



First Edition



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Going Back to Basics?

By Senior Pastor Marc Heinz

In business, there is an expression that is used to signify a company or organization has gotten ahead of itself or lost sight of its primary objectives. I have heard this expression used in a variety of settings including; corporate boardrooms, training meetings, and even advertising campaigns. The expression is, "back to the basics", and typically when it is used, the implication is that an organization needs to return to the basic fundamentals or guiding principles on which it was founded and built. Many healthy and successful organizations periodically go back and examine the basics, to insure that they are still on track.

As I thought about this idea of going back to the basics, it occurred to me that as Christians, we too, have an ongoing need to examine ourselves and see how we are doing with the "basics". I believe for the Christian, the basics are all about faith, hope and love.

In our world today, faith is a word that expresses confidence or a belief in someone or something, but it's not necessarily a strongly held conviction, nor are people dependent on that in which they place their faith. But for the Christian, the object of our faith is Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. The word faith is not only descriptive of our ongoing, dynamic relationship with God, but it also expresses our dependence upon Him.

Faith is all about relationship and it is the very foundation on which our lives in Christ are built .

To those who don't know God personally the word hope speaks of something that is desired that may or may not

occur. However, when the word hope appears in the New Testament it is always centered on God and the basis for our hope is found in the gracious work of God in Jesus Christ. Therefore, our hope is based on something that is solid, and it should bring the expectation of something good. Hope allows us to be confident and certain in an uncertain world. Hope is the assurance that the One we love and in whom we place our faith is alive and we can be certain that we will spend eternity with Him.

Scripture makes it clear that a distinguishing characteristic of a true follower of Jesus Christ is love for God and love for others, even those who are difficult. I believe that you can't have hope or faith until you first love as God commands. In 1 John 4:7-22 we read:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he

in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also."

In the Apostle John's day, love was either a philosophical concept or a positive attraction to someone or something. There were four different words used by the Greeks to describe love. When the early Christians wanted to describe what they experienced in Jesus' love they took the weakest of these Greek words - agape, and ascribed a new meaning to it. This words meaning is fully developed in 1 John. But in essence, it means a commitment to care, regardless of reciprocity or reception. I would guess that this definition of love is much different then the way many Christians today would define love. Because love Jesus' style demands that we care for those who hurt us or treat us badly. Our love is to be modeled after Jesus, who loved those who mocked Him, spit on Him and even killed Him. On the cross Jesus was the epitome of Christian love.

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("Going Back to Basics?" continued)

Love is the centerpiece for all Christian existence and experience. And in 1 John we are told to receive God's love and then pass it on, as widely and effectively as possible. In a sense, love is to be cyclical in nature. If we would simply recognize God's great love for us and live in that reality it would change everything!

If you let it, God's love will not only change you but it will transform your relationships. It will shape you and mold you. It will be evident in your speech and all your dealings with other people. But it all begins by developing a personal relationship with God and allowing Him and His Word to shape your life. It's making love for God your priority.

In Revelation 2 the church at Ephesus is described. The Ephesian church was an active church, busy in the service of God and people. It was famous for its hard work, diligence and conscientiousness. It is the kind of church most of us would love to be a part of. Yet in Revelation 2:4 it was charged with losing its first love, God. And this was so significant that they were in jeopardy of losing everything. Now we dare not be naïve and think that we can allow anyone or anything other than God to be our priority and not face the same consequences that the church at Ephesus did. Folks, gaining or losing that first love is the key to this present life and to eternity.

When you examine the basics of your life, what do you see? Are you on track? Is the Lord your first love? Are you growing in faith, hope and love? My prayer is that we would be people who love God and not only understand the basics but we consistently put them into practice.

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In All your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5-6**

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www.gracebibleonline.org

Total Conference Cost: \$20;

**Also, a love offering will be taken both
Friday and Saturday.**

“Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6

Lately God has been teaching me daily how to really seek knowing Him, listen intently for His voice, and understand what’s truly going on in my own heart. Several months ago, I read a devotional from C.H. Spurgeon. He makes the statement. “If we will but be guided, we shall be guided.” Here’s the context:

“Every day brings its own perplexity. How sweet to feel that the guidance of the Lord is continual! If we choose our own way or consult with people, we cast aside the Lord’s guidance; but if we abstain from self-will and the desire to please others (which is really about pleasing ourselves), then He will direct every step of our road, every hour of the day, and every day of the year, and every year of our life. If we will but be guided, we shall be guided. If we will commit our way unto the Lord, meaning that if we truly keep our hearts open to Him all the time ready to hear His voice and obey, He will direct our course so that we shall not lose ourselves. In fact where He will take us, what He will show us, how He will use us, and the ways He will heal us will be amazing!”

