

Sunday
 Bible Classes 9:30 am Olathe Bible Study Group 5:00 pm
 AM Worship 10:30 am Westside Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm
 PM Service 5:00 pm (5th Sunday Potlucks—No Eve. Services)

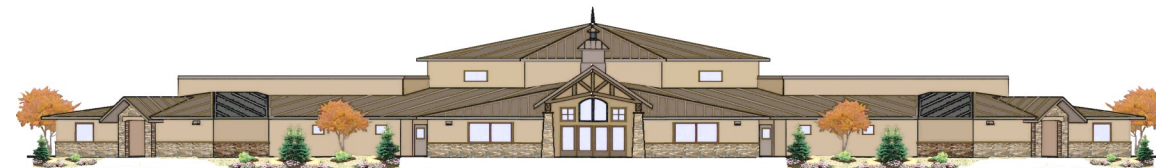
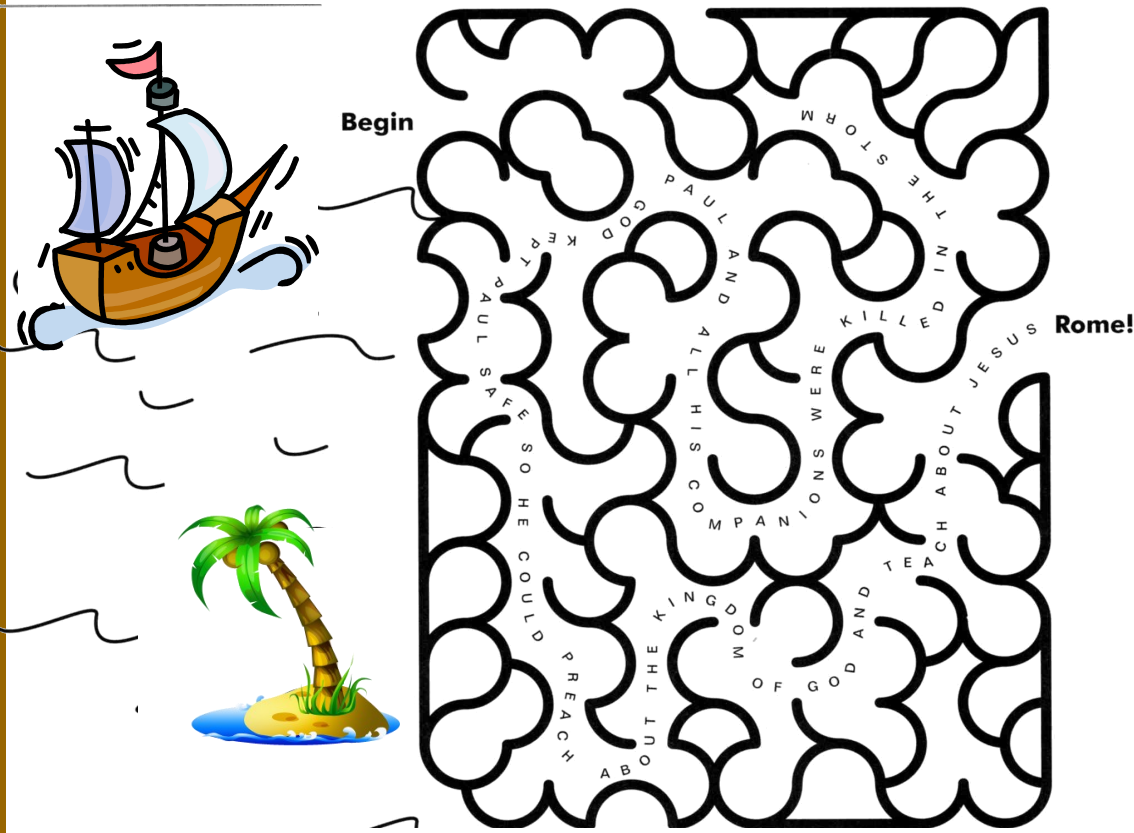
Wednesday **Thursday**
 Services 7:00 pm Ladies Class 9:30 am.

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Kids Paul's Final Days Corner

Paul was on a ship sailing from Rome when a terrible storm hit.
 Find your way through the maze to find out what happened to Paul.



