

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KIRK ...

Christmas Greetings YAC Family!

By the time you read this, we'll be halfway into our "Christmas Mythbusters" series. I'm so thankful to hear the many stories of your faithfulness in inviting people! Sometimes the people we invite respond and come to church, and sometimes they don't. That's OK! We do our part, and we trust God to do His part. *"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow"* (1 Corinthians 3:6). We never know the work that God is doing under the surface of the soil of a person's heart. So we simply stay faithful to plant and water, and in God's own time new life bursts forth... just like it did in the hearts of two young men in our midst who recently came to faith in Christ. So keep praying, keep inviting, keep responding to the opportunities of the Spirit, and keep trusting our wonderful Savior!

Christmas Mythbusters



Sermon Series
November 27th
Through
December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24th
6:00 pm

Christmas Morning Service
Sunday, December 25th
10:00 am
No Sunday School or
Kid's Worship

Now, as we head toward the end of the year, it's not too early to let you know about The Art of Marriage: Getting to the Heart of God's Design. Perhaps you've seen the poster in the lobby. The Art of Marriage is a video marriage conference that has been put together by Family Life Today, the same people who host "A Weekend to Remember." This event is not only a great opportunity to enhance your own marriage relationship, but it's also a perfect way to reach out to friends and neighbors by inviting them to come as well! This event is not just for "hurting couples." It's for all of us who simply want to experience God's best for our marriages.

The event will be held on Friday night, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th. Dessert will be served Friday night, and a great lunch will be served on Saturday. Childcare and children's programs will also be available for couples with kids. For only \$50 per couple, about the cost of dinner and a movie, you and your spouse will enjoy learning, laughing, eating, and growing along with other couples in our church and community!

More information and registration will be available soon, so be checking our website!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Kirk



A Word From the Youth Pastor ...

This past weekend I ran and finished my 3rd half marathon race. It was cold and rainy, but that didn't stop more than 10,000 people from hitting the streets of Seattle. It was so much fun to run a race in the city I grew up in. For some this was the first time they had run 26.2 or 13.1 miles. For others, it was the first time they had run a course with so many steep hills. And they run for different reasons, some for the competition, some for fun, some because someone talked them into it, and some, if not all, run to find out how far they can push themselves, and what the limit of their endurance is...and how far they can push that limit.

Now it would be pretty easy for me to point to any of a number of New Testament passages that refer the running a race. Paul and others often allegorize the Christian life to long distance running. However, God used this last weekend's race to illustrate a different truth for my life. You see, the finish line for this race was in Seattle's Memorial Stadium. This was the same stadium where I played the majority of my High School football games. It brought back a lot of memories. In my last game at Memorial Stadium in my senior year against our school rival, I suffered a broken leg. I was lying on the field in pain, no longer able to play or even walk. While I was taken to a nearby hospital, our team went on to win the game. This was a great victory, but instead of victory, I experienced pain and defeat.

Ok, so what does High School football have to do with running a half marathon? Well you see, the finish line for this race was in almost the exact spot that I broke my leg 13 years ago. And here I was back in that same place, but this time I was no longer on my back in great pain and unable to even walk, I was running across the finish line in full strong stride. The Lord used this to speak to me that often the place of our greatest defeat and pain can become the place of our greatest victory. This is the awesome way that God often works in our lives. In our Christian life we will inevitably experience some level of pain and defeat. It may be caused from some outside source or it may come from our own sin and folly. But God has a way of taking us from that low place and lifting us up and using it to bring victory. Psalm 30:10-11 says:

"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help." You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,"

Think back on your life and some of the greatest defeats or pains in your life. Next think about how God worked through that time to bring you closer to Him. The pain and defeat in our lives do not always come from God, but God ALWAYS wants to use those moments to refine us, mold us, bring us into victory. Even if sometimes it takes 13 years.

Pastor Dave



Pastors' Gift

Especially at this time of year, our thoughts often turn to the giving of gifts as an expression of our love and gratitude.

To show our Pastors - Kirk, Jim, and Dave, how much we appreciate their faithful service to us, a token, monetary gift will be presented to them on Sunday, December 25th.

Your contributions are welcomed and accepted through Sunday, December 18th. Simply indicate **Pastors' Gift** on your check or envelope and put it in the offering.





Year 2011 General Fund Giving	
November Giving	\$24,058
Giving this year	\$260,809
Great Commission Giving	\$24,816



December 2011

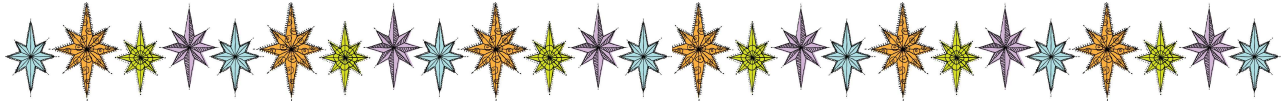


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Note: <i>Birthday and Anniversary Dates are shown in Italics</i></p>				1 <i>Joy Attaway Sara Bos</i>	2	3 5 pm Annual Adult Christmas Dinner Party <i>Bonnie Mayer</i>
4 <i>Shelby Holmes</i>	5	6 7 pm Elders 7 pm Deacons 7 pm Prayer 7:30 pm IGNITE	7 6:45 pm ACTION ROOTED Hebrews	8 10 am Stamp Mtg	9 6:30 pm Missions Committee <i>Michael Conrad Heather Seaman</i>	10 <i>Kaitlyn Cooper Ken & Kim Cooper Jim & Maryann Kent</i>
11 12:30 Potluck Annual Election & Budget Meeting	12 7 pm WOW Cookie Exchange <i>Lynn Kiser</i>	13 7 pm Prayer 7:30 pm IGNITE <i>Randy Purcell</i>	14 6:45 pm ACTION ROOTED Hebrews <i>Jim & Carolee Crook</i>	15	16 <i>Mac McDaniel Phil & Susan Wells</i>	17
18 <i>April Broyles Lauren Dawson Rodger & Christine Boothman</i>	19	20 7 pm Elders 7 pm Prayer 7:30 pm IGNITE <i>Ellie Dougherty</i>	21 6:45 pm ROOTED Hebrews <i>Laura Sample</i>	22 6:30 pm Deaconess <i>Gabby Garcia</i>	23 <i>Bill Johnston</i>	24 6 pm Christmas Eve Service  <i>Grant Thompson</i>
25 	26 <i>Anthony Kent</i>	27 7 pm Prayer 7:30 pm IGNITE <i>Jackson Garlington Ken & Carol Wagar</i>	28 6:45 pm ROOTED Hebrews <i>Diana Clark</i>	29 <i>Liliana Simon</i>	30	31



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"We exist to introduce people to Jesus, help them get to know Him better, and develop fully devoted followers of Christ."

Women of the Word

*Monday, December 10th
7:00 pm
Fellowship Café
Bring 3 dozen cookies
to exchange*



WOW

*Enjoy Christmas music,
Fellowship,
and Christmas Goodies*

**Discover the secret
of saving money
by couponing!**