That phrase stunned and stopped me cold. I thought long and hard about what Spurgeon was saying. What I realized is that the problem with guidance is not found with God, other people, or even my circumstances. The problem lies within my own heart. What I realized was happening was (when I reduce it all down to the basic truth) if I’m not being guided by God, it’s because I

don’t want to be! Wow! Not what I wanted to hear about myself.

As I contemplated this, here’s what I realized Spurgeon was saying. If I really want God’s will and His leading and direction in my life, then I will do what it takes to know Him, hear from Him, confirm His word, His direction, and move ahead with what He is telling me. I will believe in Him, seek Him, wait before Him, pray, read, and spend time in meditation on His word. I will endure whatever I need to whether it be sleepless nights or clearing my daytime schedule to make knowing the Lord my priority so that I can encounter Him, hear from Him, and be led by Him. God’s word clearly says, as we heard in Pastor Marc’s sermon on last Sunday in Matthew 7:7-8 *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”* And in Jeremiah 29:12-13, *“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.*”

We have God’s word and His assurance that if we seek Him and desire to know Him and His will, we will have it. So the question now is, do we really want His guidance? If we do, we will do what it takes to draw near and have it.

Another aspect to this is that God always places a higher priority on our relationship with Him than telling us what to do or where to go. In fact the guidance we receive, is primarily to deepen our relationship with Him. If we are to do something for God, then

the goal He has in mind for us, is to build our trust, dependence, or faith personally in Him. A few days ago I read this encouraging and challenging devotional from Blackaby based on John 14:16, that helped me to stay focused on God’s greater goal of knowing Him, over just receiving instructions.

If you are walking daily with the Lord, you will not have to find God’s will—you will already be in it. If you are walking with Him in obedience day by day, you will always be in the will of God. The Holy Spirit’s role is to guide you step by step to do God’s will. Walking closely with God each day guarantees that you will be exactly where He wants you to be. The disciples never had to ask Jesus where they should go next. They simply looked to see where Jesus was going and stayed close to Him! Jesus was their “way.” They didn’t need a map as long as they had Jesus.

Too often, we would prefer a road map of our future rather than a relationship with Jesus who is the Way. It often seems easier to follow a plan than to cultivate a relationship. We can become more concerned with our future than we are with walking intimately with God today. Jesus will never give you a substitute for Himself. He is the only way to the Father. That’s why it is critical that you clearly know when God is speaking to you (Isa. 30:21). If you are disoriented to how God speaks, you will not understand when He is giving you a new revelation about what He is doing. If you want to know God’s will, take time to cultivate your relationship with Jesus and learn to identify His voice. He is more than willing to show you the way.”

FBC Youth

FBC YOUTH Service- Sunday Mornings 11:00 - 12:15 pm

Games, fun, worship, and our next teaching direction for our Sunday youth group meeting is going to focus on Exploring God's word and integrating knowing Christ into our daily lives.

College/Career Fellowship - Sundays 12:30-2:00 pm

Part 3 of our "True University Series" - Who is Jesus? As always, we have great discussions together about the topic we are discussing but are relating it to our own personal relationship in knowing Jesus. Lunch provided.

FBC YOUTH Mid-Week - Combined CAD and TNT (High/Jr. High) - Tuesday Nights 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Our teaching direction for our mid-week youth group meeting focusing on "Walking with the Lord" in our lives.



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

A Quote from Our Daily Bread

"The Bible is the only Book whose Author is always present when it is read."



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
**FAITH, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP**
May 5, 8:30 am
In the Chapel



May 2: Harry Li
May 5: John Neciuk
May 7: Cathy Thomas
May 14: Jose Corzantes
May 16: Jessica Washer
May 22: Mayda Hernandez
May 24: Marc Heinz
Ken Kotter
Maria Triarsi
May 27: Bruce Andrews
May 29: Lee Hamady



Happy Anniversary

May 23
Tim and Janine Dufficy



Summer Camp 2018

Jun 17 – 23rd

Sign-up NOW!!!

\$560



First Baptist Youth Presents: Hume 2018

One of the many things we love about Hume Lake Summer Camp is the opportunity to get away from the distractions that young people face on a daily basis and have an incredible camp experience.

When you come to Hume, you will hear the gospel, be challenged through scripture, engage in powerful worship through music and get some time alone and with your church to know what God is doing in your life up here at camp. Hume Lake has high-energy recreation allowing kids to be kids.

