 Peter Vanderveld - recovering from leg surgery  
 Camilla Wichman - Willowfield in Delavan  
 Shirley Norem - undergoing chemo

### Bereavement

The Paczocha family. Debi's father, Rufus Hobbs, passed into glory January 21st.  
 The service and burial will be in Paducah, KY next week.

### Emergency Prayer Chain

Please call one of the following if you have an emergency request:

Bea Nieubuurt	262-740-2434
Doris Reynhout	262-742-3731
Barb Hinzpeter	262-275-3803

# Living the *Magnificent Mystery* . . . A Forgiven Forgiver

Pastor Doug Anderson

January 24-25, 2009

## Colossians 3:13

**“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”**

### ➤ **Mystery: Transforming love . . . the unquenchable thirst**

- John 3:16 “for God SO LOVED the world, that He gave . . .”
- 1 John 4:9, 10 “this is how God showed His love among us . . .”
- Luke 2:10 “I bring you good news of great joy, for all the people. Today . . . a Savior is born to you, He is Christ the Lord.”

*Forgiveness requires a love so powerful, the flames of vengeance are doused in an unquenchable yearning for peace. (Prodigal son, Luke 15)  
The greatest road block to forgiveness is a hard heart!*

### ➤ **Mystery: Honesty . . . the essential forgiveness element**

- Romans 5:12 “. . . sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned . . . the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation . . . Just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.”
- 1 John 1:8, 10 “if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves . . . the truth is not in us, and we make Him out to be a liar . . .”
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 “God made Him who had no sin, to become sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

*Holiness requires justice. Forgiveness is not free!  
Justice was served, sin debt payment made, with Christ’s atonement death.  
Our full redemption price was paid . . . God’s justice forgiveness is available!*

### ➤ **Mystery: The magnificent transaction transforms!**

- 1 John 1:9 “but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- Psalm 51 “Create in me a pure heart, O God . . .”
- Romans 8:1 “there is now no condemnation for those in Christ . . . set me free from the law of sin and death . . . nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ!”
- Romans 6:11 “count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God . . .”
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17 “I was once the worst of all sinners . . . I have been shown mercy, now to Him be glory . . .” (forgive yourself)

*The forgiveness transaction is miraculous and unparalleled in significance.  
Its power is transforming (freedom, peace, restoration),  
and positions us to live forgiven and offer the mystery to others.*

### ➤ **The Magnificent Mystery validated in reproduction**

- Matthew 18 . . . the root of forgiveness is humility!  
    . . . unforgiveness brings shame, isolation, pride, vulnerability  
    . . . those forgiven will forgive others demonstrating their understanding and appreciation for their own forgiveness.
- Ephesians 4:32 “be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.”
- Colossians 3:12-15 “Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

*Forgiveness experienced, owned and valued will reproduce in forgiveness offered, hearts reconciled, freedom restored.  
A healer rather than a wounder is on the prowl to help our world,  
living the magnificent mystery of forgiveness!*