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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

Rejoice in Getting Back to Church!

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Key Events This Month:

- 9/8—Sunday School for all ages begins!**
- 9/8—Christian Education Sunday**
- 9/8—Monthly Potluck**
- 9/15—Farewel Sunday**
- 9/20—Family Fun Night**
- 9/22—Friendship Sunday (Back to Church Sunday)**
- 9/27-9/28—Church Work Day**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1

Every year, throughout our country, there is a Sunday in September that takes on a special significance. It's known as *Back to Church Sunday*. It's a Sunday where churches put an emphasis on reaching the lost and on opening their doors wide to those who may have likely either a) been out of church for a while for any given reason but want to get back, or who have b) never been to a church before but just feel the need to get right in their relationship with God.

Now, this year, that special Sunday is September 15th. We're going to celebrate it here at Light of the World as well, but we're going to do it a week

later. It's going to be a Friendship Sunday, an opportunity for you to let your light shine as you invite your friends to come and hear the greatest news there is, the news of Jesus, who lived, died, and rose to forgive the sins of all people of all time.

pique their interest in what we have to offer at Light of the World? Is it because we enjoy seeing full pews on a Sunday morning (which, don't get me wrong, is an awesome blessing)? Is it because we want more young families with kids so our Sunday School can be even fuller?



No, it's because that's our blessed privilege, given by our wonderful Savior. It's because Jesus has given us the precious command to "go and make disciples of all

Now, why? Why put so much effort into inviting people to come check us out? Why put such an emphasis on reaching the lost? Why spend 2 hours on an evening walking around our neighborhoods to meet people, tell them about our church, and maybe, just maybe

nations..." It's because Jesus rejoices every time he sees precious souls ascending to worship in his house.

Now, you can come up with your excuses why you aren't going to invite a friend to hear

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Friendship Sunday

I can only imagine how excited Philip must have been when he exclaimed to Nathaniel, "Come and see!" (John 1:40). He had seen the Lord, had been called to follow Jesus, and had shared Jesus with his friend.

This month, you'll have the chance to join in that same excitement. On Sunday, September 22nd, we'll have our Friendship Sunday here at Light of the World. It will be a simplified service geared towards sharing the basic yet

amazing message of Jesus with our friends. There will be invitations available to hand out in the coming weeks. Won't you join us in sharing this good news?

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about this Savior this month. But, if that friend were to die tonight, would you be sure you would see them in heaven? If you can't confidently answer yes to that question, what's the harm in an invitation? When we begin to realize how valuable souls are to Jesus, that makes our work of being his lights that much more important. So, this month, will you let your light shine? Will you ask someone to come and hear about Jesus? Because when they do, we will rejoice!

In Christ,
Pastor Strong

Light of the World Mission Statement

*As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we **GATHER** around God's Word and the Sacraments and **GROW** together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can **GO** and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and **GLOW** with the love of Christ in our lives.*

Family Fun Night

Looking for something to do Friday nights this winter? Light of the World hosts a Family Fun Night one Friday each month, a night to enjoy some food and fun by playing games and watching movies.

We'll be starting our game nights up again this month on Friday, September 20th at 6pm. Please join us, bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and let's have fun!

God's Lights Of the World

Dear Ladies,

We are very excited to begin another year as GLOW. We look forward to letting God's light shine in our lives each and every day.

We have 10 women planning to attend this year's retreat in Girdwood, AK! I am extremely pleased with our turnout! The retreat is October 3-5.

Our **next meeting** will be held

Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. over at the parsonage. Hope to see you all there.

Items to be discussed: Advent by Candlelight, Christmas for Kids, hosting the 2014 Retreat, and much more!

If there are any prayer requests, or any way we as the ladies of GLOW can assist you, please contact Becky Strong at strongbecky@gmail.com.

God bless, Becky Strong

Ministry Teams

Are you looking to get involved at church? Do you have gifts you want to put to good use? Then you might be interested in joining one of our ministry teams.

We currently have 5 ministry teams, Outreach, Maintenance, Worship, Member Ministry, and Education. There is no commitment needed to join

one of these teams. We're just looking for individuals who have ideas for our ministry here, are eager to do some work, and like having fun. If you'd like more information concerning one of these teams, please contact Pastor.

