



The Forgotten Fear: Where Have All the God-Fearers Gone? by Albert N. Martin

A book review from the desk of Pastor Paul Cummings

It has been said that “the fear of God is the soul of godliness.” As believers we want to be godly people. We want to grow to be more like Jesus. It is right for us to strive to put off sin and put on Christlikeness. However, how often do we consider the fear of the Lord to be a major on-going piece of that work? Do we set it aside as an important element when we first came to Jesus, but not so much now?

Fearing God significantly stretches beyond the initial stage of conversion. It is a foundational part of the whole Christian life. One does not have to search the Scriptures too hard to bump into passages that speak of this topic. God reveals in Deuteronomy 4:11 that the results of Israel hearing His word were “so that they may learn to **fear me** all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.” Ecclesiastes 12:13 concludes that man should “**fear God and keep his commandments.**” Proverbs 1:7 teaches us that “**the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.**” It was prophesied that the Messiah would have the “*Spirit of...the fear of the Lord*” rest upon Him (Isa. 11:2). Speaking of the manner we pursue Christlikeness, the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 7:1, “*Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.*” As we walk through the Bible, we see

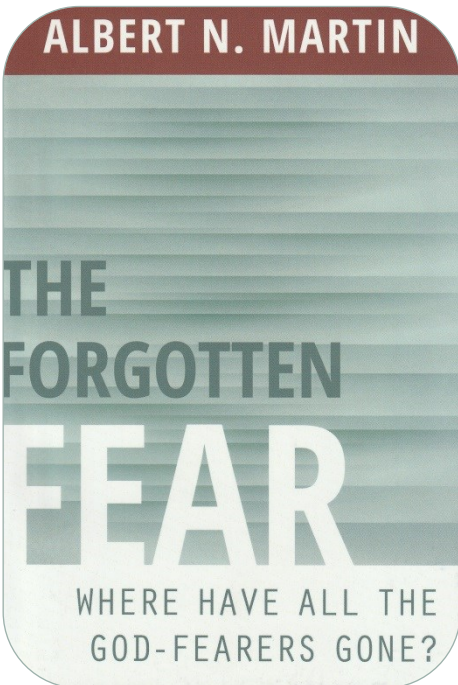
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this necessary demeanor by which we should think about God, approach God, and live for God.

In his book, *The Forgotten Fear*, Albert Martin seeks to help the reader understand the importance and necessity of fearing the Lord, as the Scriptures reveal. This proper fear begins by a work of the Lord as we get a biblical view of God and ourselves. It is directly connected even to the work of the New Covenant (see Jer. 32:39). It flows from the work of God in the gospel. We cannot escape

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Church Workdays

Saturdays,
April 1 & 29
9:00am - 2:00pm

Spring is here! Please join one or both of our April church workdays on the first and last Saturdays of the month. Refreshments and lunch will be provided, so please sign up at the Welcome Table or on Realm (Events). For more information, contact Cheryl Boston at crboston12@gmail.com.

Good Friday Service

April 7 @ 6:30pm

Full family service
—entire families invited to join in worship—
no childcare provided.



Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 9

Family Services

(Children 4+ included in services. Nurseries available)

First Service @ 8:30 am

No Sunday School on Easter

Second Service @ 10:30 am



The Forgotten Fear

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God's call for us to fear Him, and rightfully so. There is no one like Him. He is the holy and just Creator, the Lord and Master over us and all His creation. He rightfully deserves our fear (Ps. 33:8).

So, what is biblical fear? Martin's work helps us understand that the fear of the Lord is the holy dread and reverent awe of God that results in proper worship. Proper worship is submission of the heart and life to the Lord. If we are going to walk with our God, then we must know Him as He has revealed Himself. We must approach the Lord with the proper attitude. Martin states, "Take away the fear of God from any profession of godliness, and all that is left is the stinking carcass of pharisaism, barren religiosity, or calculated hypoc-risy." This book helps the reader consider the various ingredients that the fear of God consists of and how to grow in the fear of the Lord (Spoiler: One necessary ingredient and way to grow is the constant remembrance of God's presence with us.)

