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Congregational Informational Forum Set for January 12

A special Congregational Informational Forum will be held on Sunday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sycamore Center. Congregational president Tim Reuer and Pastor Rich will provide an overview of 2014 budget plans and other projects taking place at King of Glory. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and have open dialogue about the mission, vision, and strategy of King of Glory. This will be a great session to attend to be fully prepared for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26. Child care will be provided.

Serious Conversations on Horizon

You may read this article and think, is there something wrong at King of Glory? No, there is no emergency. As you have hopefully seen in the weekly reports in the bulletin and heard via announcements from our leaders we are experiencing some budget challenges. We are trying to find the best way to live within our means and also challenge our level of giving so that we can accomplish our objectives. We do not know if giving is bad because we do not know the heart of each giver. We do know that we are having budget challenges in regards to finding the appropriate level of funding for our infrastructure and missions support. Please attend the forum in January and the annual meeting. There will also be more pieces of communication coming along with further conversation in February and March.

The church is not a business or a building. Scripture does not use either image when describing the church or teaching about the church. First, God's Word describes the church as the body of Christ. Secondly, the church is often described as the family of God. In the descriptions used there is not a focus on a building or an understanding of the church as a business. Yet, we know that

a building is part of church life and we do have business operations that need to be handled.

Should we operate like a business?

Our bottom line is following Jesus and not profit. We should use any business principle, strategy, or philosophy that does not contradict the Word of God and helps us fulfill the mission Jesus has given. There are many times when we have to make business deals (i.e. leasing facility, hiring staff) but all of those business deals should be done to support our mission.

We need to have some serious family meetings in the coming weeks and months. At these family meetings we will be discussing things like facility plans, staffing needs,

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About King of Glory

MISSION

We exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

VISION

As followers of Jesus we want to be people that:

- Reach out to the world with acts of service and proclamation of God's Word
- Grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit
- Know and care for one another as a family of believers
- Worship together regularly to glorify Jesus Christ.

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and mission support. The family meetings are for the sake of our neighbors. The stronger we can be the more our neighbors will benefit as we proclaim the good news of Jesus and show His love through our lives.

We may need to make some decisions in the coming months that do not make good business sense. We may need to make some decisions that everyone in the family does not agree with or like. We may need to

make some decisions in the coming months that are not wise in the eyes of the world. It is my prayer that in the months ahead we will make decisions that honor Jesus as our Lord and Savior. If Jesus' message is foolishness to the world should not the decisions of His body also be foolish in the eyes of the world?

We have been blessed at King of Glory with a generous "All In For Him" campaign and we are able to continually pay all the necessary bills each month. We should celebrate God's goodness and now seek ways to be faithful with all that He has given to us. Pray something like the following with me in the coming month. "God, empower us to be bold and do something among us and through us that we cannot do on our own and brings you glory. Grant us wisdom in all decisions to honor you as a congregation. Amen"

Press On,
Rich



Confirmation Classes Begin in January

Beginning in January, students in ninth grade or higher will meet on Sunday afternoons for confirmation classes

Classes will be held on Sundays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Student Ministries Room at the Sycamore Center. Here is the schedule of dates:

January 5
January 19
February 2
February 9
February 23
March 2
March 9
March 16

In these classes, students will directly hear about and discuss the following topics: Biblical Authority; Justification; Sanctification; Glorification; Communion, Baptism, Law; Gospel.

In addition to the classes, confirmands will also be paired up with mentors and will meet with them 4 times (once a month) during this 4-month period.

Confirmation has been scheduled for the weekend of Palm Sunday, Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, 2014.

On Saturday, confirmands will make their public professions of faith. On Sunday, they will be presented to the congregation for confirmation.

Prayer Points for Waskoskys

Note: Shedd and Kris Waskosky went to Ecuador this past fall to work on translating II Corinthians into Salasaca. They will return to Ecuador in January to continue their work. This month, they share some of the ways that the King of Glory family can pray for them and their Bible translating ministry. In addition, to get a glimpse of the translation process, visit the church web site.

