



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

Send announcements, praises, and prayer requests to: newsletter@foresthomechurch.org



PRAYER & PRAISE

- Healing & Recovery of Jac Agak who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident Friday night
- Remember our loved ones in Kenya— Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Kenya nation in strong stresses of drought, hunger, violent borders, and refugees
- Lord may you establish the work of our hands and equip us for service
- Bless elders with wisdom, peace, and love
- Lord's hand with all ministries of the body as Counseling, Jails, Next Right Step, Youth, Teaching
- Matthew Christy & many loved ones to make peace with Jesus
- Bless national, state, and local leaders with righteous judgment
- Praise Lord for counseling us with His eye upon us
- Preserve O Lord Christians of the Middle East amidst great persecution
- Thank You for Grace that saves and Truth that sets free

10 Reasons to Stay Married

1. Because God wants us to stay married for life.
2. Because marriage is a picture of the love God has for the church and each divorce damages that picture.
3. Because divorce hurts children, in-laws, friends and you!
4. Because second and third marriages tend to be even less successful than first marriages.
5. Because divorce often creates serious financial problems for one or both parties.
6. Because you lose friends and family.
7. Because you lose out on what could have been.
8. Because you both once loved each other and could recapture that love if you both choose to do so.
9. Because it is generally good for your health.
10. Because it builds personal character.

(Randy Carlson of Intentional Living)

"Worship is first and foremost for His benefit, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving Him pleasure, we ourselves enter into what can become our richest and most wholesome experience in life." Graham Kendrick

When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart." Lamar Boschman

A glimpse of God will save you. To gaze at Him will sanctify you.
Manley Beasley

The perfect church service, would be one we were almost unaware of. Our attention would have been on God. C S Lewis

The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance." C.S. Lewis



Harvest Party

TODAY

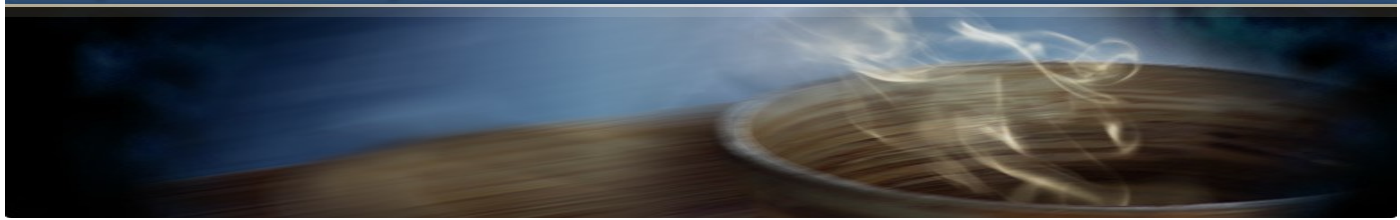
4:00pm to 7:00pm

Come and have fun! There will be games for the kids, hot dogs, a hay ride, candy for the kids, cool fall weather, fun, fellowship, laughing, songs, a campfire, and so much more.

See Tim or Karen for more details or the Evite they generously sent to everyone!

Titans will be done, what else you gonna do?

Note on Middle East Christians: More than half of Iraqi Christians, an estimated 400,000 people, have left that country over the past decade in response to persecution. In Egypt, home to at least 8 million Copt Christians (a number exceeding the populations of Israel, Jordan, or Lebanon), at least 95,000 Christians have emigrated since March 2011. At the present rate, the Middle East's 12 million Christians will likely drop to 6 million in the year 2020. The recent changes in the Middle East have not been friendly to the Christian populations. Please remember them in prayer.



And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a **harp**, and golden **bowls** full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song . . . (The Worthy Lamb Redeems a People of Priests and Kings) Revelation 5:8-9

Jesus prayed to the Father: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

What in the World is Harp **and** Bowl Worship?