I highly recommend *The Forgotten Fear* to everyone. A proper grasp on this topic will strengthen the church and our own personal walks with Christ. You can check out this book in the EBC Library downstairs in Building B. 🌻

- i. Murray, John, *Principles of Conduct: Aspects of Biblical Ethics*, 229.
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Current Sermon Series:



Miss a week? Catch up by viewing past sermon audio/video:
eastridgebaptist.org/sermon-audio 🌻 youtube.com/c/EastridgeBaptistChurchKent

Facing Death with Hope: Living for What Lasts

by David Powlison

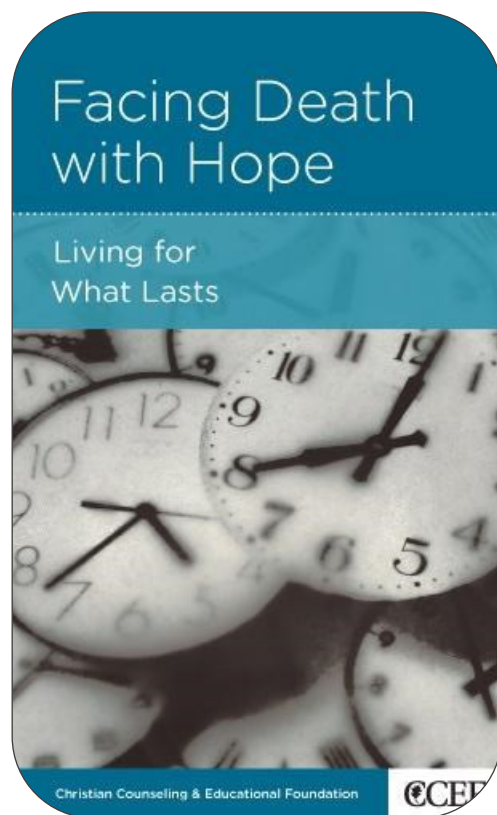
A book review by Cathy Mickelson

Death. Nobody likes to talk about it. However, as we all know, the statistics show that 100% of us will die. How will we face our own death? In his book *Facing Death with Hope: Living for What Lasts*, David Powlison, who is now with the Lord, shares wonderful insights on how we can prepare ourselves to face our own mortality. As believers in Jesus Christ, death will not be the end but rather the beginning of something new and amazingly wonderful! Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:8, “Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.” As we enter into eternity, we will hear the words of Jesus, “Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master’s happiness” (Matt 25:21)!

As we live life, we will likely experience many types of loss: health, loved ones, our youth, our independence, our usefulness, and our sense of purpose. Death is called “*the last enemy to be destroyed*” (1 Cor 15:26) and is the final and ultimate loss in our present life. As a believer, however, the last word is the resurrection. The last word is life because of Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross and victorious resurrection. “*Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is your victory? O death where is your sting? ... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Cor 15:54, 57).

Prepare yourself for death right now. Embrace the truth that Jesus faces death with you. He promises, “*I am with you always*” (Matt 28:20). Jesus looked death in the face and was described as “*a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief*” (Isa 53:3). He expressed His trust in the Father when He cried out, “*Into your hands I commit my spirit*” (Luke 23:46).

We can start to prepare ourselves for death now by asking ourselves, “What am I living for? Where is my heart?” Are we laying up earthly treasures or treasures in heaven (Matt 6:19–20)? When we experience hardship and grapple with the death of our dreams, hopes, and desires, we will find out that only love for God and others is imperishable. We come into the world with nothing, and we leave it with nothing. Learning the art of dying well in a fallen world also means



learning the art of living well. We will be able to say, “*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil*” (Ps 23:4).