Upcoming BBB Classes

Our BBB (Back to the Basics of the Bible) Class has started up and is cruising right along. ⇒ STEWARDSHIP

Here's the topics we'll hopefully be tackling this month:

⇒ THE LORD'S SUPPER

⇒ THE CHURCH

⇒ MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

⇒ EVANGELISM

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about our BBB Class, you may contact Pastor Strong via email or by calling his office.

We are currently meeting on Monday evenings at 7:30pm.

Every Member Visits

Beginning in October and running through December, Pastor Strong and the members of the Council will be conducting visits with every member. This will give them an opportunity to get to know you on a more personal level, and it will allow you to meet our Council members and put faces with names.

One of our main goals for this round of visits will be a stew-

ardship of gifts emphasis, building up excitement to use your various gifts and talents to serve the Lord here at Light of the World.

There will be more information about these visits, as well as a sign-up sheet, available during this month. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions!

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	2 7:30—BBB Class	3	4 6:15—Choir	5	6	7
8 9:15—Sunday School for all ages begins! 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck	9 4:30—Catechism 7:30—BBB Class	10 6:00—Northern GLOW Meeting	11 6:15—Choir	12 6:00—Canvassing	13	14
15 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Farewell Re- ception	16 4:30—Catechism 7:30—BBB Class	17 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	18 6:15—Choir	19	20 6:00—Family Fun Night	21
22 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Back to Church Sunday Worship 12:00—Maintenance Team Meeting 12:00—Member Minis- try Team Meeting	23 4:30—Catechism 7:30—BBB Class	24 6:00—Women's Bible Study	25 6:15—Choir	26 6:00—Leadership Team Meeting	27 5:00—Work Day	28 9:00—Work Day
29 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship	30 4:30—Catechism 7:30—BBB Class					

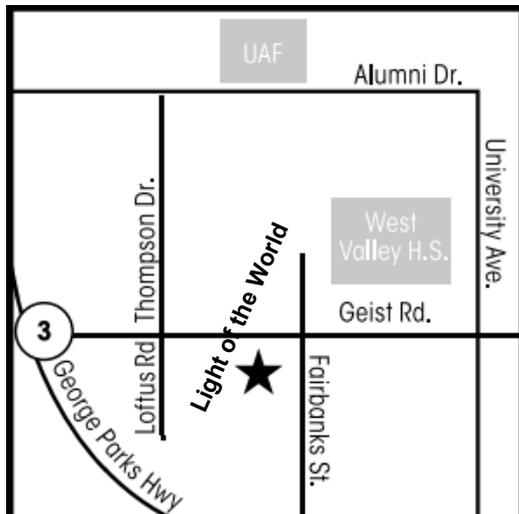
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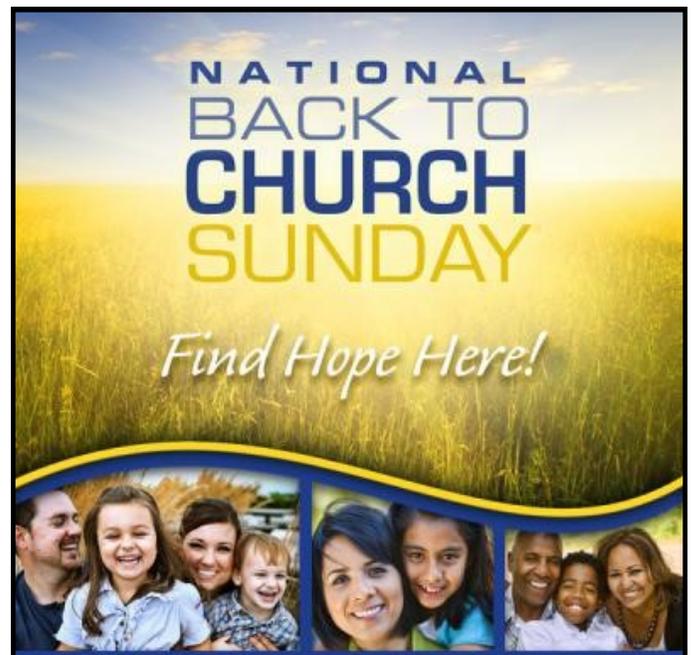
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Grow in God's Word with us!
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Bible Classes for all ages
9:15 am



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