I suppose the first answer regarding the biblical image of the harp and bowl is that it is worship not of this world. It is a vision of the worship around the heavenly throne as revealed in Revelation. What has it to do then with our present worship on earth? There is a sense in which our worship pictures, or more realistically, participates in the heavenly worship. This is one of the teachings in Hebrews where the tabernacle is a "copy and shadow of the heavenly things," and "Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself" (Hebrews 8:5; 9:24). This means that we come today, not to the physical Mt. Sinai, but to the more real Mount Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem. It follows that we are "receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe" (10:28). Jesus' prayer connected the Kingdom coming with the will of the Father being done on earth as it is in heaven. I suggest that one thing our present worship may learn from the heavenly worship is the connection of Praise (the Harp) and of Prayer (the Bowl).

There is praise ("Enter his gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise," Psalm 100:4) and there is prayer ("a house of prayer for all nations" Isaiah 56:7), and when they are offered in context of each other, we have what has been called **worship intercession**. Let me explain further in the words of Gerrit Gustafson, lead minister of a church in the area where I earlier served. I am thankful Gerrit put his years of worship mentorship in a must read book called, *The Adventure of Worship* (2006).

Gerrit explains, and I believe he is right, "*Entering God's presence in worship, we can extend His purpose in prayer. . . . Good worshippers know God's presence; good intercessors know God's purposes. Put them together, and you have biblical priests. . . . Intercessors who are not yet worshippers are like Mordecai, who when he learned what to pray for, "put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city wailing loudly and bitterly. But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it" (Esther 4:1-2). On the other hand, Esther "put on her royal robes" (Esther 5:1), went before the king, and made successful intercession. Her royal robes, like our garments of praise, got her past the gates into the place where petitions were handled. And thanksgiving will do the same for us....*

(One matter Gerrit does not mention is how the Bowl of intercession can involve pouring out prayers of intense suffering and lament. Yet, just like the Psalms of lament, the intercessions are most often mixed, like fine incense, with thanksgiving praise.)

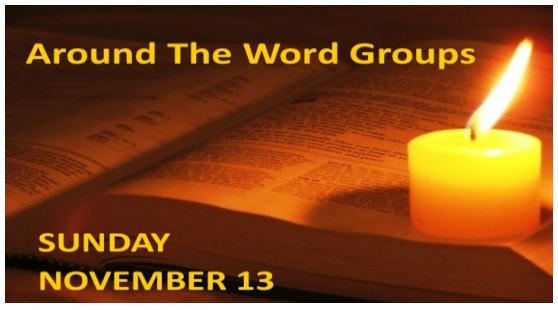
Lord Jesus, You have become our High Priest, and we know that You are always interceding for those who draw near to You. We ask that You train us in the ministry of intercession. Let us become deeply convinced of the eternal, history-changing value of worship intercession. Help us to put on the garments of praise before making our petitions. Let it be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen." LH

Girls Night Out

Friday November the 18th
Evite will be sent with more details.

BOOK CLUB

This month's book is *Velva Jean Learns to Fly* by Jennifer Niven.
It would be helpful but not necessary to read the prequel *Velva Jean Learns to Drive*.
We will meet at Lisa Grimenstein's in early December, Date & Time: T.B.A



2011 Calendar

- TODAY - Harvest Party, 4pm to 7pm (Titans will be done, what else you gonna do?
- November 13th - "Around the Word small groups"
- November 18th - Girls Night Out
- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church Int ercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH TUES MORNING - 6:30am, mens bible study @ church
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- EACH LAST WED NIGHT OF THE MONTH - "Branded" for the youth (Grades 5th-12th) 6-7:30pm @ church

DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
Oct 30	Mandy Austin	Oct Austin	Nov 2	Sarah/Kathleen
Nov 6	Karen Costello	Nov VanderLinden	Nov 9	Liz/Dawn
Nov 13	D'Ann McAlister	Dec Christy	Nov 16	Linda/Lois
		Jan D'Ann		
		Feb McAlister		
		(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.		