Accept the reality of your own death. When you look past death with the eyes of faith, you will see a river of delight in the presence of the Lord Himself (Ps 36:7–9). Meditate on Psalm 71. This psalm reveals the same truths as Psalm 23 but from the perspective of an elderly person. The psalmist still had faith. God was his refuge and he pleaded with God to not forsake him in his old age (Ps 71:9). He stated his belief in the resurrection. “*You will restore my life again, from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up*” (v. 20). By faith, he looked right through death to the One who was his anchor. The psalmist had joy. Since he knew where he was going, he had a reservoir of fundamental, honest joy. Either you are anchored in the certainty of the resurrection and full of joy, or you are not. Because the psalmist was full of assurance of being resurrected, he could say, “*I will ever praise you...*” (v. 6).

Other recommended books: *The Glory of Heaven* by John MacArthur and *If I Should Die Before I Wake* by Scott Oliphant and Sinclair Ferguson (theology on death). 🙏

Honoring Our Volunteers

by Daná Freeland

April is National Volunteer Month, so this seems like a fitting time to show appreciation for all the talents and gifts that our volunteers contribute to help our church function. I have endeavored to discover each functional area and who the coordinator is. I will not attempt to mention everyone who helps in each of these areas; however, you know who you are, and we truly appreciate all you do!

AREAS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE AT EBC (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

Adventure Club (Randy Mayes) – *Adventure Club* is a systematic study that brings theological concepts to a basic Bible study for kids. This is done by teaching Bible lessons, Scripture memorization, songs, and games to preschool through 6th grade children on a weekly basis. We have over twenty adult volunteers teaching and leading small groups and pointing kids to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Audio/Visual Team (Pastor Samuel Blakey) – This team is a subset of the Music Ministry and oversees the technical side of things. They run the soundboard, the lighting board, and the weekly slideshow of song lyrics and sermon notes. If you are interested in serving on this team, no A/V experience is required and training is available.

Baby Shower Coordinator (Tabi Furnare) – Tabi and her committee plan and host baby showers for expectant mothers in our church to bless these families who will be welcoming new additions, or have recently done so.



Cards & Flowers Ministry (Daná Freeland) – Those in this ministry provide cards and/or flowers to people in our church family who are experiencing illness, bereavement, or other life changes, such as a new baby.

Chair Set-Up (no coordinator) – We have about thirteen rotating teams who make sure our chairs are set up for Sunday morning worship each week. Contact the church office if you would like to join this ministry and get on the schedule.

Children's Church (Jennifer Swenson) – We have various individuals and families who serve the children 4 years old to 2nd grade. This is the group that gets dismissed during the church service. The curriculum is designed to teach through the Bible so that children learn God's Word. Volunteers for each class consist of at least a teacher and helper.

Coffee & Hot Beverage Service (Cherryl Boston & Kathy Herbert) – This team oversees making coffee and providing hot water and beverage supplies on Sunday mornings. Currently, the coordinators cover first service and Sunday school. The team needs volunteers for second service to make more coffee and restock supplies.

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Communion Set Up (Derk & Gayle Franklin) – We currently have four rotating teams who prepare the communion elements for our monthly communion service. Then, the team sets out the serving dishes, rotates out the baggies for collecting the used cups between services, and cleans up after second service.

Counseling & Discipleship Ministry (Bill & Cathy Mickelson) –Bible-based counseling that seeks to provide care and discipleship to those facing life’s challenges, such as marital and parenting struggles, fear/anxiety, grief, depression, anger, addictions, and more, through the personal application of God’s Word. Those involved in the counseling ministry have completed or are pursuing a rigorous program of study and supervised practicum through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC).

Counters (Mike Freeland) – We have five rotating teams who count the weekly offerings.

Greeters (no coordinator) – We have several individuals and families who bless us with friendly greetings on Sunday mornings to welcome both church family and visitors alike. Contact the church office if you would like to join the greeter ministry and get on the schedule.

Facilities & Maintenance (Mark Yarnold) – This group oversees scheduled maintenance tasks, identifies and prioritizes capital improvement projects for Elder Board review and approval, and coordinates compliance with fire and utilities regulations.

