

Weekly Update

Upcoming Events

Our Google Calendar - <http://tinyurl.com/HopeYouthCalendar>

February 13 – Surfside Marathon

- There will be two shifts (8am-12am & 11am-3pm) helping setup and serve for this year's Surfside Marathon. Transportation will be provided if needed. The first shift will meet at 7:30am at Hope Fellowship. The second shift will meet at 10:30am. If you plan on going in your own transportation meet at Stahlman Park (volunteer's tent) at the appropriate time.

March 7 – Challenge packets are due

- Challenge packets are due. Go to the youth section of the church's website for the application and related information packets. If you give a commitment to go then you will be held accountable for the deposits required. Our hope is that through our fundraisers and letter writing no one will have to pay out of pocket (or at least very little) for the trip. Challenge was a great time two years ago and I hope to see all of you there this year!

Small Groups

If you are not in a small group consider joining one. We are going through the second book of the Habitudes Series.

Habitude Lessons:

- Last Week
 - Chess and Checkers
- This Week
 - The Calcutta Paradox
- Next Week
 - Pyrrhic Victory

Sons of Thunder

- Monday Night Group
 - When – 7-9pm
 - Where – Russel Legion's House
- Tuesday Night Group
 - When – 7-9pm
 - Where – Eldon Baumeister's House

Daughter's of Truth

- Wednesday Night Group
 - When – 7-8:45pm
 - Where – Sonia Nimitz's House



Sunday School



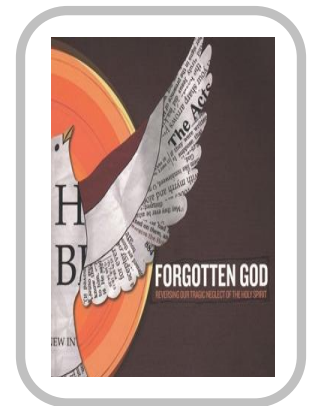
We have finished up the NOOMA Series. This past week we spent some time looking back at some of the lessons that we remembered from Rob Bell's teachings. If anyone wants to review or use any of the videos they will be available for check out. This is great material to use in a school bible study and is already being used by some of you.

The second half of Sunday school we spent some time in prayer. Continue to lift up those prayers that were brought up in class. Soon I hope to make a prayer section to the weekly update that we can use as a prayer board for those prayers you do not mind sending out.

Starting February 14th we will begin a small series looking at the Jewishness of Jesus. Spend some time looking at the customs that Jesus might have carried on during His life.

Excerpt from Frannics Chan's "Forgotten God"

Nowhere in scripture do I see "balanced life with a little bit of God added in" as an ideal for us to emulate. Yet when I look at our churches this is exactly what I see: a lot of people who have added Jesus to their lives. People who have in a sense asked Him to join them on their life journey and follow them wherever they feel they should go, rather than following Him as we are commanded. The God of the universe is not something we can just add to our lives and keep on as we did before. The Spirit who raised Christ from the dead is not someone we can just call on when we want a little extra power in our lives. Jesus Christ did not die in order to follow us, He died and rose again so that we could forget everything else and follow Him to the cross, to true Life.



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