



# FEBRUARY

## Brad's Blurp

Jesus enjoyed packaging spiritual truths with the wrapping of everyday observations. In Mark 4, He uses a lamp on a lamp stand and the growth of a seed (going from stalk to head to the full kernel in the head) to teach about spiritual truths involving the hidden being revealed (22) and the pervasiveness of God's workings.

I've heard Jesus use coins, bread, lilies, salt and sparrows to open up insights into solid truths that bring encouragement and solidity to our everyday journey with Him.

A curious statement that Jesus often shares when discussing these object lessons is this:

*"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Mark 4:9*

I would think Jesus could have added -- *whoever has eyes to see, let them see these wonderful truths that exist all around them?* But he didn't. Why?

Because it is not the object themselves, it is the Spirit speaking to our hearts that highlights the meaning of an object lesson.

The psalmist understood this as he writes:

*Psalm 16:7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.*

May we have ears to hear as God speaks to our hearts.

*Marked -- encountering Jesus through the Gospel of Mark*  
4:1-34 Jesus' object lessons

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2nd - Men's Bible Study 8a
- Feb. 2nd - Bible Club Team Mtg. 9:30a
- Feb. 3rd - Bring A Can of Soup On Sunday 10:30a
- Feb. 3rd - Outreach Mtg. 12p
- Feb. 9th - Explorers 4:30p
- Feb. 9th - I Can Only Imagine 5:30p
- Feb. 13th - Wednesday Dinner 6p
- Feb. 16th - Men's Bible Study 8a



<b>Mark 1</b>	Never seen anything like Jesus
<b>Mark 2</b>	Questions for Jesus
<b>Mark 3</b>	For or against Jesus
<b>Mark 4-5</b>	Jesus' object lessons
<b>Mark 6</b>	Hesitant about Jesus
<b>Mark 7</b>	Jesus and faith
<b>Mark 8</b>	Jesus is always enough
<b>Mark 9</b>	Jesus and greatness
<b>Mark 10</b>	Keeps us from Jesus
<b>Mark 11</b>	Fig lessons from Jesus
<b>Mark 12</b>	Try to trap Jesus
<b>Mark 13</b>	Be alert for Jesus
<b>Mark 14</b>	Are you the Messiah?
<b>Mark 15</b>	Jesus' death
<b>Mark 16</b>	Jesus goes ahead!

Calendar



Our church plant is starting a Kids Club at Sheridan Mobile Home Park, every third Saturday of the month. This is a great opportunity to be missional and bless the life of the kids in our community.

**(Bible Club Informational Meeting February 2nd at 9:30am)**

If you are interested, please contact Roberto & Marilyn at 720-318-3500

**ENGLISH**  
as a  
**SECOND LANGUAGE**



**Mondays & Thursdays**  
**6:30pm – 8pm**

**Tuesdays & Fridays**  
**9am – 10:30am**

**Starts February 4th!**



Sign Up for the Pastor's Daily Bible Verse by emailing

[BradMann@fellowshipcovenant.org](mailto:BradMann@fellowshipcovenant.org)

or follow [fccdailyverse](#) on Instagram!



### Soup Can Drive February 3rd



Bring your soup cans  
Sunday, Feb. 3rd. Kiddos will collect donations  
during the service that will support the  
Blessing Booth.

## OUTREACH

The Community Outreach Team is having a  
team meeting right after church  
**Sunday, February 3rd 2019 from 12-1pm**  
In the Fellowship Room, Lunch is provided.

If you are interested in attending please contact Gina Coye.  
Call or text her at 303-910-5967 or email [reallygoodsister@comcast.net](mailto:reallygoodsister@comcast.net)

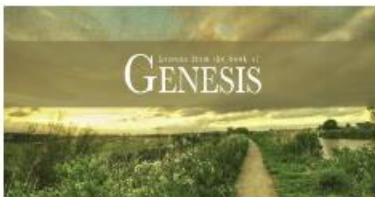
### Explorers: Feb. 9th at 4:30p

Explorers will be showing the movie – I Can  
Only Imagine. Everyone is invited to join us.



We will be having a dinner at 4:30p – all are welcome to that  
and there will be a \$5 donation per person and we'd need an RSVP  
to Ernie and Deanna Deines at 303-466-4727 by Feb.5th.

If you're planning on only the movie, no RSVP is needed.  
The movie will start at 5:30p in the Sanctuary. Hope you can join us!