If you allow it, a week at Hume can and will change your life forever.

Sunday thru Saturday is a cost of only \$560.00.

Includes all transportation, meals, lodging, retreat materials and events.

Scholarships available.

June 17 - 23, 2018



Cost \$ 560.00

Scholarships available
Sign-ups start April 17

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REGISTRATION FOR HUME LAKE - PONDEROSA CAMP

June 17 - 23, 2018

Please fill out and return to church or youth leader.

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE (Fall 2017) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

REQUESTED CABIN PARTNER(S) _____

PARENT'S NAME _____ PARENT'S EMAIL _____

In order to complete the registration, parents will receive an email from register@humelake.org with directions to fill out the medical release form.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

DO NOT GO ONLINE AND SIGN UP ON YOUR OWN AT HUME LAKE WEBSITE. Make out your deposit of \$50 to First Baptist Church, fill out the above information, tear it off, and then turn both in to Doug Andrews at church. Later your parents will receive an email from Hume Lake instructing how they are to complete your online registration. Doug will also send an email with more info about the trip. Keep the rest of this flyer for your information.

HUME OVERVIEW

Hume is a phenomenal place for students to get away from the everyday distractions and into the quietness that Hume Lake has to offer and learn more about who God is. From outdoor activities, energetic recreation, silly videos to exceptional speakers, inspiring dramas and impactful worship, your time at Hume will make you want to come back for more! The relevant programming and passionate staff will ensure that your time will be life changing.

WHAT TO BRING:

Bible, notebook, pencil, flashlight, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, warm and cool clothes, jacket, sandals, athletic shoes, modest one-piece swimsuit (no tankinis) and \$70 recommended spending money.

*REMEMBER: Girls - no short shorts, bare midriffs, yoga pants or spaghetti straps. Guys - no sagging of shorts.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor), alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, firearms, weapons, or electronic devices.

SPIRIT DAY:

Lions and Tigers and Jungle, OH MY!

Camp Schedule:

Meet at First Baptist Church on June 17 at 11:00 am in the Chapel, ready to go. We'll have orientation and prayer. We will return June 23 around 4:00 pm

You may send mail to the following address:
(Please send 5 days prior to desired delivery day)

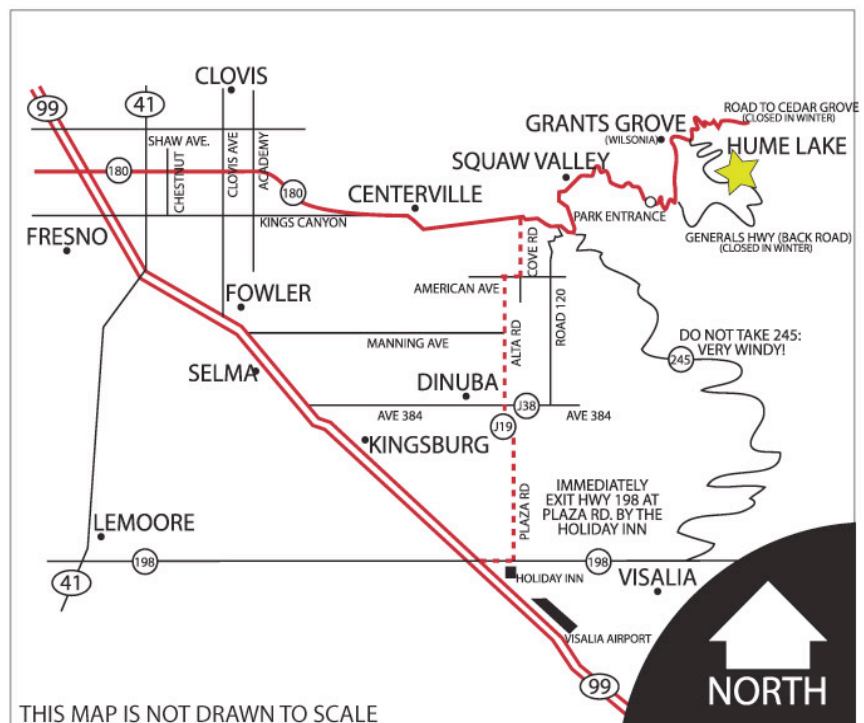
Camper Name / Church registered with
Ponderosa Camp (Date of Camp)
64144 Hume Lake Road
Hume, CA

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The Ark
Basketball
Roller Skating
Billiards
Ping Pong
Foosball
Beach Volleyball
The Skate Park



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AWANA REWARDS NIGHT is May 16th at 6:30 in the Sanctuary

Awana 2017- 2018 By Cathy Thomas

The Lord has truly blessed us this year at Awana. Each Wednesday we have gathered for Bible Study/story time, music, memory verse recitation, and active games. Throughout the year the children enjoyed dressing up according to our Special Night's Schedule. In the fall we participated in collecting canned goods which we took to the local Samaritan House. Then, before we had our break in mid-November, we filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse and took them to a local collection center. And in March, we brought in offerings for Street Life Ministries and Awana Go.

