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The Foothills Flyer: Keeping the Church on Mission

Bridges to Islam Seminar

Value: Everyone a Minister

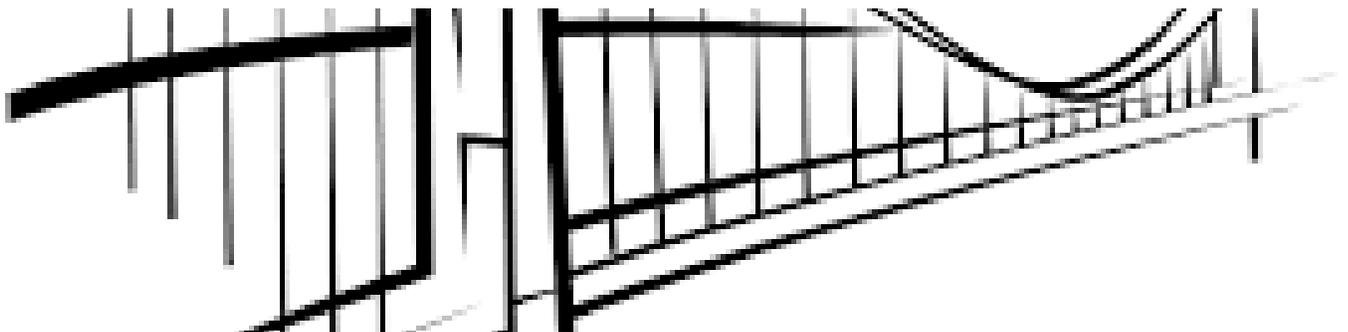
by Pastor Joe Eastman

When I spent a week in Minneapolis during the Engage Global trip, I was fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time with Muslim people. During that time I learned a few things about them. The first thing is, they are just as concerned with the future of their kids and the education of their kids as anyone else. The vast majority of Muslim people, I believe, merely want to raise their families in safety and help them to have a better life. Secondly, the Muslim people are very community minded and are just as concerned with Islamic Extremism as anyone else. Third, Islamic people are in bondage to a religious system that almost seems to inoculate them from any hope in Christ.

As Islamic people continue to come to the United States and even to Albuquerque, we as the church need to find a way to interact effectively with them and to be able to share the love of Christ. However, the fact is that culturally most Muslim people are very far from most average Americans. In order to reach them the responsibility is on us, the church, to reach out to them. Therefore, we must find ways to bridge the gaps between their understanding of things and the Gospel.

To accomplish this effectively, we really need to better understand Islam, how it started, and some basic Islamic theology. We need to understand the common misconceptions Muslims have about Christianity, and we need to understand how we can reach and make friends with Muslims in our community.

To this end, I am excited to announce that a “Bridges to Islam” Seminar will be held at the church starting on Sunday, September 27 and will run for three weeks on Sunday evenings. The plan is for us to meet from 5 to 7:30pm, meeting for a potluck from 5:00 to 5:45 and then watching and discussing the “Bridges” DVD. The “Bridges” course is a solid straightforward introduction to Islam and gives practical and effective ways to bridge your faith to Muslim people.



My Message Time - Needs Volunteers

Value: Holistic Discipleship

by Sarah Dumas

It's hard to believe My Message is beginning the 3rd year of ministry to our youngest Foothills Fellowship Members! I have been blessed to be a regular teacher for My Message since the beginning, and now am transitioning to Ministry Coordinator. I have loved watching the ministry grow and adapt to reach our kids with the Bible message. Since Foothills Fellowship no longer has a Sunday school hour, My Message was developed to be another avenue in which our children can hear, interact with, and be challenged by the Word at their own level.

The volunteer design for My Message consists of serving as a lead teacher (preparing and facilitating the lesson) or serving as an assistant (being available throughout My Message to help with crafts, questions, and directing children to the lesson). Currently My Message serves two age groups, 3-5yrs and 6yrs – 4th grade. With this structure, we need at least 8 pairs of teachers and assistants so that each teacher team will only need to teach once a month.

During this past year we initiated the use of curriculum to support teachers in lesson planning and implementation. Occasionally there is a craft or game to plan in addition to the lesson, but using curriculum has greatly reduced the time required to prepare and develop age-appropriate lessons.

Ways to get involved:

- Please email me if you are interested in serving as a My Message lead teacher or assistant! We got a great start for our pool of volunteers on Sunday so THANK YOU! But there are still slots available if you are interested in serving! The more teacher teams we can build means the fewer times you need to teach each semester.
- If you are not initially ready to serve as a regular teacher or assistant, but would like to be involved, please let me know and I can plug you in as a substitute when needed. Replacing volunteers with substitutes is often easier than switching around teachers within the monthly schedule.
- We will have an Orientation and Planning meeting for all current and future teachers for My Message on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 following the service. This will take place in room 104 with lunch provided.
- Please complete a fall 2015 registration form for your child. The registration forms will be available at the Welcome Desk this Sunday.

Thank you so much for your care and dedication to our youngest members. They are fun and energetic, and need to hear the Word of Lord presented to them in a clear and age-appropriate way – would you join me in this ministry?!

Thank you, please contact me with any questions.

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OUR MISSION: Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshiping community of God's people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God's kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.

OUR CORE VALUES: 1) Jesus Christ, the Head 2) Biblical Leadership 3) Everyone A Minister 4) Ancient/Future Worship 5) Hospitality Without Exception 6) Unity in Community 7) Intentional Families 8) Global Missions 9) Holistic Discipleship