Kitchen Crew (Mike & Jeannie Osterman) – The goal of the Kitchen Crew is two-fold: (a) to provide meals for church events, such as New Attenders lunches, Eastridge 101, and missionary lunches; and (b) to teach cooking classes to those who might be interested in becoming part of this ministry. Cooking classes include instruction on how to use the equipment in the kitchen, best practices for food storage in the refrigerator, and the location of the various tools that are used in food preparation. Food preparation of church-provided meals is sometimes handled by “The Food Dudes” (Mark Yarnold, Roy Yeomans, and Larry Hughes). Others are responsible for keeping the kitchen organized and stocked with supplies.

Landscape Upkeep (Cherryl Boston & Kathy Herbert) – This team coordinates workdays (several in the spring and fall) to beautify the church grounds and flower beds, including weeding, cultivating, and mulching. Snacks and lunch are provided at workdays. The landscaping team is looking for additional volunteers to come throughout the summer to weed on a rotating basis; adopting a specific flower bed would also be appreciated.

Meals Ministry (Debbie & Lauren Thompson) – This ministry provides an opportunity to bless and serve families that attend Eastridge, who are in need due to a death in the family, hospitalization, serious illness, or have recently had a baby. When a need comes up, this mother-daughter team posts a schedule on TakeThemAMeal.com and provides the link and information on Realm.

Missionary Prayer Group (Alaire Irish) – Alaire has been writing to our missionaries on a regular basis for many years. Several other ladies have joined her in this effort in recent years. Based on the dialogue with the missionaries, Alaire, or another member of the group, puts together a prayer booklet, which is used at her group’s monthly prayer meetings and is made available for our congregation to join in prayer for our missionaries as well.

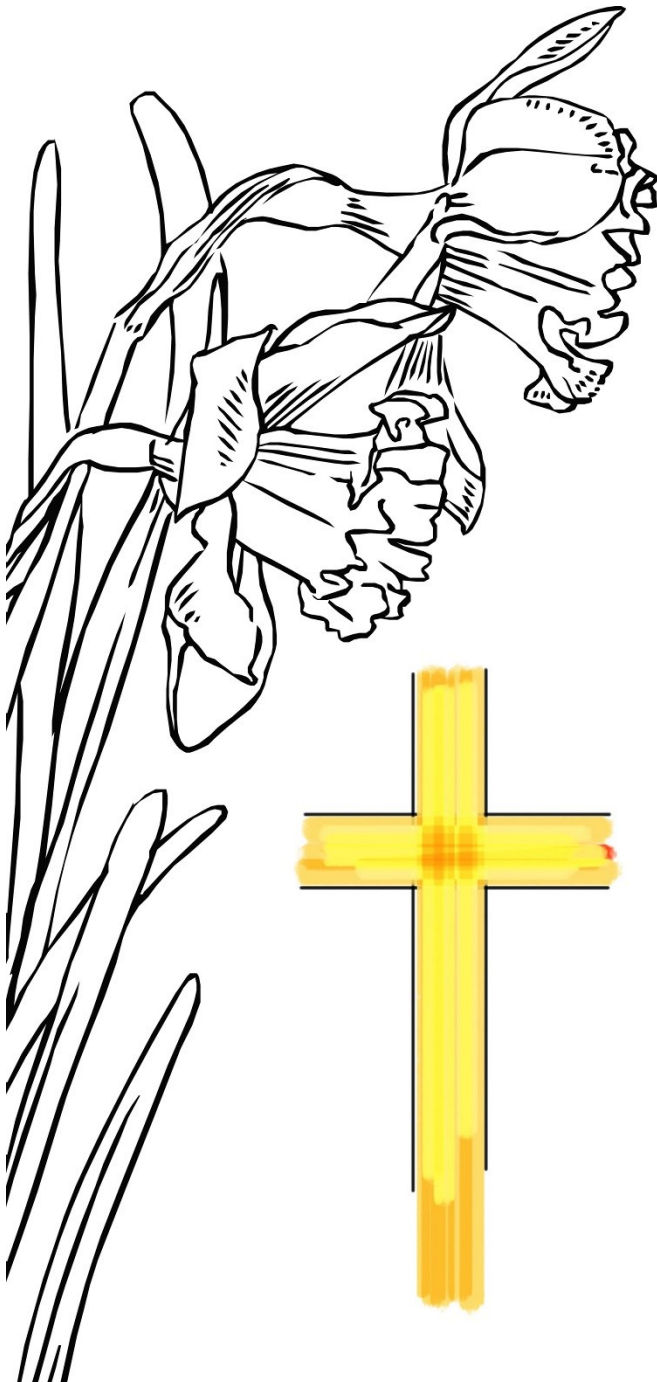
Music Ministry (Pastor Samuel Blakey) – This ministry serves the church by facilitating the expressed worship of God through congregational singing and special music. All of the members skillfully use the gifts that God has given them, with a heart devoted to glorifying Him. The songs are chosen with purpose to accurately praise God based on what we know in Scripture and to recount the story of the gospel. Those who would like to participate on the music team must go through an audition process.



