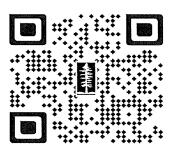
If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

# **Prayer Ministry**

• Calling all Prayer Warriors! This spring, join with believers across the country who are changing the world through prayer! Seize the day, and get your *Seek God for the City 2022* prayer guide now available at the Information Table. Believers across the U.S. are uniting in 40 days of prayer leading up to Palm Sunday (March 2-April 10, 2022). Each day's focus and "Prayers of Biblical Hope" will inspire and encourage your prayer life. Let us see together what God will do! E-versions are also available!

# **Outreach Ministry**

Would you like to support our teams going to Kenya in March and August?
 We have an Amazon wish list available for you to shop from. Follow the link, make your purchase, and ship the items directly to Family Church.
 Please complete your purchases by March 16. Scan the Q.R. code, access the wish list, or go to https://qr1.be/MFRL



# Men's Ministry

• Hunters - save the date for October 1 through 4 for the next antelope hunt in Wyoming! The cost is \$2,250 plus your travel to get there. We only have eight spots open for this trip, and a \$250 deposit will hold your place! Last year, we had a 100% success rate for all hunters! This trip is great for new hunters, or you want to be with a great group! For more information, fill out a connection card in person or online, or connect with Pastor Adam. Make checks payable to Family Church - memo line: Antelope Hunt.

# **Kids Ministry**

Please be in prayer for our local ministry, Kids Hope USA, and our mentors, who meet weekly with their students. Mentors: Cathy Grill (Grace), Kevin Hathaway (Grace), Ellie Hoekstra (Grace), Keith Kleis (Grace), Barb Klies (Grace), Jan Rorick (Ebenezer), Kamarah Sietsema (Grace), Larry Van Netten (Grace), Lorraine VandenBeldt (Ebenezer), Joan Wedeven (Grace), Paul Wedeven (Grace), Deb Zylstra (Ebenezer). Prayer Partners: Erika Boehm, Brandon Dykstra, Katie Feikema, Karen Haan, Chuck Schaap, Jean Schaap, Rick Storey, Beth Webb, Janet Wielenga, Wanda Wooten, Kirk Zylstra.

### Family Church - Weekly Services

- Thursday at 6:30 pm Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- Sunday at 9:00 am Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
- Sunday at 9:30 am Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- Sunday at 10:45 am Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus



# The decisions that I make \_\_\_\_\_determine the stories that I will tell \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes, \_\_\_\_\_ decision you can make is \_\_\_\_\_ when it would be easier to \_\_\_\_. "How do we live a story worth telling?" Hebrews 12:2, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus who is the author and the perfector of our faith." Genesis 12:1, "The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." To step toward \_\_\_\_\_\_, you might have to step away from your \_\_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 12: 2-3, "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." We're not changed by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. We're changed by \_\_\_\_\_\_ God makes to us. Genesis 12:4, "Abram left as the Lord told him."

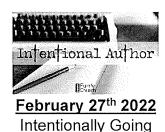
How do we live a story worth telling?

Where could God be asking you to Go today?

**Hebrews 11:8-9**, "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

# **Life Application**

Ask God if there is an area of your life where you need to GO, commit, press through, take the harder path.



# KEY POINT: The decisions that I make today determine the stories that I will tell tomorrow.

- 1. What is something you are considering based on this series? Start, Stop, Stay, or Go?
- 2. How can this series help us in our walk with Jesus?
- 3. What if you hear in your heart something like: I'm supposed to GO into uncharted waters! What would you do?

# KEY POINT AND CHALLENGE: Sometimes, the best decision you can make is to go when it would be easier to stay.

- 4. In life sometimes we are going to be called to STAY and other times we are called to GO. Which is harder for you?
- 5. Going involves risk, sometimes great risk. How do you see risk?
- 6. Whether you stay or go it will change your story... so, "How do we live a story worth telling?"
- 7. Sometimes we must leave our comfort zone, our safety net, and step out in faith.

# READ: Genesis 12:1

8. Going means leaving where you are! To go somewhere else, you must leave what's known, comfortable, predictable, what comes naturally. Does this scare you or excite you?

# KEY THOUGHT: To step toward your destiny, you might have to step away from your security.

9. Pastor told us the story of a man who threw out security and comfort of the 'known', to go on mission with God. He did it and it changed everything for so many people. He stepped out in faith and just went!

HARD QUESTION: What's your excuse for not stepping out in faith?

READ: Genesis 12: 2-3

10. Have you ever made a promise to God? KEY POINT: We're not changed by the promises we make to God. We're changed by believing in the promises God makes to us.

### READ: Genesis 12:4

11. God makes this promise to Abram. How does Abram respond? Stop for a moment and think about this. What would have happened if Abram didn't go?

KEY THOUGHT: God would not be referred to as the God of Abraham if Abram had stayed.

**12.** Where could God be asking you to Go today?

# READ: Hebrews 11:8-9

13. How can you GO if God asks this of you?

14. If you take the first step of faith and you let God do the rest, you will get to the finish line. However, when you begin you only need Faith for the first step!

By faith, pray that you'll have the courage to decide to **start** a discipline that will change the direction of your story.

By faith, pray that you will have the faith to **stop** something that would hinder your story from being what God wants it to be.

By faith, pray that you have the courage to **stay** the course when it's easier to throw in the towel and walk.

By Faith, pray you will have the faith to **GO** and take the step of faith when it would be easier to stay.

Because the decisions you make today, determine the stories you tell tomorrow. Direction, not intention, determines destination.

# **Life Application**

Ask God if there is an area of your life where you need to GO, commit, press through, take the harder path.