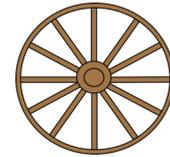




# Wanted Summer 2019



## Theme Verse:

"The scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend." James 2:23

## DAILY THEMES:

### Sunday

**Daily Theme:** Saddle Up

**Today's Truth:** God is trustworthy.

**Memory Verse:** "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

-Isaiah 26:4

### Monday

**Daily Theme:** Goldmine

**Today's Truth:** God's plans are greater than mine.

**Memory Verse:** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11

### Tuesday

**Daily Theme:** Branded

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### Wednesday

**Daily Theme:** Family Feudin'

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### Thursday

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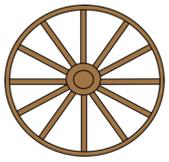
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### Friday

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# Sunday: Saddle Up

## Small Group Discussion

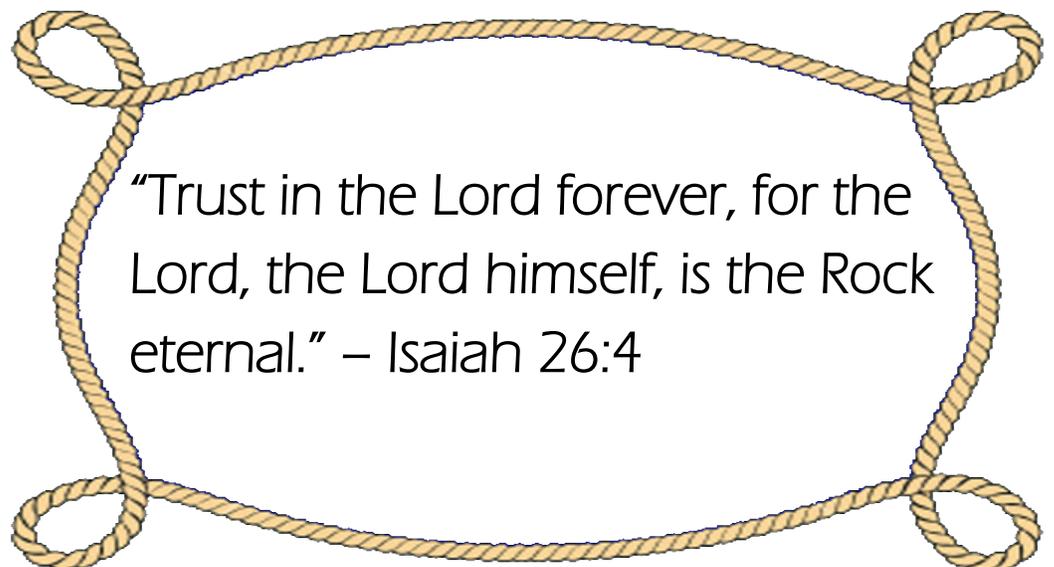
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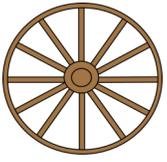
Matthew 4:18-22

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Psalm 9:7-10

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# Monday: Goldmine

## Morning Quiet Time

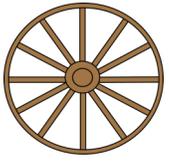
Howdy! Welcome to Grace Adventures! What are you most excited about for this week? Is there anything you're a little nervous about?

This week's theme is *Wanted*. What does this make you think of?

Today's theme is *Goldmine*. What is the greatest "treasure" in your life?

As you know by now, we'll be talking about Abraham (aka Abram) all week. It's a major story, and we don't have enough time to get into all the details, so we'll take just a minute each day to look at other pieces that we won't get to in cabin time or at chapel. (Feel free to talk to any staff about these parts though, if you'd like!)

You heard last night that Abram left his homeland with his wife, Sarai, and his nephew, Lot, to set out for the land God had in mind. Read Genesis 13:5-7. What was the problem with the two families staying together?



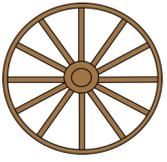
# Monday: Goldmine

## Morning Quiet Time

Read Genesis 13:8. Think of a time when you were in conflict with a friend or family member. Who came up with an answer? Was it a suggestion that was beneficial to everyone involved? Here, Abram chooses peace instead of trying to figure out who's "right." What are three ways you can choose peace when there is trouble in your relationships?