Puzzle!

Search for these words associated with Holy Week

crown donkey hosanna foe Pilate sins
 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil



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Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?



- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00am-2:00pm Church Workday
2 6:00pm Prayer Meeting Anchored: Post-Prayer Meeting Fellowship (@ Blakeys')	3 2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Anchored Workshop (@ Blakeys')	4 5:00pm-8:30pm Taekwondo	5 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Adventure Club 6:30pm Youth Group	6 1:30pm Missions Prayer Ministry (@ Wentworths) 5:00pm Youth Bible Quizzing	7 GOOD FRIDAY 8:00am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Good Friday Service	8
9 EASTER 8:30 & 10:30am Family Services (No Sunday School)	10 2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Anchored Workshop (@ Blakeys')	11 5:00pm-8:30pm Taekwondo 6:30pm Elder Meeting	12 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study	13 5:00pm Youth Bible Quizzing	14 6:00am Men's Discipleship Group 8:00am Men's Bible Study	15
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30 Communion	(Continued from 24)	(Continued from 25)	(Continued from 26)	(Continued from 27)	(Continued from 28)	(Continued from 29)

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Nurse Workers, caring for infants (Megan Cummings) – This ministry serves our youngest children at Eastridge. Infant Nursery workers play with and care for the babies of our church from when they are newborns until they turn two. This ministry requires about nine volunteers every Sunday morning.

Nurse Workers, caring for 2s/3s (Jennifer Swenson) – This ministry bridges the gap between infant nursery and bigger kid Sunday school. Here the kids have a short Bible lesson to help begin introducing them to God’s Word and Jesus. Volunteers consist of a teacher and helper. The volunteers in this class are laying the foundation to help kids know about Jesus while also teaching them various classroom skills (such as how to sit still for a lesson).

SAFE Team (Security and Fire, Earthquake team) (Derek Iverson) – EBC elders have established SAFE to protect the campus and handle emergencies. We train the men to identify and respond to threats, recommend passive and active measures to better secure the campus, help with crowd control, and provide emergency first aid. These men serve every Sunday as well as Wednesday evenings and for special events.

Small Group Bible Study Leaders (Derek Iverson) – We have several Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies as well as Co-ed Small Groups. Each group is led by men and women who use their gifts of teaching and leadership to facilitate the studies. Derek Iverson is the elder responsible for reviewing and approving Bible study plans and approving study group leaders.

Sunday School (Pastor Paul Cummings & Pastor Samuel Blakey) – We have various Sunday school classes available for every age in our church, and many people serve in these ministries as teachers and leaders. Our youth and children ministries’ Sunday school curriculums are coordinated by Pastor Paul Cummings. Pastor Samuel and Shannon Blakey lead the young adults’ new Anchored Ministry. Our elders currently provide two adult Sunday school options each week.

Youth Bible Quizzing (Kristen Thompson) – This ministry encourages 6th through 12th graders to memorize verses and books of the Bible. The group has a weekly practice session with Kristen and one other volunteer coach, and they compete about every five weeks against other churches and teams in the Pacific Northwest. The main goal is to have the teens in the Word regularly. Additionally, they learn to think quickly under pressure and practice teamwork as they compete together and encourage each other.



