

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPDATE

Last Sunday we had our Annual Membership Meeting. We shared our vision for the future, our 2021 proposed budget and the new Elder Board. All the Elders were affirmed (Mark Hubbell, Elvon Kauffman, Craig Kuhn, Ben Milner, Ron Moore, Kevin Offield & Ian Roholt) and our budget was approved.

VALENTINE'S DAY IN KIDMIN

We are excited to celebrate God's love through a Valentine's Day Party next Sunday, February 14th. Children created a mailbox during class last Sunday. Please bring a box or container to use. Class lists will also be handed out.

PRAYER NIGHT

Wednesday, February 24th, 7-8pm, in the Auditorium

Mark your calendar for a special night of reflective community prayer. Everyone is welcome.

ADOPT-A-STREET CLEAN UP

Saturday, February 27th, 9:15am

Sign-ups begin next Sunday, so plan to join the volunteer team for a couple hours of community service. This is a great way to bless our neighbors.

CRACKERS AND COOKIES AND CHIPS...OH MY!

Thank you, New Harvest Family. You are amazingly generous! We have plenty of snacks for now. And thank you to the families that provide full meals for over 25 students and leaders EVERY Thursday! If you'd like to know more about our ALIVE Youth Program please contact Meredith at (503)851-1318.

Welcome Guests & Visitors

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

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LOST SHEEP, COINS, AND MEN

One of the most familiar chapters in the Bible has an especially important truth to convey.

Luke 15

“One parable with three stories.”

What do they have in common?

- Lost - sinners, separated
“But your iniquities have separated you from your God . . .” (Is. 59.2)
- Found - connection, saved, reunited
“made us alive with Christ” (Ephesians 2:5)
- Rejoice - celebrate, joy
“angels in heaven rejoice” (v.7)

What are the differences?

- The Father stays home
“parents understood this dynamic”
- He let’s us alone
“Why, Lord, do you stand far off?” (Psalm 10:1)
“Our God waits.”

What could be the main point/the essence of faith?

Voluntary allegiance

“He came to his senses.” (v.17)

He realizes . . .

- Relationship with the father is better . . .
- Realization that he has sinned . . .
- Repentance is a change of heart and mind . . .

Faith reaches out to God.

Reflective Questions:

- 1) As a child, when was a time you got lost from your family or group? How did you feel?
- 2) How do you see the three stories representing one parable? What impresses you the most — the similarities or the differences? Why?
- 3) If voluntary allegiance is a key point, what does that teach us about faith? What step do you need to take toward God?