Read Genesis 13:9. Even though Abram, being the uncle, would've traditionally had the right to decide which land he wanted for his own family, he offers first choice to Lot. Why do you think he did this?

Think about when you go to a restaurant when you're hungry and five different things on the menu look really good. Does it matter which you choose? Or could it be that all five are "right" answers, if they fill your need for food? Do you ever get nervous about making the wrong decision when it comes to bigger situations in your life? Do you think there's only one right solution for every problem?



# Monday: Goldmine

## Morning Quiet Time

Our story goes on with the two men splitting ways and settling in their own areas, and then God speaks to Abram (Gen. 13:14-17), repeating his promise that his offspring would inherit the land. Because of their ongoing relationship and his trust in God, Abram knew that – no matter which way Lot chose to go – God would still be with him.

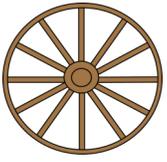
In Joshua 1:9, just before Abraham’s descendants take possession of the land God promised, Joshua is told: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Do you believe that God will be with you, no matter what? If so, how have you experienced this in your life?

Say a prayer asking God to be part of your choices and thanking Him for His great plans.

Today’s Truth: God’s plans are greater than mine.

Today’s Memory Verse: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11



# Monday: Goldmine

## Small Group Discussion

Verses in our study:

Genesis 22:17

Psalms 147:4

Matthew 10:30

Luke 5:1-11

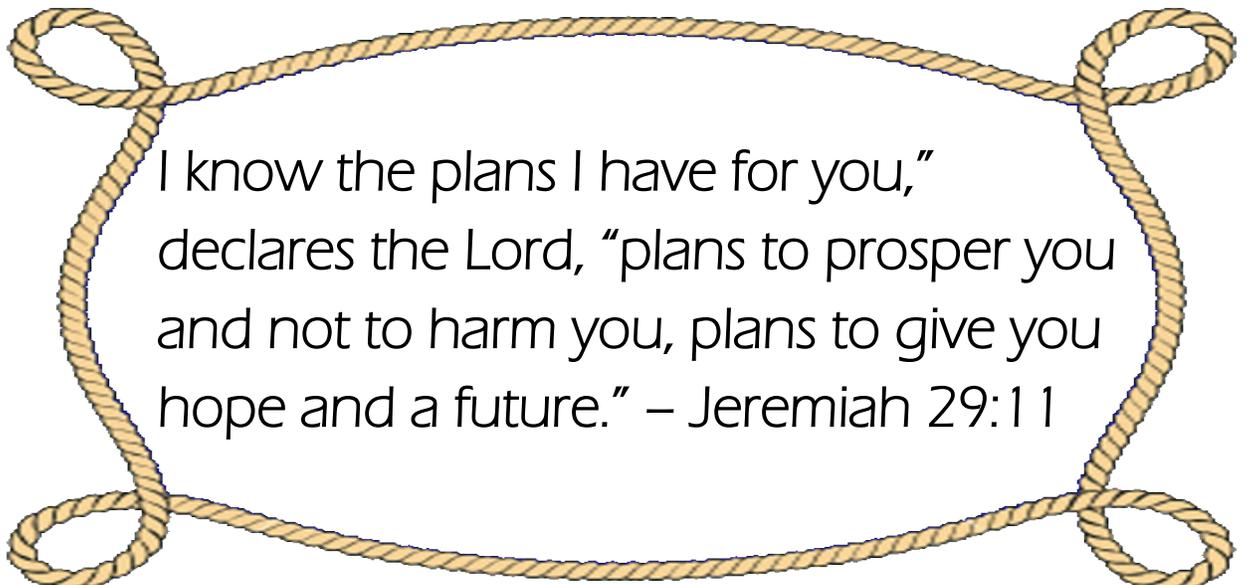
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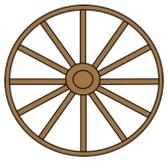
1 Corinthians 2:9

Romans 8:28

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

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# Tuesday: Branded

## Morning Quiet Time

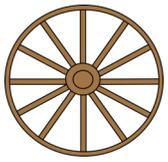
Good morning! Name three people you've met this week who you seem to have a great connection with. What do you like about them?

