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I hadn't planned on announcing my offer of Bibles for those who would join me in reading it through in 2019 quite yet, but couldn't help but mention it in my sermon last week on the importance of reading it.

If you recall, last year I offered to personally buy a chronological Bible for anyone who would commit to reading it through in a year. Many of you accepted my challenge, and I was delighted to buy them. Many have kept up, but I've heard from some who haven't managed to stay on track, and even some who have given up. Let me encourage those who didn't keep up to keep on reading, and not worry about the deal I made with them. The important thing is to just read it.

Anyway, someone asked me several weeks ago what kind of Bible I was planning to read through next year. I had been giving it some thought, but hadn't yet decided. I really enjoyed reading through chronological Bibles the last two years, but thought I might try something a bit different next year.

After exploring several options, I decided I would read through *The Daily Message* by Eugene Peterson. I enjoyed reading through *The Message* paraphrase several years ago, but this particular plan of reading it through in a year is set up so you alternate reading through Old and New Testament books, so you're not stuck in the Old Testament for nine months. It also includes a brief reading from Psalms, Proverbs or Isaiah each day.

When contemplating whether to make the offer of buying this more expensive Bible for anyone who would commit to reading it with me, my inclination toward tightness reared its ugly head. So when I mentioned in my sermon that I was planning on making an offer to buy Bibles this year, I hedged a bit, and said I might split the cost with those taking the deal.

After the sermon I was approached by someone who offered to cover the entire cost of the Bibles. When I hesitated to accept his offer, he added an intriguing twist. If anyone doesn't read it through in a year, they have to pay back the cost of the Bible. I liked the added motivation, so agreed to let him do it.

If you want me to order one for you, there is a sign-up on the bulletin board. I do need to warn you that the printed addition uses very small print, so you may want to simply order a digital copy from Amazon on your own. But if you want a free printed copy, all you have to do is sign-up, and then make sure to read it through in 2019. God Bless, Rick



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Paint

Ball



This Saturday!

Wildcat Paintball Park
Leaving CCC at 1:30pm

Returning at 7:00pm

Cost: \$25.00

Plus DQ Following the Game

STATISTICS

Worship 135
Offering \$8,377.39

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-11/11/18

Greeters Rhonda Luzio
Visitors' Stand Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation Rick Polley
Jack Stucki
Ushers Jeff Edmiston
Rich Mann
Jim Trimberger
Kent Ballard
Kirk Polley
Gary Gredzieleski

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Janet Polley
Vicki Small
Infants Marilyn Wenneborg
Renee & Madison Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Dixie Williamson
Kileen Huber



--Paul Hunley and family at the passing of his grandmother.

--Lee Zimmerman out of intensive care but still has a long way to go recovering from extensive surgery.

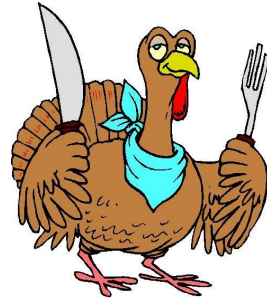
--Beryl Reese being treated with antibiotics for six weeks at the Bridge following knee surgery.

--Tracy Formea's dad who has moved in with a friend to care for him as he struggles with cancer.



The three deadliest words in the world are, "It's a girl."

Find out why this Sunday evening at 6:30 as we continue our study of *Love Thy Body*.



Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, November 18th, at 5:00.

Keith Woockman, our missionary pilot in training, will be speaking at a brief service of thanksgiving before the meal, and we will plan on eating at 5:30. Those bringing food for the dinner are asked to have it here before the service begins.

Three turkeys have already been promised, so only one more is needed. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board if you would like to bring it.



We will be hosting our annual community blood drive on Saturday, November 17th. A sign-up is on the bulletin board for those who would like to make an appointment, but you can come anytime between 10:00 and 1:00 to donate.

November 17th is Rick's (as well as Madison's, Evalise's and Annie's) birthday, and since after donating 17 gallons he can no longer give due to medical issues, if you give on the 17th you can consider it a birthday present for your preacher, as well as the gift of life for someone in need.

AFTER YOU

Jr High and High School

In a culture obsessed with selfies, celebrities, money and success, it's not difficult to understand why so many of us struggle with being a little self-centered at times. While "me first" may be the norm for the rest of the world, Jesus showed us what it looks like to live a compassionate, generous, selfless, "after you" kind of life.

For FUSE on Sunday nights, we are starting a 4 week series that will challenge all of us to move away from the world's "me first" attitude and embrace the "after you" message of Jesus. Throughout November, we will focus on noticing needs, responding to those needs, using our gifts and sharing the joy of Christ with others. Invite your friends to come hang out with us during FUSE!



The shirts are in and look great! If you ordered one, please stop by my office soon so we can dig through the pile and find your shirt. As a reminder, if you haven't paid yet, the cost was \$15 per shirt. If you missed the deadline and would now like a shirt, please let me know and I will call the manufacturer to see what can be arranged.



Jr High and High School

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for all who are willing to help with our service project on Saturday, November 17th. We will meet here at the church at 1:00pm to head over to our first house. Don't forget to bring a rake and gloves! When we are done for the afternoon, we will head to Steak and Shake for dinner.



There are around 20 of us signed up for the paintball outing. What a fun group! There is still room for more, so feel free to invite your friends and let's get them plugged into FUSE! Be sure to text me if there are additions not on the list so I can make sure we have enough vehicles to transport everyone. Looking forward to a fun time!



Double play practices mean that Christmas is getting closer and closer! What a great time of the year as we honor our Lord by celebrating His birth! Be sure to bring a snack to enjoy between the first and second hour of practice along with your script and of course, a smile.