Youth Group/128 Student Ministries (Pastor Paul Cummings) – Our middle and high school students meet weekly on Sunday Mornings during Sunday School and on Wednesday evenings for Bible study, worship through singing, and small group discipleship. There are currently nine adult leaders who serve the Youth of our church on a regular basis.

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HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT EBC

As you read these descriptions, I hope your heart was filled with gratitude for our many volunteers here at Eastridge. Perhaps you have another response as well, such as noticing an area where you might be able to serve. If you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents with us, please speak with the coordinator of that area to find out more. Teacher and helper positions require having attended Eastridge 101, and in the case of children's ministries, there are additional requirements, such as a background check. Note that EBC membership is required for serving in certain positions, such as those requiring leading and teaching; however, there are also many ministry options for those in our church family who are not members. Later this spring, we are planning to have a Ministry Fair during the Sunday school hour where you can learn more about opportunities we currently have available for serving in our church.

WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER?

Here are some biblical reasons why we as believers should explore areas where we could serve in our local church:

- ◇ God commanded it (1 Pet 4:10, Eph 2:10)
- ◇ We have a responsibility to use the gifts God gave us to build up His body (Eph 4:12-16, Rom 12:3-8)
- ◇ Glorifies God (1 Cor 10:31)
- ◇ Serves others (Gal 5:13b)
- ◇ Blesses others; blesses you (Acts 20:35, Heb 6:10)
- ◇ Stretches and humbles you (Phil 2:3-8)
- ◇ Being a servant leader (Matt 20:25-28, John 13:5-17)
- ◇ Fills critical gaps in service (Acts 1:21-26, 6:1-6, Exo 18:13-26)
- ◇ Many hands make the work light (Neh 3)
- ◇ Provides an example and inspires others to volunteer (John 13:15, 1 Tim 4:12)

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

- ◇ Pray in thanks to God for the volunteers in our midst.
- ◇ Host a volunteer appreciation party for an individual or a group who has blessed you.
- ◇ Pray that God will direct you to opportunities to serve in our church and community.
- ◇ Share pictures and tell your story on volunteerism, giving glory to God for what He has done. 🌻

Sign Up for
Eastridge 101
Sunday, April 16
@ 1:00pm

**Learn about what EBC
believes and stands for!
Lunch will be provided,
so please sign up on
Realm or at the
Welcome Center so we
have enough food.**

**Eastridge 101 is a
prerequisite to serve in
a ministry at EBC, and
to apply for church
membership.**

Looking Ahead at Eastridge

May 2023

Sunday, May 7	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Saturday, May 20	Spring Church Workday #3	9:00am (Church Grounds)

June 2023

Sunday, June 4	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Mon-Thurs, June 26-29*	Vacation Bible School	6:30-8:00pm (EBC)

July 2023

Sunday, July 2	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
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Anniversaries

Mike & Karen McArdel
4/21

Birthdays

Cindy Rutherford 4/1
Abygail Williams 4/1
Wendy Martinez 4/2
Shannon Blakey 4/2
Josaiah Swenson 4/3
Laurie Tolonen 4/4
Dana Freeland 4/5
Jordan Olson 4/8
Lyla Hurst 4/8
Caleb McArdel 4/9
Graham Schrock 4/9
Caleb Cummings 4/9

Sandy Crawford 4/10
Eden Hammett 4/10
Jason Graves 4/11
Dean Peyton 4/16
Nathanael Bonn 4/17
Jacob Reeves 4/18
Greg Turner 4/18
Brad Meeuwse 4/20
Tim Tolonen 4/21
Marco Domingo 4/22
Katelyn Mickelson 4/27
Cheryl Benjamin 4/29
Ezykiel Latta 4/29



Ladies,

Join us on
Friday, April 28th at 7:00 PM

for an evening of
Salty Snacks
and

Sweet Conversation!

We will get cozy, enjoy munchies, and
share our thoughts about
the topic

"Who is Your God?"

It promises to be a delightful evening
of growing, learning, and celebrating
gospel truths together.

We hope to see you there!

Open to Ladies from high school and up.



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