

MARDON RD CHURCH

we exist to encourage each other on this journey of christian faith, to share this message with others and to encourage one another to grow in maturity in christ



ISABELLA MIERS-CASTELLANOS

Congratulations to Jonathon and Daisy on the safe arrival of Isabella Liz on the 21st of September. Isabella was born a healthy 7lb 6oz (3470 grams). We're sure that she already has her daddy and mummy, along with Camila, Jay, and Nanna Nohora wrapped around her little finger!



PRAYER ITEMS

- Please pray for Dephine Mazhanga that she will continue in good health and safely deliver her baby boy.
- Please pray for more help with Sunday School as there is a need for extra volunteers.

THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

The Big Quiz night on the 9th of September turned into an epic clash of intellect and strategy. It was a fun and challenging evening with nine quiz categories such as sports, geography, Bible, brands and logos etc. To keep it interesting there were some wildcard elements such as double point golden tickets and the triple score spinning wheel. The S Club 5 Team won the top prize with the Medieval Maniacs coming a close second. Best dressed went to the groovy Flower Power group and We're So In Sync won the participation award. \$400 was donated to TearFund. Thanks to all who came and made the evening a success.

COMING UP:

- shared lunch* - Sunday 1st October
- operation Christmas child* - 23rd October
- car boot sale* - Saturday 28th October
- church meeting* - Sunday 19th November
- church camp* - 16th to 18th February 2024

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Lindsay Basalyga
- 5th Glenyss Bennett
- 5th Charlotte Goble
- 8th Seun Olayinka
- 12th Jonny Aldworth
- 18th Daisy Miers
- 24th Emma Cooney

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NEWS FROM HOLLY BENNETT

WOW! A whole month has gone by since I came back to Timberline and I can hardly believe it!

The first 2 weeks were spent bonding with staff pretty much 24/7, especially my fellow volunteers who I love! I also got the chance to visit Rocky Mountain national park while on staff retreat and it was so beautiful! Definitely different to where I am, way more rocky - it's missing the glow of the aspen trees which I love. It's weird being a tourist in a place that I live, and although I love and survey the beauty of the Lord's creation, I never feel the need to stop in front of signs and pose for a million photos. Also in those two weeks I spent far too much time sitting in meetings, which sometimes lasted the WHOLE day, ugh.

The students arrived on Wednesday the 6th, and to be honest I think I might have been more nervous than the students were. My job on arrival day was sitting next to my boss, the principal - Sam Hatfield, eek. I pretty much plastered on a smile and nodded/hummed as he talked to the parents and made the same joke in various different ways. Despite the nerves it was a VERY good day, the students were full of life and laughter which made it all a bit easier. Since then it has been pretty smooth, classic small talk over meals and getting to hang out with some of my best friends all day!

I'm thanking the Lord for his sovereignty and how he is in control of every single situation! One of the girls in my small group clicked with me right away, and it was before she knew that we were in the same small group. I was so thankful because it made deeper conversation that much easier. I was also thankful and appreciative of the honesty in my covenant group, as I will be working with these girls the most.

Last week we were on our women's staycation and retreat and got a full week away from boys yay! While we stayed on campus, we were rock climbing, riding bikes like cul de sac kids and playing pickleball - similar

to paddle tennis. Then we went away for the rest of the week to Loveland, a town just outside of Denver. There we spent our time on long walks and



making random bracelets, sleeping under the stars, shopping in real malls - we have 0 of those in Fraser and anything we do have is overpriced (boo). But it helps me save money 😊. If you know me, you know I could talk for hours and this week was perfect for that! Also good to get practice in for driving a 15 passenger vehicle on the wrong side of the road, from the wrong side of the car and on 5 lane highways. The teacher from the week spoke on Jesus' first miracle and 4 days that changed history - Maundy Thursday to Resurrection Sunday. For me, and some of the girls, hearing things that you have heard so many times and then getting something so new and so good from it filled me with Joy. I felt renewed in some way, it was like every single session was filled with 'Ah Ha!' moments. I loved it all!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Our church will participate again this year and will have boxes available soon. National Collection Weeks are coming: 23rd October - 4th November

OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:30a church speaker: Geoff Follas wl: Sam Bennett shared lunch	2 7:15p Bible study @ church	3 7:30p leadership meeting @ Neville's	4 7:30p young adults	5	6	7
8 10:30a church speaker: Hamish Taylor wl: Ben Watkinson	9 7:15p Bible study @ church	10	11 10:00a coffee group @ Glenyss' 7:30p young adults	12 7:15p choir	13 11:45a roving fellowship @ Hamilton Gardens	14
15 10:30a church speaker: Ben Watkinson wl: Sam Bennett	16	17	18 7:30p young adults	19	20	21
22 10:30a church speaker: Peter Moss wl: Tom Bennett	23 Labour day	24	25 7:30p young adults	26 7:15p choir	27 11:45a roving fellowship @ Matte Black cafe	28 8:00a car boot sale @ church
29 10:30a church speaker: Geoff Follas wl: Peter Moss	30	31				