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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

YEAR-END STATEMENT

Please stop at the table located at the back of the sanctuary to get your annual donation statement.

BLACK HILLS PREGNANCY CENTER BOTTLES

Today is the last day to turn in your baby bottles filled with change to benefit the operations and ministry of the Black Hills Pregnancy Center here in Rapid City. Hand them to Pastor Linda at the Welcome Center area as you leave.

HARP + BOWL (WORSHIP AND PRAYER) — Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 pm

Join us in the Office Building every other Tuesday night as we mix prophetic praise and worship with the prayers of the saints.

1ST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP — Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm

Join us every month for a night of unadulterated worship in the foyer of Destiny's office building. All Wednesday evening classes and groups are paused (except children and youth) so that we can gather together and worship. Grab a friend, and we will see you there!

WHOLE LIFE WORSHIP — Friday, Feb 9, 6 to 8:30 pm, and Saturday, Feb 10, 9 to 4:00 pm

Worship is about so much more than singing songs to God. We have the opportunity every moment of every day to worship God in spirit and in truth. Join us as we discuss how to live in a place of continual worship to our amazing God. To register or for more information, call or text BHSSM at 605-431-5164.

JOINT GAME NIGHT FOR MEN + WOMEN — Friday, Feb 16, 6:00 pm

It's going to be a fun night of laughter and competition in the office building. Don't miss it!

SPECIAL GUEST: QUINCY GOOD STAR — Sunday, Feb 18, 10:00 am

Quincy will be sharing the 3rd part of our SEEK message series: "Closing the Circle."

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MESSAGE NOTES

2.4.24 | SEEK, Part 1: Extravagant Worship

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Worship is our _____, both personal and corporate, to God, for _____ He is and _____ He has done, expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

1. Worship is what you were _____ to do.

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **Colossians 1:16 ESV***

The reason for your conception was for you to be a _____ of God. That is who you are.

2. Your worship is a _____ to the world.

*"The central paradigm of this book is that our worship of God either affirms or contradicts our message about God. Unbelievers (including those who are church and unchurch) will draw lasting conclusions about the veracity and uniqueness of our God based on what they see or do not see happening in our weekly church services." - Sally Morgenthaler, **Worship Evangelism***

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN SCRIPTURE

1. _____ arrives in our story. (from the story of Jesus' birth, found in **Matthew** and **Luke**.)

2. There was a baby _____ in response. (Luke 1:41)

3. There is a _____ of praise. (Luke 1:46)

4. The first response was a song of _____. (Luke 1:68)

5. A heavenly chorus busted in with a _____, resounding anthem. (Luke 2:13-14)

6. The shepherds _____ Jesus when they heard about Him. (Luke 2:15)

7. There was a _____ motive in worship. (Matthew 2:8)

8. The kings _____ down. (Matthew 2:11a)

9. The kings lavish _____ on Jesus. (Matthew 2:11b)

*...the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. **Hebrews 13:15b-16 ESV***

10. There is an attempt to _____ the worship of Jesus. (Matthew 2:16)

11. The story of Jesus was _____. (Luke 2:17-18)

12. The shepherds _____ to work, while also continually praising and glorifying God. (Luke 2:20)

DESTINY FAMILY

An Important Note From Our Church Council

At the end of 2023, we invited our denomination's financial team to come and audit our facilities and finances. We, the church Council, found the visit and review very insightful and helpful. Foursquare gave us a list of some organizational shifts we need to make. Some will be required for us to comply more fully with IRS and Foursquare regulations. And others are recommendations.

Please cover our team in prayer as we work through implementing these changes, in phases, throughout this year and the next. The Council manages many prayerful decisions concerning our facilities and finances every month, and we need the wisdom of Christ.

One of the shifts we need to make immediately is the collection of funds for individuals and/or specific ministries. Per instruction from our financial review:

According to IRS Publication 526 on rules governing the tax deductibility of charitable gifts, contributions earmarked to individuals are expressly not tax deductible. Allowing donations to pass through the church without control of those funds resting at the church violates this regulation and potentially jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of the Foursquare denomination.

The church must not receive funds designated for an individual [or a specific ministry]. The church must receive funds from either the general fund or a fund set up by the Church Council. Funds may be disbursed out of these donor-restricted funds at the direction of the church Council and not a donor.

WHAT THIS MEANS: Effective immediately, Destiny can no longer accept checks written or directed to a specific person or ministry. I.e., a check written to "Destiny Foursquare Church" with the request/memo for it to go towards "Pastor Suzy." Another example would be a check written to "Destiny" with a memo to have it go towards a specific ministry, such as "Via Love International."

As an alternative, you will see and hear Destiny collecting offerings, such as on our Missional Giving Sundays, towards our MISSIONAL FUND. We will share about *Via Love International*, as an example, and then collect money towards the MISSIONAL FUND. The Council can then decide to fund *Via Love* from that offering. According to the IRS, the Council, not the donor, must direct the funds. As another example, Destiny can share about a family in need and then ask for giving towards our established BENEVOLENCE FUND. The Council can then decide to give the totality of that offering to said family.

Lastly, suppose you want to continue to support Judah and Candace's church plant, for example. In that case, you must give to their ministry directly, not through Destiny. If you want to bless someone in our congregation, you must do it directly and not process it through the church.

Another change we are making **at the end of February** is **discontinuing the use of PayPal and Tithe.ly as digital giving options.** It was recommended that we narrow down our focus to one option. Per the financial review, *"Using more than one system is cumbersome and more arduous for the bookkeeper to reconcile. We recommend the church consolidate its electronic giving options to one merchant provider to simplify the process."*

Giving digitally at www.mydestiny.family/give, via text messaging, and through the Church Center app will continue to be available options as they are all processed through the same secure organization that we use to manage donations.

Thank you for your understanding and grace as we navigate change.

THE DESTINY COUNCIL



ENGAGEMENT PARTY

Please join us as we celebrate the engagement of
Pastor Shawn M. Shoup and Kimberly Stewart

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

THE GILCHRIST RESIDENCE
2946 Tower Ct, Rapid City, SD

Hosted by Sandra and Jon Gilchrist

Charcuterie and desserts will be served

SAVE THE DATES // WEDDING SERVICES:

Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, in Anaheim, CA
Saturday, Feb 15, 2025, in Rapid City, SD