### Monday Life Group

Studying the book of Genesis.  
If interested contact Pastor Brad.

[BradMann@fellowshipcovenant.org](mailto:BradMann@fellowshipcovenant.org)



Mark your calendars for the next  
outreach event:  
**March 17th, 2019**  
**The Dessert Fundraiser Auction**

Prepare to do some outrageous,  
hilarious giving.

More details on other ways to  
participate will be coming soon!



**February**

- 6 Game Night
- 13 Love
- 20 Elvis
- 27 Humility



**Wednesdays at 7pm**



A fun interactive hour for K - 5th  
grade students filled with activities  
and mini-lessons from Bible stories.

**February**

- 6 The Door *Matt. 10:21-38*
- 13 The Last Cookie *Matt. 10:37-42*
- 20 No Doubt *Matt. 11:1-24*
- 27 Come To Me *Matt. 11:25-30*



**Be heart-healthy.**

Make A Date With Your Heart! February is American  
Heart Month, and Valentine's Day is a great time to  
start taking steps to be heart-healthy.

- Prevent and control high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.
- Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke.
- Limit alcohol use.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Be active.
- Eat healthy.

## Updates from our Missionary's



Above: Ekstands and family

Below: Pete and Jude



### Pete & Cindy Ekstrand - Congo, Africa

Over the past 4 weeks in the US we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Advent and Christmas with our children, grandchildren (including 4 month old Jude who we hadn't met yet), mothers and siblings.

Congo's delayed Presidential elections finally took place on December 30. They were delayed one week due to a fire at a warehouse in Kinshasa that destroyed some of the equipment. We've received reports from the CEUM leadership that overall the elections took place peacefully. There were some instances of equipment not functioning, voter roles not arriving in time and delays, but overall the elections went well.

During our absence Pastor Mandio continues to visit the Bogose-Nubea health zone. He is moving forward with training of the local village committees in Nbonge, Boyasebego, Bombura and others.

Give THANKS with us for the powerful way CHE is moving forward in this area. Give THANKS for Rev. Mandio, his passion and his vision.

We were as surprised as you are reading this when following a routine physical Pete's doctor at Swedish Covenant confirmed that he has CLL. Pete has been experiencing some fatigue when he went to run and that is what prompted the physical. We have another appointment with the oncologist later this week to confirm the treatment plan which will start in January. We look forward to returning to Congo following treatment and evaluation.

## Anniversary's This Month...

February 26 - Al and Norma Luka  
February 26 - Ken and Sandy Schmidt



## Birthday's This Month...

February 4 - Vivian Harpole, Sandra Jessen  
February 7 - Mike Hult  
February 10 - Diana Hult, Alma Roberts  
February 12 - Irma Jarvis  
February 15 - Gary Hergenreder  
February 16 - Rueben Bauer, Benjamin Murdock  
February 22 - Carol Schafer  
February 23 - Cheryl Thompson

## Finance Update

Current General fund revenue and expense YTD as of 01/31/2019. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to serve the Lord.

General Fund Revenue YTD 01/31/2019 \$16,244.00

General Fund Expense YTD 01/31/2019 \$18,967.00



## Annual Meeting Report

The annual business meeting of Fellowship Covenant Church was held on Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the morning worship service. President Bill Meyer called the meeting to order and led in prayer. Vice President Ron Ottercrans led the responsive reading of FCC's Relational Covenant.

Rich Wickman presented the 2018 Treasurer's Report. The 2018 Ministry Leaders' reports were accepted as printed and handed out. Several members led in prayer for the 2019 ministry of the church with emphasis on the following three areas: the Latino church plant, worship services and children's ministry.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee by acclamation: Bill Meyer, President; Ron Ottercrans, Vice President; Donna Johnson, Secretary and Gene Eichorn, Treasurer. David Murdock was elected to the FCC Council for a three-year term.

Rich Wickman and Bill Meyer presented the proposed 2019 FCC budget. Following discussion, the budget was accepted as printed.

Anyone interested in being a delegate to the Covenant Midwest Conference Annual Meeting April 26 and 27 in Omaha, Nebraska, and/or the Covenant Annual Meeting June 27-29 also in Omaha should contact the office to get information.

*At FCC we are seeking to live out biblical truths with compassion, graciousness, relevance and urgency.*

**Belonging** to a caring faith community.  
**Believing** the truth of God's love for all people.  
**Becoming** more like Jesus.

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