

PSALM 51:10

Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew
a right spirit within me.

renewal





CHURCH-WIDE


Evening of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

6 PM | WORSHIP CENTER

Join us at 6:00 pm for an Evening of Prayer — an evening where our church family gathers to pray for our families, friends, neighbors, community, and our world.

1 Timothy 2:1 urges us to make petition, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving for all people. We pray that this time will call our attention to praying for others, and that our church would be open to the Spirit's leading as we spread the gospel in our community.



JAN 7-8

LEGACY FAMILY MINISTRY: MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Join us in the Worship Center for a two-day conversation about creating a healthy marriage. COVID has been challenging on individuals, families, and communities. Speaker Debra Fileta believes “healthy people build healthy marriages.” She will not focus on the “typical marriage” content but challenge us to dig deeper into why we do what we do, and how we do what we do. This year’s Legacy Marriage Conference will focus on getting real and becoming healthy. Cost is \$50 per couple. Register at www.legacyfamily.org.

JAN 9

SENIOR ADULT WINTER BIBLE STUDY | 5:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

Our Sunday Evening Worship starts off the new year with our Senior Adult Winter Bible Study. This happens each Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Choir Room. This semester we will be studying the Book of James, a very practical book that helps us all get a grip on our faith. Roy Marshall will be teaching this Bible Study, and will lead us in a greater understanding of how to live out our faith in our daily lives.

JAN 12

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JAN 13-16

CHI ALPHA | DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 9

Wondering what CHI ALPHA is exactly? Here is the run down: CHI ALPHA is a weekend where you are placed in a host home, along with about 10-15 of your peers (students from your grade). These people become your “family” for the weekend. There is a leader in each house who will be leading and teaching your group about some relevant and crucial aspects of the Christian journey. The purpose is to develop and empower you with a faith you can actually use. It is a guarantee you will love this weekend. Who knows? You may even be changed by it.

CHI ALPHA will kick off on Thursday, January 13, with a “Get to Know Your Group Mixer.” That night you will find out your host home assignments, get your t-shirt, and pick up the schedule for the weekend. On Friday night, you will report directly to your host home and officially begin the CHI ALPHA experience. Make every effort to spend this life-changing weekend with us. Registration is due by January 9. Sign up at firstwoodway.org/youth.

JAN 16

FAMILY DEDICATION ORIENTATION CLASS | 9:45 AM | ROOM 1206

Family Dedications are faith milestones that we celebrate on select Sunday mornings throughout the year. To participate in a Family Dedication, you must first attend an orientation class. This informational session will focus on what a dedication is, as well as provide you with some excellent tools and resources for leading your child. Orientation classes are held in Room 1206 at 9:45 am on select Sunday mornings. You can sign up for this, or future classes, on the First Woodway App.

JAN 19

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Our Wednesday evening spring discipleship classes begin January 19, with several options meeting on alternate days. A complete listing of classes is available now on the app or at firstwoodway.org/discipleship. Printed booklets will be available the morning of Sunday, January 9.

JAN 19

ARTIOS BEGINS | 6:00 PM

The spring semester of Artios is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 19 at 6 pm. Artios is a three year training program, designed to equip church members with the knowledge and skills they need to be effective ministers of the gospel. Applications for the program will open again in the fall. Contact Ron Cook (rcook@firstwoodway.org) for more details.

JAN 19

RE|ENGAGE | 6:00 PM

Re|Engage is a marriage ministry that focuses on reconnecting, reigniting, and even resurrecting marriages. COVID-19 wasn't easy for anyone, and marriages were put under new strain.

Maybe now is the time to refresh and rejuvenate your relationship with your spouse! It doesn't matter how long you've been married; we can always use the encouragement and reminders of how to care for and love our spouses well. The cost for the semester will be \$40 per couple, and we will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm at the church. Childcare will be provided for those who sign up. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon. We are looking forward to a great semester of investing in marriages! You can sign up on the app or website. Email questions to Ronny at rhiggins@firstwoodway.org.

JAN 19

NEW BELIEVER'S 101 CLASS FOR KIDS | 6:00 PM | ROOM 1206

This class is a pre-requisite for children in grades 2 and up to be baptized at First Woodway. We believe that baptism is an outward symbol of an inward decision to follow Christ, and the material covered in this class is for kids who have already accepted Jesus into their lives. In addition to baptism, we will discuss what being a Christian means, worship, and how children can begin to grow in their Christian walk. Each child will receive a workbook and devotion book at the end of the class. This class is ONLY for children in second grade through sixth grade. Register on the app!