Not only may the Salasaca translation sound sweet to the people's ears, but also may the believers "translate" God's truth by living in such a way that the Gospel comes alive to those who are watching and listening. May the New Testament in Salasaca be much more than a work of literature; may it be daily food for the souls of spiritually hungry people.

We realize that this is a spiritual battle as God's Word is being checked and prepared for distribution. Satan can put many obstacles in our way – travel problems, thefts, village events which can distract, sickness which can take away the ability to think well, etc. Please pray for protection on the whole process, for health, stamina, focus, and progress.

Generally, we begin each working day with prayer for God's guidance. May He continue to give us insight into the meaning behind Paul's writing and into the complexities of the Salasaca language. May the continual revision process not be just an academic exercise but may each of us glean daily lessons from the Word as we reflect on the truths in it.

Pray that our consultant will help us to identify rough spots that needed smoothing and that we can quickly arrive at good improvements to clear up misunderstandings. Pray for agreement on wording and other translation issues.

The translation process is long and arduous. Pray that none of us on the team would give up but that we would continue with increased enthusiasm.

Changing the hearts and minds of a people group often takes much longer than the translation process itself. May fears, animistic traditions, and an increasing emphasis on



The Waskosky's Bible translation ministry has been used in children's Bibles and books.

money and materialism not keep people in bondage. May the New Testament in their mother tongue help believers to understand who God is, and what Christ did, so they can stand strong against false teaching. May the effort of missionaries and local believers combine in culturally sensitive ways so that there will be much fruit for the kingdom of God. May many Salasaca people be transformed by the Gospel!

Although the Salasaca language is spoken by a population of less than 15,000 people, each individual is precious to God. This project has the potential to greatly impact the culture when people understand God's personal message to them in their own language. Pray that 2 Corinthians and the other books of the New Testament will be well received and thoroughly understood. May the translated scriptures give spiritual life so that the Lord would be honored and glorified by even more people.

"Lord God, we praise You that the truth of Your Word can be expressed in every language of the world. We pray that You would help all the translators who diligently work to find the best way to express Your truth into local languages. We praise You for the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ so that we are no longer Your enemies and for granting to us Your joy and peace. May your message of love continue to transform people here and around the world. Amen!"

King's Kloset Items of the Month

Here is a list of King's Kloset Items of the Month for January and February. Feel free to start purchasing these items. You can drop off items on Sunday mornings at Sioux Falls Seminary or Wednesday nights at the Sycamore Center.

January: Disposable men's women's razors (package size doesn't matter as we will break down large packages and separate products into family-size packages) and men's and women's deodorant (2.5-3 oz. size).

February: Hand sanitizer; Lotion

Thank You

We want to let everyone know how much Center of Hope appreciates the winter clothing that was dropped off at the Sioux Falls Seminary and items brought to the Center of Hope during your recent winter clothing drive. It warms our hearts to see the kindness of Jesus given by our friends at King of Glory. God bless you all!
COH Staff.

Electronic Giving

King of Glory is able to set up electronic giving for interested households. This automatic withdrawal can be tailored to each household's specifications. If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact Molli Ludwig at 605-332-3234 or via email at: mkludwig4@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

Card Making for Southridge Health Care Center Residents

A special volunteer serving opportunity will be held on Saturday, January 4, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sycamore Center. Individuals who would like to help make birthday and Valentine's Day cards for the residents at Southridge Health Care Center are encouraged to come and help that day. All supplies will be furnished. If you have any questions, contact **Jan Tollefson** (605-336-9566 or heyjan512@yahoo.com).

Marriage Retreat Coming in February

King of Glory will be offering a marriage retreat for couples on Friday night, February 7, and Saturday morning, February 8, at the Sycamore Center. Friday night's session will be from 6:30-10 p.m., while Saturday's session will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Child care will be provided. The retreat will be led by Ed and Kristi Irvin, who have 2 married daughters and 3 grandchildren. Kristi is a substitute teacher. Ed is an ordained minister and holds a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy.



Bethlehem Bound

King of Glory's production of the instant Christmas play "Bethlehem Bound" was a big success. Following the play, everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal, decorated Christmas cookies and spent time in fellowship.



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