Fox Valley Newsletter February 2023

Semi-Annual Meeting

Our Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday night April 17 6:30 at Bethania Church 712 Dickie Avenue Elgin.

Our Purpose Statement for Fox Valley Baptist Association is: "Raising Up Missional Leaders." In line with that purpose statement we are planning our Semiannual and Annual meeting around the theme: "God Is Calling." We will deal with subjects like this:

- **O** What does it mean to be called of the Lord?
- **O** What is the significance of the church being "the called out ones?"
- **O** How can I discern the Lord's calling in my life?
- **O** How do "tent making" and "calling" go together?
- O Does every believer have a calling?

If you have other topics related to Calling please let me know. Also, I would appreciate materials or studies you have used/done on the subject. The following verse is a theme verse for this study:

Only let every person lead the life that the Lord has assigned him, and to which God has called him 1 Corinthians 7:17 ESV

March Youth Event

Aurora Emanuel is hosting a youth get together on March 11th at 5pm. All FVBA youth groups are invited! The night includes games, worship, and a small devotional. (Just a heads up: \$5/person suggested donation since the church is providing a small dinner at the end. If that stops anyone from coming, please reach out us!! <u>contact@ibeyouthgroup.org</u>

Youth Conference

Save the date for this year's youth conference, MADEONE, April 29th, 2023 which will take place at Gospelife located at 1N100 Gary Ave, Carol Stream, IL 60188. A gathering of fellowship, worship, spiritual growth, games, and much more.

The conference has now been named the "MadeOne" youth conference; our vision is focused on encouraging and edifying the younger generation of believers in our association. As believers we are called to be one church under christ; our aim is to build each other up in our faith through the event.

Since this year is the first year the conference has been given a name, our theme will also be focused on the idea of being "Made One"- that is, We have been made one church through Christ's reconciliation, as a result, we give God all honor and glory.

We send this email as a personal invitation to you and your respected youth group. If you are interested in attending or have any other questions please notify us by emailing <u>info@madeoneyc.org</u>

We will send a follow up email soon on how to register and further details. We hope to get the chance to see you all at the event! keep us and this conference in your prayers, that God can continue to work in the lives of the youth both in and out of our churches.

Make sure to follow @newlifeyouth.elgin on instagram and our website <u>www.madeoneyc.org</u> for latest updates!

-MadeOne Team



<mark>Life Book</mark>

Life Book is a free resource provided by the Gideons to help students share the Gospel with their classmates. The purpose of this resource is to get the Gospel into the hands of teenagers so they can be comfortable sharing their faith with their classmates. The link below is the pdf of what the LifeBook actually looks like.

https://pagoda.nyc3.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/static/thelifebook/tlb.pdf

Pastors and students may order the Life Book (at no cost) for your students and have it directly sent to your church. Just click on the special link for Fox Valley churches and place your order: <u>https://thelifebook.com/welcomes/fvba60121</u>

Immigrants/Refugees

We have asked Adrian Hendarta from World Relief to share briefly about possible ministries to immigrants and refugees in our area. People from all over the world are coming in large numbers to our area. A recent influx of people from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Venezuela, and many other countries have recently arrived. Could the Lord be leading you and/or your church to be involved in this ministry?

https://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/