Our friend Abraham also encountered three special people in another part of our story. Read Genesis 18:1-14. Many believe that these three "men" were actually two angels and God Himself. What would you do if Jesus or an angel just stopped by your house one afternoon?

Go back to Genesis 18:4-5. How did Abraham react? Is there anyone in your life who instantly makes you feel welcome when you go to their house or see them in public?

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In verses 6 & 7, we see that Abraham "hurried" and "ran" to get food for the visitors. However, verse 1 told us it was the "heat of the day" and we know (from Genesis 13) that Abraham was a rich man with many servants...so why did he do this?



# Tuesday: Branded

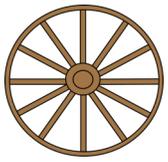
## Morning Quiet Time

1 Peter 4:8-9 offers some advice about how the people of God should act: "...love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Do Abraham's actions compare to Peter's instructions in these verses?

This passage goes on to say (in v. 10) "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." What are some gifts God has given you? What are three ways you feel called to use your gifts to serve God and others?

Today's Truth: I am claimed and called by God.

Today's Memory Verse: Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. - Isaiah 43:1b (ESV)



# Tuesday: Branded

## Small Group Discussion

### Verses in our study:

Genesis 1:26

Matthew 16:13-18

Genesis 2:19

Proverbs 22:1

Psalms 100:3

John 10:11-18

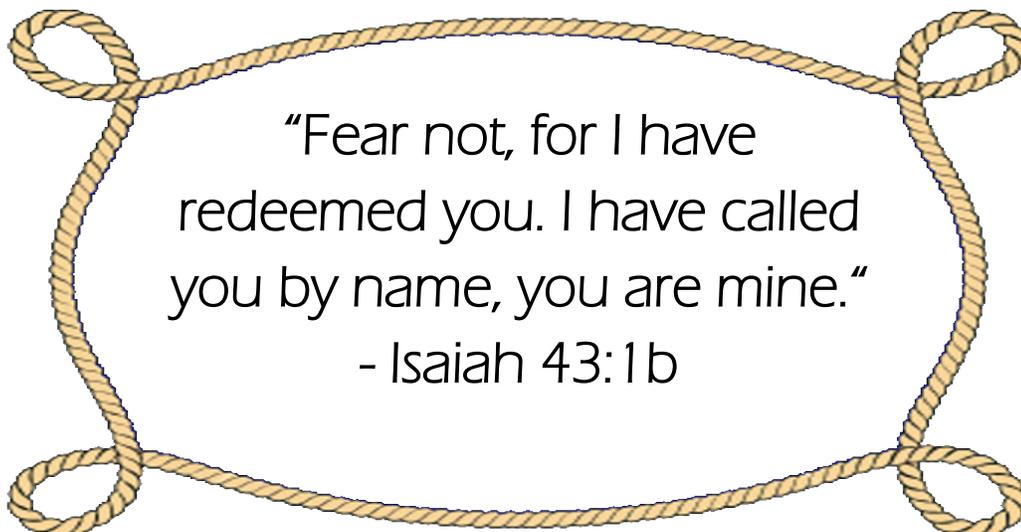
John 13:35

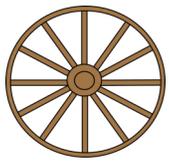
Matthew 25:34-40

1 Peter 4:8-10

Ephesians 4:29-32

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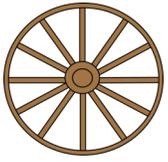
# Wednesday: Family Feudin'

## Morning Quiet Time

Good morning! Have you ever prayed for something crazy? What was it? What happened?

After the three visitors (from yesterday's quiet time) left, God told Abraham of His plan for the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their people's wicked ways. Read Genesis 18:20-22. Here, God talks about the "outcry that has reached me." Do you believe that God listens to our troubles still today? How do you think God feels when we are hurt?