Thank you to those from our congregation who were leaders in the different clubs: Cindy Bjornson, David and Debbie Shong, Heidi Reyna, Krissie Andrews and Matt Heiden. And thank you to all who have prayed for us and supported us in many different ways.

HELP!!!

We do, however, anticipate even more needs next year. We are needing help with the music for both Sparks and T and T. If you feel that you could help with this, we would be thrilled!

We are also in dire need of a secretary for the Club. This person or persons could help keep records of attendance, order materials (books, vests/shirts, awards, etc.), keep records of all registration materials,

purchases and deposits.

Each of the clubs needs more leaders. We will need a replacement for one of our T and T Girls leaders this coming year. We need more leaders for Cubbies and more leaders for Sparks. .

Also, if you are willing to come and lead on Wednesday nights, we can offer childcare on the premises for your children under age 3 who are not involved in Awana. So please keep that in mind if childcare is an issue for you.

When you help with Awana, you are having a part in making disciples. You have the opportunity to be instrumental in affecting the next generation in their walk with the Lord. Commitment to Awana means being faithful in coming each week, making it a priority to clear your schedule to be a part of this ministry. We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8PM.

Please pray with us that God will continue to bless this Awana Club. He has been so good to bring so many wonderful children and so many wonderful parents here. And if you think you can help us with any of the above needs, please talk to Ron or Cathy Thomas or contact us at: 650/207-4357, or

awanaronthomas@yahoo.com.

Please join us for our closing program on Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary.

How Easy to Judge

Submitted by Doris Waddell

In the lesson on 1 Samuel 14, the quote from Matthew 7:3-5 was used as part of helping us understand the lesson about Saul's sin. "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

As I read a devotion from "DAY BY DAY with J. C. Ryle", I realized sometimes it's even less of the speck in our brother's eye that may cause us to judge others. Here's part of what he wrote:

He was showing us the difference between the two disciples, Peter and John. Peter's nature was fiery and impulsive and John's trait was a gentle, loving spirit.

"Let us never forget the practical lesson before us. As long as we live, let us diligently use it in forming our estimate of believers. Let us not condemn others as graceless and unconverted, because they do not see the path of duty from our standpoint, or feel things exactly as we feel them. *'There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit'* (1 Cor. 12:4). The gifts of God's children are not bestowed precisely in the same measure and degree. Some have more of one gift, and some have more of another. Some have gifts which shine in public, and others have gifts which shine more in private. Some are more bright in a passive life, and some are more bright in an active one. Yet each and all the members of God's family, in their own way and in their own season, bring glory to God. Martha was careful and troubled about much serving, when Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and heard His word. Yet there came a day, at Bethany, when Mary was crushed and prostrated by overmuch sorrow, and Martha's faith shone more brightly than her sisters (Luke 10:39, 40; John 11:20-28). Nevertheless both were loved by our Lord. The one thing needful is to have the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to love Christ."

OUR MISSIONARIES AT WORK

What a Surprise!

On Saturday, April 21st, early in the morning, the call came that Nicole's contractions were getting stronger. Audrey rushed to the hospital to be there to meet our new grand daughter. I came after the baby was born. When I walked in the room, everyone had a grin. I kissed Nicole and she said, "Look at the board, dad." I looked and the white board had "Michael David" written on it. It did not make any sense to me! "We had a boy" Nicole said. What a surprise! 6 lbs. 13 oz. and 20 inches. Nicole, Peter and Michael are staying with us because their home remodel is not finished. Thank you for praying for Nicole's pregnancy!



The five Sacramento students who went to Texas during Spring Break to do Hurricane Harvey relief work had some great experiences working on replacing



walls, ceilings, etc. They also had fun with some of the 1,040 Cru volunteers that came to help the \$125 billion repair work left by the hurricane. Thank you for praying for the safety of our students.