JAN 23

LIFE GROUPS AT FIRST WOODWAY | THE COMMONS

Hey church family! Come celebrate our Life Groups with us and grab a donut in the Commons outside the Worship Center on Sunday morning, January 23. Don't have a Life Group? Then be sure to stop by and we will give you more information about the groups we have available. Contact Carrie for more details at cburrows@firstwoodway.org.

JAN 23

NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP | 5:00 PM | THE VENUE

We are thrilled that you desire to learn more about becoming a member at First Woodway. In this informational session, you will learn our core beliefs and values, get to know the church staff, participate in a Q&A, and share dinner together. The next New Member Workshop is being held January 23 at 5:00 pm in The Venue.

Elizabeth Oates

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP
WOMEN + MARRIAGE

Every year millions of people seek a fresh start by making New Year's resolutions. According to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com), the top five resolutions include:

1. Exercise more,
2. Eat healthier,
3. Spend more time with family and friends,
4. Lose weight, and
5. Live more economically.

Maybe this list looks familiar to you. Unfortunately, after six months, only 46 percent of people who make New Year's resolutions are still successful in keeping them. Instead of feeling renewed and refreshed, we feel tired and defeated.

If anyone understood the need for renewal, it was King David. In Psalm 51 he wrote, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." These words came pouring out after the prophet Nathan accused him—and rightly so—of infidelity with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12). After committing adultery and murder, David then betrayed his army, his family, and his God. Now, David could no longer hide. The time for confession was at hand. And while this confession came

with a high price tag (David and Bathsheba lost their son) it came with spiritual renewal.

Psalm 51:10 is particularly interesting because it not only points to David's repentance, but the word "create" is the same word used in Genesis 1:1 when God created the heavens and the earth. The word "create" signifies something that only God could do. Just as only God could create the heavens and the earth, only God could create or renew David's faith. Only God could transform David's heart from someone who was selfish and manipulative to someone who was running fast toward God—a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22). And ultimately, only God could restore their relationship.



What about you? What renewal do you need this New Year? Have the past couple years left you emotionally, mentally, and spiritually exhausted? Is there a relationship that desperately needs to be restored? Come to the Father and he will offer refreshment and renewal for your soul. "He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake (Psalm 23:3).

JAN 29

BLOCK PARTY AT THE MAC | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM | THE MAC

Come on out to our neighborhood Block Party at the MAC as we head into 2022! We will have fun activities and games for families as well as opportunities for everyone to get acquainted with why so many people love spending their time at the MAC. You'll also enjoy a free lunch, so bring your family and friends, and invite your neighbors! The fun starts at 8:00 am.

- 8 am - Noon Family Time:
Organized games and activities throughout the morning! Hula Hoop, Chariot Races, Nine Square in the Air, Gaga Ball, Knock Out (Basketball & Soccer)
- 8:15 - 9 am Pilates with Bonnie Luft
- 9:15 - 10 am Strength & Stretch with Paula Roberson
- 10 - 11:30 am Pickleball 101
- 11:30 am Free Lunch

JAN 30

KINGDOM KIDS FAJITA FIESTA | 5:30 PM | WORSHIP CENTER

This special evening of fantastic fajitas, fun, and fellowship is for all of our Kingdom Kids volunteers and spouses. You'll also hear about exciting things on the horizon. We will have drawings for several amazing door prizes. Childcare will be provided for the kids, so join us as we celebrate YOU, our amazing leaders in KidMin. We are looking forward to this time together with all of you!

FEB 25

ONE SWEET NIGHT | TICKETS ON SALE SUN, FEB 6 | KIDS' ATRIUM

Just for dads (or granddads, uncles, etc.) and their daughters (birth – 6th grade). Come make special memories in a sweet wonderland overflowing with all things pink, sparkly, and girly. This special night will include a horse and carriage ride, a photo spot, fun crafts and games, dinner, and dessert. Tickets are required and will go on sale Sunday, February 6; \$12 per person, \$40 max per family. Because this is a sell-out event each year, we are limiting attendance to those who regularly attend First Woodway.



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

SO AWESOME, WE'RE MENTIONING THEM TWICE!

The primary way you can grow your faith, get plugged-in, and make deep friendships is through Life Groups. But don't forget discipleship groups are a great way to continue building your faith — and meet people from all across our church family!

Scan the code above to take a look at this semester's class offerings, or text DISC to 254-845-7835 and we'll send you a link to view the online booklet.



NEW TO FIRST WOODWAY?

We would love to meet you and learn more about you. Scan the QR code below to fill out a guest connect card - or stop by the Welcome Desk any Sunday morning. We'll help you find your place!

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Download the First Woodway Mobile App by texting APP to 254-845-7835
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