Read Genesis 18:23-26. What is Abraham upset about here? How do you feel when you hear that something bad is happening to someone else? Think about a time that was really rough for you – was there anyone who really stepped in to help, even though it had nothing to do with them? Who was it? How did that make you feel?



# Wednesday: Family Feudin'

## Morning Quiet Time

Look again at verse 25. Abraham is reminding God how merciful and just He is. What is your favorite thing about Who God is? Loving? Generous? Huge? Something else?

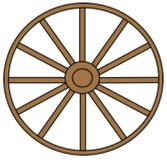
In Genesis 18:26-33, the story goes on with Abraham convincing God to change His mind about the destruction if there are 50 good people left in the city, then 45, then 30, down to 20, and finally just 10. Do you believe that prayer can influence what happens?

Have you ever changed your parents' minds by asking for something? Read 2 Corinthians 6:18. What does this verse say about Who God is for us? Do you believe that our prayers can change God's mind?

In the end, the cities were destroyed, but Abraham's persistence saved the lives of his nephew Lot and his family (see Genesis 19:29). The choice that Abraham made to go out on a limb in front of God had a huge result. What are three risks you've taken that have turned out for the best?

Today's Truth: My choices have consequences.

Today's Memory Verse: Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. – Galatians 5:25



# Wednesday: Family Feudin'

## Small Group Discussion

Verses in our study:

Proverbs 15:22, 16:9

1 John 2:6

Proverbs 26:27

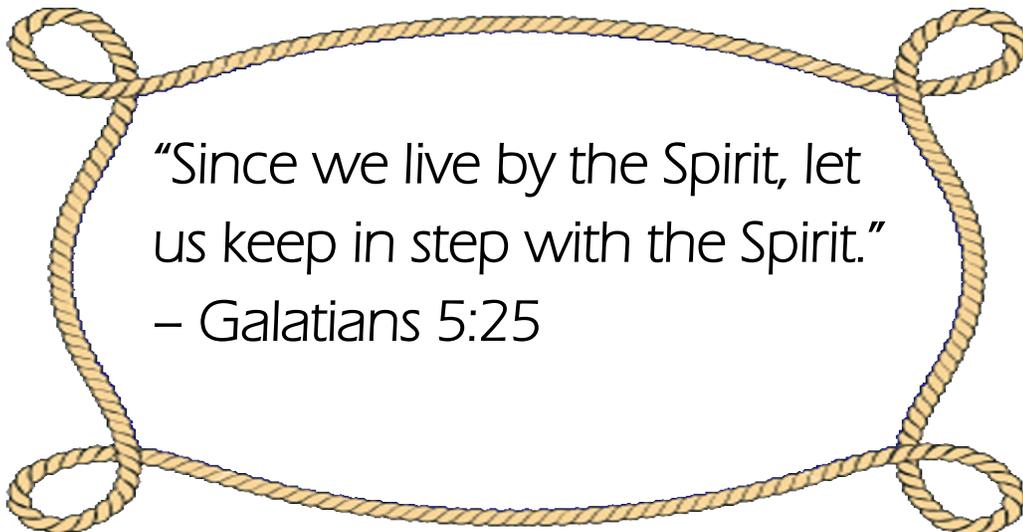
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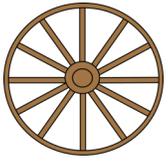
Matthew 14:22-33

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 7:24-27

Write any notes from small group discussion time.





# Thursday: Round Pen

## Morning Quiet Time

What do you call a happy cowboy? A jolly rancher.

Why did the cowboy buy a dachshund? He wanted to get a long, little doggie.

Where do cowboys cook their dinners? On the range.

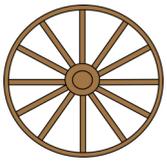
Why did the cowboy get in trouble at school? He was always horsing around.

Laughter is one of the greatest gifts we've been given. Who is the funniest person you know? How do you feel when you're around them? When was the last time you laughed until you cried or until your sides hurt? Have you ever been with a friend who got the giggles, which made you laugh, too?

When Abraham heard Sarah would have a baby, he laughed (Genesis 17:17).

When Sarah heard she would have a baby, she laughed (Genesis 18:12).