We were able to help pay for their airfare because of the money raised up at last year's Fundraising Dinner. Now we are preparing for this year's Fundraising Dinner. Would you please consider attending? The money raised at the Fundraising Dinner does not go for

From Alan and Audry Dianich

the salaries or personal ministry expenses of our staff. The money raised at the Fundraising Dinner goes for partial scholarships for international students to go to retreats, conferences, spring break mission trips, as well as money for welcome gifts, food for meetings, etc. The information for the Fundraising Dinner is below. Please let us know if you want to attend by May 7th. Please pray that God would be glorified through all of our end of the school year activities including the Fundraising Dinner.

Thank you so very much for your support. We are very, very thankful for you!

In Christ,
Alan and Audrey

A Mother's Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for bringing my children into my life.

Help me guide them and teach them through example to lead lives of wisdom and strong, loving faith-

Please let them learn to serve you always in thought and deed.

And remind me, Lord to always be there for my family as you are always there for me.

Amen

Have a most blessed



AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

April 20, 2018

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church of San Mateo

Our hope lies in the day when God renews all things and we experience eternal life in His presence forever. In the book of Revelation, John encourages us with a vision of that blessed day.

I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne; "Now God's Home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them, and He will be their God. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared.

Then the one who sits on the throne said, "And now I make all things new!" He also said to me, "Write this, because these words are true and can be trusted.

Revelation 21:3-5 (GNT)

Thank you for extending this picture of hope and truth through your generous gift in support of our work with U.S. Troops.

In His service,
Robert L. Briggs
Senior Vice President
American Bible Society



May 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship		1 7:15pm FBC Youth	2 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWANA	3	4	5 8:30am Men's Breakfast
6	7	8 7:15pm FBC Youth	9 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWANA	10	11	12
Communion		15 7:15pm FBC Youth	16 6:30pm Bible Study Rewards Night	17	18	19
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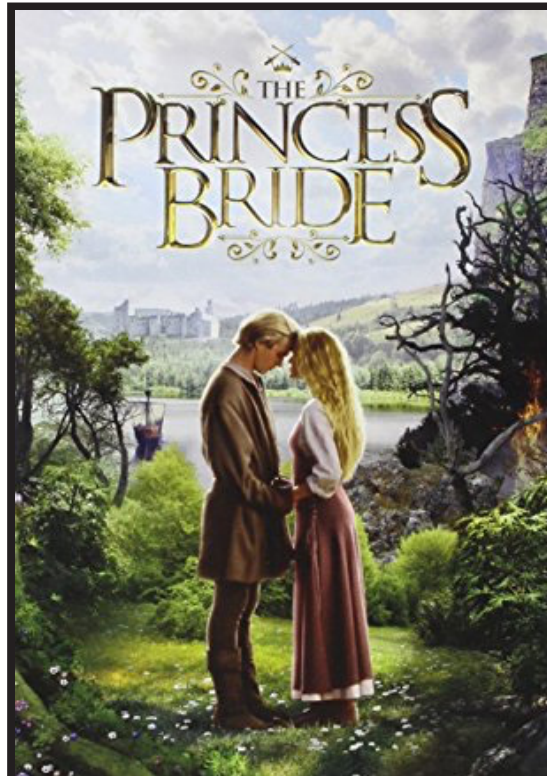
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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

May

Tues.	01	2 Chronicles 7-9
Wed.	02	2 Chronicles 10-12
Thurs.	03	2 Chronicles 13-15
Fri.	04	2 Chronicles 16-18
Sat.	05	2 Chronicles 19-21
Sun.	06	2 Chronicles 22-24
Mon.	07	2 Chronicles 25-27
Tues.	08	2 Chronicles 28-30
Wed.	09	2 Chronicles 31-33
Thurs.	10	2 Chronicles 34-36
Fri.	11	Ezra 1-3
Sat.	12	Ezra 4-6
Sun.	13	Ezra 7-10
Mon.	14	Nehemiah 1-3
Tues.	15	Nehemiah 4-6
Wed.	16	Nehemiah 7-9
Thurs.	17	Nehemiah 10-13
Fri.	18	Esther 1-3
Sat.	19	Esther 4-6
Sun.	20	Esther 7-10
Mon.	21	Job 1-3
Tues.	22	Job 4-6
Wed.	23	Job 7-9
Thurs.	24	Job 10-12
Fri.	25	Job 13-15
Sat.	26	Job 16-18
Sun.	27	Job 19-21
Mon.	28	Job 22-24
Tues.	29	Job 25-27
Fri.	30	Job 28-30
Sat.	31	Job 31-33



Movie Night
Friday,
May 24,
6:30 p.m.

Popcorn, Hot dogs
 and drinks
 are provided.
 Please bring a salad
 or dessert to share.

Movie at
7pm

A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other.

Based on the William Goldman novel