

NEWS AND INFORMATION

05.23.10

LOST

Series finale tonight. We will have all the answers to our questions. Lost and found table finale also today. If you don't grab your stuff today, it may be lost forever.

SOUND

We are looking for some individuals who would love to volunteer to run our sound board on Sunday mornings. We'll train you and then you'll get to be the one back there turning knobs and pressing buttons during the service. Contact tyler@new-community.com if you are interested.

FISH

A recreational men's small group will be exploring the meaning of "fisher's of men" as it relates to our relationship with Christ and with the lost. They will be meeting at the Donut Parade Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. to study and fellowship or before heading to the lake to fish. It will begin on the first Saturday of June. Contact Bruce if you're interested: bruce_steele@live.com

PARENTS

Just in time for summer, Hannah Davis and Veronica Wolfe are hosting "Mom! Sammy Smashed My Sandcastle!" a workshop for parents who want to help their children maximize cooperation, minimize conflicts and learn to manage conflicts on their own. Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 6-8 pm, childcare provided. Please RSVP to Hannah@new-community.com.

GRADS

It's graduation season and we just want to tell all you seniors congratulations!!

PRAYER

If you have a specific prayer request PLEASE write it on the tear off below and drop it in the offering.

NEW COMMUNITY GROUPS

[anyone any age]

north of francis
20's and 30's
leader: jeremy and jennell
morris 509-499-7566

wednesday 7:00pm
kelly & diana walters
509.466.5435

wednesday 7:00pm
dave and sandy jennings
475.6434

thursday 7:00pm
patrick and lisa lordan
326.0266

central
wednesday 7:00pm
mike and brenda dillon
509.638.3037

wednesday 7:00pm (dinner)
christina and dusty thomas
509.863.5574

thursday 6:30pm
russ davis 385.4033

thursday 6:30pm
chris connelly 499.6319

kevin longmeier
208.661.4724

south of the river
sunday 6:00pm
david von 991.5557

tuesday 7:00pm
bob riggs 456.0236
nancy janzen 953.7404

tuesday 7:00pm
asher and mia 723.4304
mgernst@gmail.com

thursday 6:30pm
greg and shannon
shan620@yahoo.com

valley
women only
wednesday 6:30pm
Kim Rosetti
KimRosetti@gmail.com

[college groups]

north of francis
mondays 6:00pm
women only
jennifer beck
jbeck10@my.whitworth.edu
rachel longton (206)390-1611

tuesdays 6:00pm
college women
candace farley
cfarley10@my.whitworth.edu
hope hardaway
hardaway10@my.whitworth.edu

thursday 5:00pm
women only
jocelyn swalm 303.903.2615
courtney hutchins 833.1997

men only
barrett urness 591.1466

central
thursday 8:30pm
Kinsey: 425-761-5913
Evan: 425-221-9011

women only
dani haller 951.3313

south of the river
monday 6:00pm
danae brinkman
nae07@eagles.ewu.edu

thursday 7:00pm
women only
jenna ainslie 496.9406

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central
sunday 5:30pm
josh altmeyer 385.4338

monday 7:00pm
jay swanson
cadelfwch@gmail.com

tuesday 3:00pm
young women
Kristina 509-217-0835
Kelly 928-699-8377

wednesdays 12:00pm
young women
Melissa 509-863-5981

wednesday 7:30pm
men only
ben bunfill 868.5765

thursday 7:00pm
men only
caleb stanton 253.205.7642

south of the river
monday 7:00pm
women only
mary sloan 954.6981
cassie garvin 995.9759

tuesday 7:00pm
men only
dan york 554.0550
josh gilman 539.9723

thursday 7:00pm
dan hayward 509.389.3870

men only
ryan rosetti 360.303.3331

david kinyon 499.4850

[youth]

there are numerous jr/sr. high school small groups
call for information 991.5557

[mom's]

mondays 1:30pm-2:30pm
Julie Pannell
624-5451
wnjpannell@msn.com

tuesday 9:45am - 11:15am
ruth stoops
rstoops08@gmail.com

I would love to be in a group of:

(check any that apply)

- college aged
- young marrieds
- family
- men's
- women's
- anyone any age

NOTES:

Background:

The setting of the book of Nehemiah and the world he inhabited is incredible important to understanding the book of Nehemiah. The disastrous events of 587 B.C., which included the destruction of the temple, the end of the Davidic monarchy and Israel as a political entity, not to mention the deportation of the population to exile in Babylon, had necessitated a radical assessment of Israel's identity and relationship to God.

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah were originally considered a single literary work called Ezra. The majority of Nehemiah is considered to be Nehemiah's personal journal, specifically chapters 1 – 7 and 11 – 13. Chapters 8 – 10 are considered to be a continuation of the book of Ezra, to show the overlap of the two books. Most scholars do not believe that Nehemiah wrote the entire book. It is believed that one author wrote 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, simply called by historians as the Chronicler. He pulled together the relevant journals/memoirs of Ezra and Nehemiah that make up the specific books.

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah record the last events, chronologically, in the Old Testament period. The story of Nehemiah begins around 445 B.C.

Themes:

Nehemiah is rich in biblical themes with a broad focus on holiness. The book can be divided into a focus on Holy Land in Chapter 1-6 and Holy People in Chapter 7-13. While this is a major overarching theme, additional themes surface such as Sin and Purity, the Church (community) and Prayer and Worship.

Sin and Purity can be clearly seen from Nehemiah's concern that the nation of Israel follow the Law of God. The Church is seen in Nehemiah's concern with unity. The community of faith is central to the people of Israel then and to the Church today and throughout the book this unity is stressed.

Worship, scripture and prayer are front and center throughout the book of Nehemiah. The book opens with Nehemiah fasting and praying, it then moves to his arrival in Jerusalem where he calls the Jewish people back to God. Nehemiah challenges them to live according to the Scripture, and to honor God with their worship, finances and their lives. In addition to prayer, Nehemiah practices personal confession as well as confesses to God the sins of the nation of Israel.

Why Study Nehemiah?

Although we are separated from Nehemiah by two and a half thousand years, the problems he faced are not particular to the world of antiquity. The relevancy in the book of Nehemiah is clearly seen in our changing society, the need to resist individualism and embrace community, the significance of advocating for the rights of others, especially the poor, and the special focus of building the 'city' of God within the city of Spokane. May this study inspire us to embrace our mission and reach this city.

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WELCOME TO NEW COMMUNITY

_____ phone
_____ email

_____ city
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_____ name

This is my first time at New Community.

I have questions... could someone contact me?

I would love to be in a group (see back).

_____ my name (not necessary):

_____ I would like prayer for...

prayer