

Around The Bay

The Monthly Newsletter of Bay Farm Church – December 2017

Upcoming Events

- 12.9 - Women's Tea
- 12.14 - MOPS
- 12.24 - Christmas Eve Service (10:00AM)
- 1.7 - Men's Breakfast (8:30AM)
- 1.19 - Game Night
- 1.28 - Membership Class
- 2.25 - Literal Class

Current Message Series: *Freedom*

During their first missionary journey (Acts 13:14-14:23), Paul and Barnabas established four Christian churches in the southern part of the Roman province called Galatia. But, after they left the region, some false teachers came into the churches and confused the young Gentile Christians with a different gospel (Galatians 1:6-7). So, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Galatia to refute the false teachers' false gospel. We know this letter today as the Book of Galatians.

In Galatians chapters one & two, Paul gives some proofs that validate his ministry and message as an apostle of Jesus Christ. Then, in Galatians chapters 3 & 4, Paul uses six arguments to prove God saves sinners through faith in Christ. Finally, in chapters 5 & 6, Paul shows that Christ didn't free us from the penalty and power of sin so we can sin; He gave us freedom so we can serve others in love.

Galatians is pertinent for today because we live in a time when people are crying out for freedom. Men, women, and children everywhere are demanding to live as they please. But, we also live in a time of slavery. Many of the same people who are screaming for freedom are enslaving themselves to addictions, sex, and materialism. People need to hear Paul's letter to the Galatians today because it tells them how to find freedom through Christ Jesus! *Pastor John*



Bay Farm Community Church exists to help people *know* Jesus, *grow* to be like Jesus and *show* Jesus to the world!

Christmas Tea

Ladies, make plans to attend this year's Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 9th @ 11:30am. Our speaker this year is Deanna Ramsey. Deanna is a speaker, singer, wife and mother of four. She delights in living a Christ-centered life and empowering others to do the same. Plus, worship leader/recording artist Brandon Pasion will be performing a mini concert for us! (Tickets Cost: \$40.00) *Table Hostess and men servers needed!*



MOPS invites all moms of children ages 0-5 to join our group. MOPS believes in building deep relationships, drawing closer to Jesus as we parent, and supporting each other through the adventure of raising preschoolers. MOPS meets this month on Thursday, December 14th from 9:30-11:30AM. www.bfccmops.org.

Like to shoot hoops?

Join the CCU East Bay Adult basketball league! Relaxed atmosphere, emphasis on fun, fellowship and the message of Jesus. Spring season starts in January. Monday night division plays in San Leandro, and the Thursday night division plays in Alameda. Contact Jack Liu at: ckliu1975@gmail.com for additional information and to sign up.



Please pick up a Blessing Bag needs list at the Ministry Tables today, and help us fill up 75 blessing bags for the homeless! *Blessing Bags* - filled with useful items like: warm socks, a rain poncho, a reusable water bottle, wipes, nail clippers, and food coupons - are a great way to share with the homeless that you care about them! **We need help putting the bags together on December 18th at 7:00PM in the Event Center.*

Want to meet some new friends?

BFCC's Kids Ministry is hosting a Game Night on Friday, January 19th for kids 5 – 105 years old. So, grab your favorite snacks, cards and board games and join in the fun! (Begins @ 6:30PM in the Event Center.)



Got Talent?

We're looking for people with some technical skills to join BFCC's tech team (lighting, sound, run Pro Presenter, edit message recording etc.), and we are looking for some talented singers/musicians to join our worship team. For more information contact Jonathan Mayes at: jonathanmayes@yahoo.com

