

On Christmas Eve, 1968, Frank Borman, James Lovell, and William Anders were orbiting the moon on Apollo 8. They became so aware of the presence of God in space that they read aloud Gen.1:1-10 to a listening world thousands of miles away.

Many times throughout Scripture we are reminded of how impactful was being keenly aware of the presence of God. Adam & Eve, Hezekiah, Isaiah, and Peter were brought face to face with their sin. David, Mary, John, and Paul all found great comfort and courage as they became aware of God's presence. If you have ever been through hard times, you know that the awareness of God's presence can make all the difference in success or failure, strength or weakness, despair or courage.

My prayer is that as we enter the New Year of 2024 that we all become so aware of the presence of God, that His Word and His plan saturates our world, our own sphere of influence.

Whether you know it or not, there are countless people around that are listening with their ears (and their eyes too!) to see if the gospel is really life changing. The scary thing is, they are listening to you! They are listening to me! If the only gospel that they ever read is your life / witness / words / manner of living, would they be learning about the life changing gospel of Jesus?

The future of FBCA will be shaped in the coming year by how aware we are of the presence of God and how dependent we are upon Him! Don't miss the FBCA family gatherings this year as we seek the face of our great God and worship Him. And bring somebody with you!!

–Wade



<u>Christmas party report:</u> We had a great turn out for our PNO Children's Christmas Party. 12 kids came, we enjoyed listening to the Christmas story and making Christmas crafts. Thank you again to all volunteers who graciously spared their time to help!

FBCA Children's Ministry is also looking for anyone interested in teaching Bible Study during Kids Jam on Wed. nights. Contact Kaitlyn if you are interested.



The Church Staff would like to express it's gratitude to the Church Body for the year end bonus we received. We look forward to the opportunity of serving "Him" and you during 2024 and beyond!

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

• Jan 1	Church Office Closed
• Jan 3	No Wednesday Night Activities
• Jan 6	Daycare Clean up 10:00 AM volunteers welcome
• Jan 7	Business Meeting after service
• Jan 8	Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study
• Jan 25	Grace Christian Educators Orientation/Registration 6:30 PM

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (12/31/2023)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$75,392.57
Designated Funds Bal.	\$12,675.07
Total Available Funds	\$62,717.50
2023 Total Giving Received	\$309,635.21
2023 Total Missions Giving	\$11,460.12

Copies of the 2024 proposed spending plan are available in the foyer or at the church office. Business Session will be held Jan 7th after our morning service.



Are available the foyer, you may also stop by the church office anytime during regular office hours.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

JANUARY 7 · AFTER SERVICE

As we enter a new year let us not forget what Christ has done for us. Many people will say it is the time to start new and fresh. New Year's resolutions are always being made; but how many of them last longer than the first week of the year? Many will say "I want to read my Bible more," some might say "I want to walk closer to God." Will you commit to worshiping God not just on Sundays? The best way to do that is to have an accountability partner. Many think a partner like that is to only focus on sins and negatives that one may struggle with, but it is also for your walk with Christ. Community and accountability are two things that are pivotal to walking with Christ. We are quick to say I need help overcoming something, but we forget to ask for help through something. The challenge I pose is this, find that one person who you can trust and ask them to be honest with you and to walk with you towards Christ. Walking towards Christ is not an easy journey, and it cannot be done alone. We are to fellowship and worship in community, something I say often to my friends is, "Don't be an Island, reach out." That is the same advice I give to you all for your walk with Christ. Be Christ focused, and God loving. May your New Year be ever fruitful for the glory of God.



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