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MXYG Newsletter

2/26/24 - 3/4/24

Happy Monday MXYG Family! I speak blessings over you all as we begin a new week. Let's see what the good Lord has in store for us!

2023-24 Verse of the Year

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Psalm 63:4-5 JPT



This Week's Events

Wednesday | Feb 28

It's the last Wednesday of the month... you know what that means! It's time for one of our favorite times of the month — SD+W.



Friday | Mar 1

This Friday a small group of us will head down to camp for Staff Training. We'll leave at 5:30pm from the church building!

STAFF TRAINING

When: March 1st-2nd

Where: Camp Neotez

Who: 6th-12th graders wanting to work at camp Summer 2024

Why:

- Priority with directors for staffing
- FREE weekend at camp
- Give-aways and Prizes
- Service hours for school

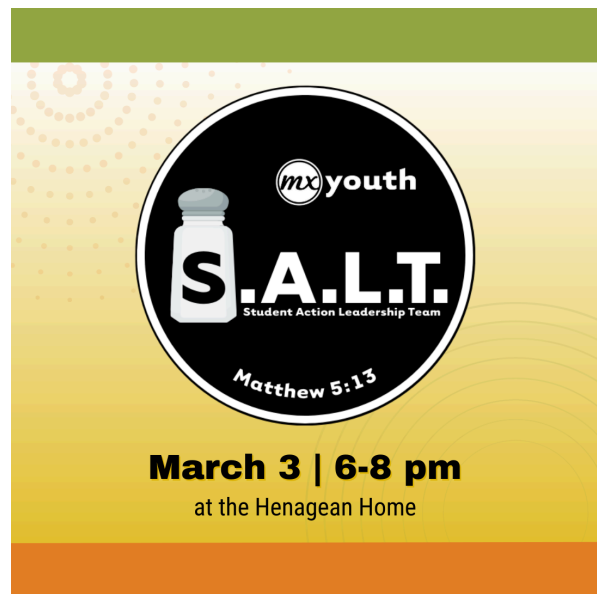
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Sunday | Mar 3

Time for the next volume of the Gospel Project! Starting with the prophet Jeremiah.

Our student leaders will meet at Sara Henagean's house this Sunday evening.





Reminders | Announcements | Updates

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Upcoming Needs of Volunteers:

I wanted to throw this section in so that people will know for the future where we need volunteers, so that you can be thinking and praying about how you could serve the youth ministry! Please reach out to me if you'd be interested in serving.

Youth Group Hangout (3/20): The Memorial Drive Youth Group will be in town this week and will join us for church Wednesday night. We'd like to provide some kind of dinner — whether we cook or order pizza and need people to bring sides! It's undecided at this time, but would love for volunteers to be ready for anything this night.

SALT Retreat (4/13-4/14): A 1 night stay in Columbia, MO for our student leaders. We need one female chaperone to help make this trip happen!

Church Family Initiative - Spring '24

January 7: SALT - Chris & Katrina Fuller
January 21: THEO - Brad & Sue Stevens
February 4: SALT - Alec & Wanda Hill
March 3: SALT - Sara Henagean
March 24: THEO - Bret & Kari Ferguson
April 21: THEO - Matthew & Rachel Bardowell

Available sign ups on Linktree and Church Center:

- Camp Neotez
- Spring Retreat 2024 (3/8-3/10)

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Final sign up deadline is March 6th.



Blessings

Let this scripture bless you this week.

“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you peace.”

- Numbers 6:24-26 NLT

As always, please don't ever hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Blessings,

The Latest from Instagram!

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The 5 Series

Most recent 5 Series post: **5 Reasons Why the New Testament is Reliable**

1. It's reasonable to believe that most, if not all of the NT was written before AD 70. The Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70, and no NT writers even mention it. This could be compared to if you were to write about the 2000s and not mention September 11th, or to write about the 2020s and not mention the Coronavirus pandemic.

2. There are about 10 non-Christian sources who mention Jesus within 150 years of his life. Why? They would gain nothing from mentioning him. They had no motivation to do so. Roman-Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus (AD 37-100), wrote what we call "The Testimonium Flavianum," that describes the crucifixion of Jesus at the hands of Roman authorities.

3. The disciples share stories about themselves that you and I wouldn't share if we wanted to look good. They failed to understand what Jesus was saying, they fell asleep when Jesus needed them to pray, Jesus says to Peter "Get behind me Satan," Peter denied Jesus 3 times, they hid when Jesus went to the cross, etc. Why include these details unless they were true?

4. Talk about things that no one wants to hear. Look at the Sermon on the Mount. When someone strikes our right cheek, we want to strike theirs back. We don't want to

love our enemies or pray for them. We want to store up treasures for ourselves. Jesus spoke on all these things. If you were making up a fake figure for people to follow, you'd have him say things that affirm the way people live so people would want to follow him, not say things that convict people.

5. The Gospel writers have different details in their books that people use to invalidate the truth of scripture. "Matthew and John differ on how many angels were at Jesus' tomb." What did they agree on? There were angels, at least one, at Jesus' tomb. What about the Titanic? Different news sources reported different numbers of deaths. People explained different ways in which the boat sank -- did it break in half and then sink? Did it go straight down? But what's the thing people agreed on? It sank.

5 REASONS WHY THE NEW TESTAMENT IS RELIABLE

- THE MANUSCRIPTS WERE WRITTEN EARLY**
More than likely, all of the NT books were written before AD 70 at least.
- NON-CHRISTIAN SOURCES SUPPORT THE DETAILS**
Sources reported that Jesus was real, and they had no motivation to do so.
- IT CONTAINS EMBARRASSING DETAILS**
If you were making up stories, you wouldn't include embarrassing details of yourself.
- INCLUDES DIFFICULT SAYINGS OF JESUS**
If you wanted people to believe and follow a made up character, you'd only have him say things that people want to hear.
- AGREEMENT OF THE BIG DETAILS**
The Gospel writers include different small details on events, but agree that the event happened.



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