



## February Newsletter

**Parents:** I would like some feedback from you in regards to the calendar. Are the calendars used? Does your MYFer bring it home to you? Would you prefer to only get an electronic copy or paper? I am trying to decide what/how is the best way to communicate with the parents. Please share your thoughts.

### **Upcoming MYF Events:**

**February 1 to 18:** The MYF will be selling **White Lights Candles**. This additional fundraiser has been added to help generate the funds for the MYF to do some extra “fun” things in Phoenix. We have talked about going to the zoo and/or science center. Nothing has been decided for certain but we do know that whatever we do will require extra money. This fundraiser is to help off-set these expenses. We are not issuing a sales quota but do hope all MYFers will at least make an attempt to sell some candles.

**February 9:** Steaks for Stakeholders fundraiser dinner for Parkview Nursing home. The MYF will be serving this sit-down meal in the church fellowship hall. We will serve only, no washing dishes!! After serving the MYF will go to the MYF room for pizza. The dress code is black pants and white top. If you do not have black pants, dark jeans will work. This will be considered a service project and worth Silver Cord hours!!

**March 3:** This is the annual Senior Social where the MYF hosts a dinner for those over age 60 in our congregation. This will take place after church on March 3 and will also include a short program/entertainment for the seniors. This year we will be serving lasagna, garlic bread and lettuce salad. We will be asking each MYF parent to provide one dinner item for the dinner. Those requests will be issued around the middle of February.

**March 31: Sunrise Services.** We are currently planning this service but do know that it will be at sunrise, or shortly before sunrise Easter morning. Start catching up on your sleep now!!! The MYF will each have a part in the service and will serve breakfast following the service.

**Bible Studies:** We continue our series of What Does the Bible Say..... We are currently in the middle of a two part Bible Study on marriage, lead by Lowell and Pam Unruh. Next we will begin a series on Forgiveness starting with Bob Hartzler. Each MYFer has been given a Youth Study Bible by the church. Please make certain our MYFer brings their Bible to Bible Study as we are digging into the scriptures at these Bible Studies.

**Phoenix 2013:** Eighteen MYFers and four sponsors are registered for convention. We also have hotel reservations at the Springhill by Marriott, located about 6 blocks from the convention center. Acting upon a tip from a Kalona youth sponsor, we booked rooms at this hotel, which serves free breakfast, has free airport transportation and is cheaper than the large hotels affiliated with the convention. This is a significant cost savings for our youth group. Next: locating airfare. So far, it appears the most competitive fares are departing from St Louis.

As convention approaches and you have questions, please feel free to ask one of the sponsors.

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