And in Genesis 21, when Sarah has that baby, he is named Isaac – which means “he laughs.” Read Genesis 21:5-7. What is Sarah’s reaction to Isaac’s birth?



# Thursday: Round Pen

## Morning Quiet Time

Read Psalm 126:1-3. Here, as those who were in Babylonian exile return to their families, how do the Israelites respond? With laughter! It's way more than a joke or silly face or ridiculous story. There's nothing funny about this moment. Rather, it's a reaction of great joy and celebration from people who have no other way to express themselves in that moment.

What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen – something that struck you as so awesome that you were pretty much speechless and just had to laugh?

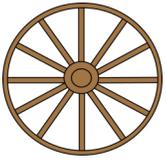
From sunsets to babies to physical healing to impossible realities, our God is in the business of doing amazing things. And the MOST amazing thing He has done for us is that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and be raised to life eternal, a life we are invited to share with Him!

We'll be talking a lot about this today. Take a few minutes to pray about what Jesus did and what it means to you. If you have any questions, please talk to your cabin leader or favorite staff member!

If you already know Jesus personally as the Lord of your life, look back at Psalm 126. In verse two, upon hearing their laughter, other nations recognized the great things God had done. Take a few minutes to pray about how others may come to know Him because of the joy in your life.

Today's Truth: Obedience brings great reward.

Today's Memory Verse: Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them." – John 14:23



# Thursday: Round Pen

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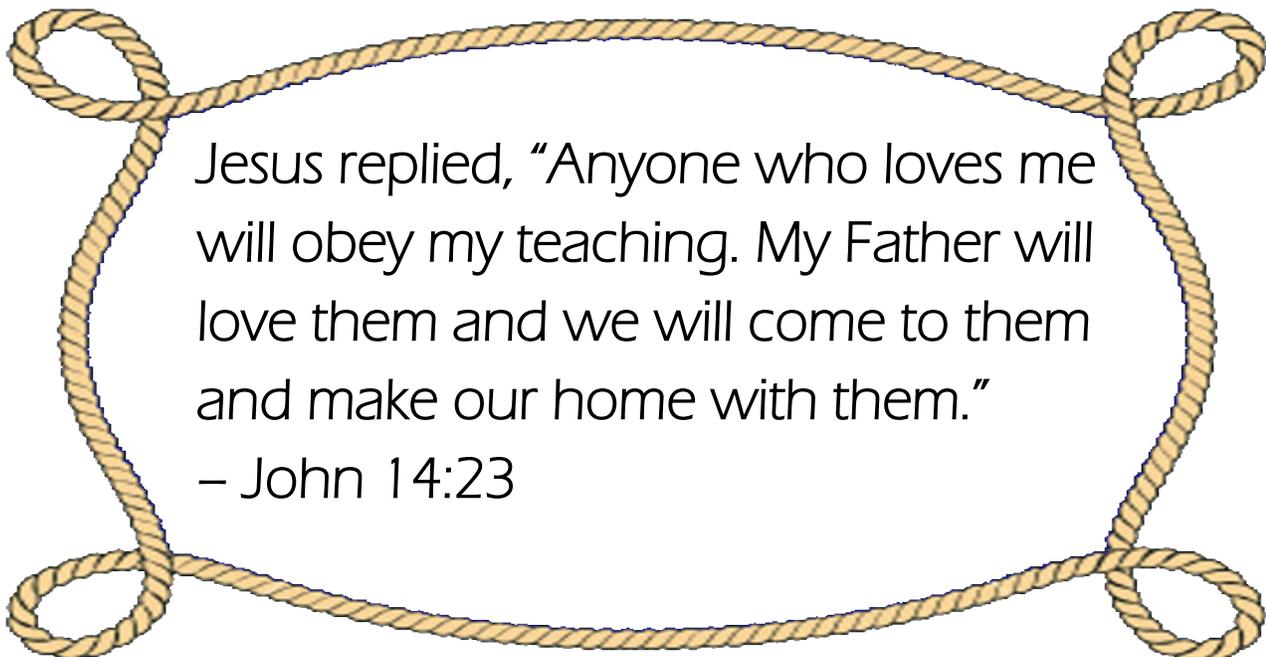
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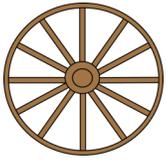
Philippians 2:5-8

Acts 5:40-42

Philippians 2:9-11

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# Friday: Spur On

## Morning Quiet Time

It's Friday! What is the best thing you did this week?