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Ever-Enduring Thoughts for the New Year

Someone has written, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me a light that I may safely tread into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be unto you better than light and safer than any known way.'"

The following are rules suggested as aids to the practical fulfillment:

1. **Travel light** . Shed excess baggage—failures, disappointments, worries, griefs, and resentments of the past. Stop opening old sores and bad memories.
2. **Live one day at a time**. The man of faith refuses to shove into the unknown future the decisions that should be made today. Present responsibility is first.
3. **Be generous** . A world reeling with greed, intolerance, bitterness, prejudice, hunger, disease and cold needs now, if ever, every drop of simple goodness in our veins.
4. **Let's face our problems with faith and courage and not run away from them, resent them or fear them**. Since we are the children of God, we do not have to work alone.
5. **Don't let our virtues become our vices**. Jesus reserved His choicest scorn for those whose goodness had become stale, stiff and severe. Joyful privilege versus duty.
6. **If we cannot change our circumstances, let's change our attitude**. There are times when we feel we could do a better job with our lives if we could start over. It is not a new environment but a new inner life that we need; not a new job but the insight to see new opportunities in the old work.
7. **The secret of relaxation is essential to health**. Stress endangers our dispositions—our emotions are frayed, and irritation clouds the air about us. Inner quietness must be cultivated.
8. **Resolve to trust God for the future**. God supplies strength to carry our load, wisdom to solve our problems, and grace to enrich every experience.

—Dale Foster

Paul's Final Days

1. When did Paul want to get back to Jerusalem?
2. Who did Paul meet with in Ephesus?
3. How many daughters who prophesied did Philip have?
4. What was the name of the prophet who bound himself with Paul's belt?
5. Who had Paul studied under?
6. Where was Paul going when Jesus appeared to him?
7. Who did Paul call a whitewashed wall?
8. Who told the commander about the plot to kill Paul?
9. Where did the ship wreck yet all survived?
10. Who deserted Paul because he loved the world?

Answers to last week's questions: 1. Barnabas, 2. Elymas, 3. Lame, 4. Zeus, 5. Lydia, 6. Aquila and Priscilla, 7. God, 8. Satan, 9. Timothy, 10. Apollos



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

What to "Give Up" This Year

Give up grumbling. Instead in everything give thanks

Give up 10-15 minutes in bed. Instead, use that time in prayer.

Give up looking at other people's worst points. Instead, concentrate on their best ones.

Give up speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding.

Give up judging by appearances and the standards of the world. Instead, learn to give up yourself to God.

Give up hatred and dislike of anyone. Instead, learn to love.

Give up the fear which prevents Christian witness. Instead, seek courage to speak of your faith to others.

Give up TV one evening a week. Instead, visit some lonely or sick person.

Give up buying anything not essential for yourself. Instead, give that money to God's work or someone in need.

Give up your worries. Instead, trust God with them.

Give up spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. Instead, use some of that time to study your Bible.

"...So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." Romans 14:12



Evening Services today: There will be no formal evening services. Everyone is encouraged to plan special devotionals with family and/or friends. The church building will be available to use if some want to have a devotional there.

Travelers: Several are traveling over the holidays. Pray that everyone has a safe trip.

Ship of Life: Keep Terri and Linda in our prayers as they prepare to leave February 2nd for Cambodia.

A Vision for the Future What do we want to do for God in 2012? We would like to start the year off by having prayer and work planning sessions in January. Beginning January 8th, we encourage everyone to meet immediately after morning services to share a meal and then spend the afternoon praying and planning. Bring your favorite soup to share on the 8th. Crackers and cheese will be provided. We will continue working together on the following Sundays.

Refer to last week's bulletin for suggested items to be considered.

"Brethren, I count myself yet to have laid hold; but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:13-14

Book of Daniel

The Jews must play spectator as God demonstrates his power before Gentile kings and kingdoms, showing that he is sovereign over all nations, not just his chosen people. Daniel's ministry in Babylon spans at least seventy years. During that time he watches the reins of power pass from Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar) to Media (Darius) to Persia (Cyrus). Cyrus issues the proclamation inviting the Jews to return to their homeland to rebuild the temple. The first section contains three familiar accounts from Daniel's life: his early days in the king's service, his interpretation of the king's dream, and his three friends in the blazing furnace.