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Monthly Newsletter

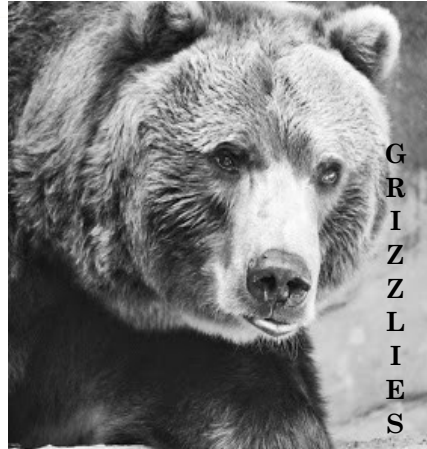
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From the Principal's desk

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As each of us comes face to face with a new year we often get hung up on the past. I'm reminded of many successes, failures and changes from 2017. The Apostle Paul's words, "*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead*" (Philippians 3) comes to mind.



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If we are like most people we make New Year's resolutions and quickly forget them after several weeks. God has hard wired us to be "habitual" people. Godly habits take time to form (usually 1-2 months), yet reap great benefits in His kingdom work.

Joshua near the end of his life and ministry made a resolution. "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). As the leader of his home and the nation of Israel his words resonated in the hearts of many. New resolutions were made by grandparents and parents that understood that there would be battles ahead that could only be conquered if they stood strong to their new core values and faith.

Think about Noah.....who faithfully built the ark for 120 years amidst persecution and ridicule only to see God's faithfulness come through. The bible says that "**without faith it is impossible to please Him**" (Heb. 11:6). Therefore, Dad, mom, husband, wife, grandpa, grandma, you need to say, "I have faith that God will do what He has promised". What has God promised? He has promised that "**He who has begun a new work in you will be faithful to complete it**" (Phil. 1:6); "**that He is able to keep that which is committed to Him**" (2Tim.1:12).

Noah believed that if He stuck to God's plan, not only him but his family would be saved. For 120 years Noah pounded away on the ark, preparing it for the animals and his family. He prepared these rooms some 20 years before his children were even born! That's faith!

Now that's a great New Year resolution. Saying I'm going to commit to believing in God's promises, walking in faith and passing it on to the next generation so they don't get washed away by the turbulent culture we live in.

Happy New Year!



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EMMA TOP

If you happen to see a new face on the FCS campus it might be Mrs. Emma Top. Mrs. Top is a wife, mother of 11 children, grandmother (49 times) and also has 6 great grandchildren and 3 on the way. Born in Holland her family moved to America when she was 10 months old. They moved to Washington State when she was 13 years old. A dairy farmer by trade she decided to reach her life goal of becoming a school teacher someday. She is getting her education degree specializing in K-8th grade. She will be completing her field experience in Mrs. Klein's 5-6th grade class (Jan – Mar). Please welcome her!

YEARBOOK!

Please submit your photos from field trips, class activities or programs to:

yearbook@foothillschristian.com

Send all photos in "actual size", this allows the yearbook staff to edit as needed. We need many to fill our yearbook.

PTF Corner

PTF Meeting: January 4 at 6:00-7:00pm

Help Wanted:

We are looking for a point person to help gather and organize raffle items. Please text Jen at 360-540-5677

Box top coordinator – Organize and submit box tops. Please text Talitha at 360-770-9371

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming events:

Jan 26 – Candy Bar Bingo

Feb 28-March 7 – Book Fair

March 2 – Movie Night



The FCS staff would like to thank our students and families for the many blessings provided this holiday season. From cards with words of encouragement to the homemade treats, it was all wonderful and we appreciate you very much.

Grandparent/Grand-friend Day

The preschool through 2nd grade are planning a special day toward the end of the month. Please watch for a letter coming home soon from your child's teacher outlining the details.

