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This week I led the first session of a small group with students on the topic of dating. I was nervous, because it is a difficult subject and I'm not sure I understand the topic in a way that will relate to what these young adults face in our current culture. In other words, I think I'm getting too old and I'm out of touch. However, I felt invigorated. The students were eager to listen to my experiences and hear my ideas. But I tried to challenge them to think for themselves about their motivation and expectations of dating. It is also a diverse group with a diversity of experience. I pray that I can effectively lead these students to a deeper faith and a deeper understanding of being Christ-like in their dating relationships. I hope they understand that in being challenged and in being honest, we can grow spiritually. We can become who God intended us to be.

Tim

Women's Fellowship: 1:00 PM Tuesday, February 3.

Buildings & Grounds: 6:30 PM Thursday, February 5.

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM Saturday, February 7.



Book Swap: 10:00 AM-
Noon Saturday, Feb. 7.

Thursday, February 19,
6:00-7:30 PM.

Now swapping puzzles.

Deacon's Meeting: 9:00 AM Sunday, February 8.

Ministry Team: 6:30 PM Tuesday, February 10.

60+: meets Tuesday, February 24. See Joann for details.

Kids Club: Each Friday at 6:00 PM, while the women are in Bible study, Kevin Miller has been meeting with a group of youth. The group is growing and welcome to all.

Council Meeting and Pot Luck: Sunday, Feb. 8 we will meet in council following Sunday school and a pot luck dinner. All are welcome.

Congratulations: We met our goal of 50 cans of corn for Love, INC in January. Our goal in February is 40 cans of corn. Your help is much appreciated by Love and the recipients.

District Conference: Sunday, Feb. 8, the South/Central Indiana district is meeting at the Kokomo Church to discuss a new budget for the district. The fall conference turned down the budget brought by the district board and this meeting will look at a new proposal.

Water problem: The church's water bill has been high for the past year. When we did some research with the city water department, it was discovered there was a leak between the meter next to the street and the church. A plumbing company we hired discovered the leak which turned out to be near the meter and it has been fixed.

Christian Citizenship Seminar: This seminar is available to high school youth and is put on each year. This year it will be held April 18-23 in New York City and Washington D.C. It will focus on the complexities of US immigration policy, suggested reforms, and the consequences of both on immigrant communities. During this week-long event, participants will explore the ways in which their lives intersect with the lives of immigrants through hearing personal stories from immigrants in the U.S., people who work with immigrants, individuals who are connected with both theology and immigration, and those who work in advocacy and policy-making. Participants will gather new cultural insights in New York City through attending multicultural church services and the United Nations, and in Washington, D.C. they will visit Capitol Hill and meet their representatives and senators to discuss the topic of immigration. Participants of past years have shared that their week at CCS was filled with experiences they remember for the rest of their lives. Dean and Reba Beery both attended when they were in high school. Scholarships are available.

Martin Luther King Jr. Ceremony at Manchester University on Feb. 4. The event will feature Brenda J. Allen, author of "Difference Matters: Communicating Social Identity," speaking at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 in Cordier Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. The Feb. 4 observance honors King's last speech at a college campus, which took place at Manchester when he presented a speech on "The Future of Integration" on Feb. 1, 1968, two months before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

Nigeria: Praise God for the more than \$500,000 raised for the Nigeria Crisis Fund, meeting a matching challenge issued by the Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board. Pray for continued generous giving to meet the needs our hurting sister church, Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), as it in turn seeks to aid the broader traumatized community.

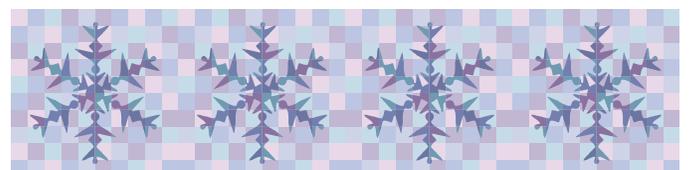
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