Here at Grace Adventures, we believe in "experiences that live on." As you prepare to head back home, take a few minutes to think back on our memory verses and "Today's Truth" phrases from the week...

Sunday (Saddle Up) – Isaiah 26:4 - God is trustworthy.

o What have you learned from Abraham about trust?

Monday (Goldmine)- Jeremiah 29:11 - God's plans are greater than mine.

o What will you do the next time you feel like your plans aren't going right?

Tuesday (Branded) – Isaiah 43:1b – I am claimed and called by God.

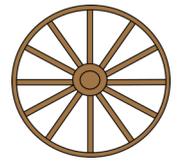
o Name three ways you can show that you belong to God.

Wednesday (Family Feudin') – Galatians 5:25 – My choices have consequences.

o What decisions will you face when you get home? How can the Holy Spirit help?

Thursday (Round Pen) – John 14:23 – Obedience brings great reward.

o How have you been blessed by doing what God asks of you?



## Morning Quiet Time

Abraham lived to be 175 years old. He went on to have six more children and several grand children before his death, and his family didn't stop there. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob was the father of twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel. From Abraham came Moses and David and Isaiah and countless others, including Jesus and Peter! Generations upon generations and whole nations fulfilled the promise God made to a childless man.

Read Hebrews 11:11-12. This whole chapter is about ordinary people who did incredible things by faith in an extraordinary God Who keeps His promises. If the writer of Hebrews was still making the list, who/what else do you hope would be included?

By faith \_\_\_\_\_, who is wanted by God,  
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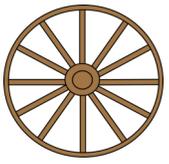
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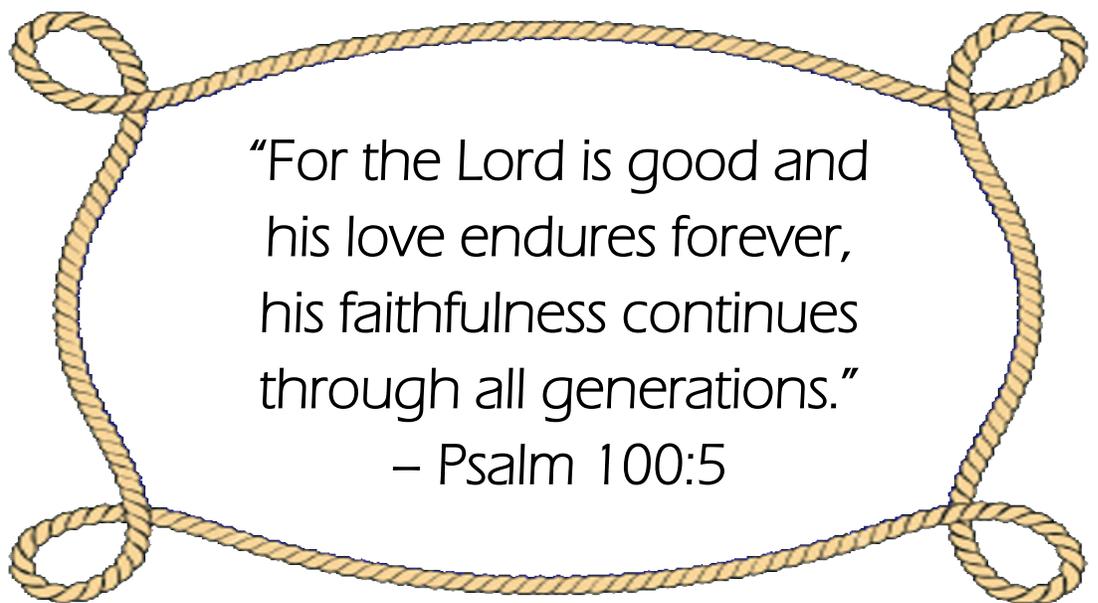
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Chapel notes



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