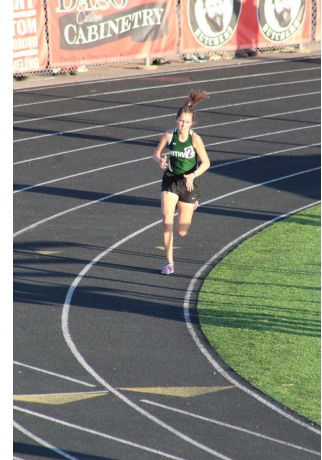


Element 412,

Thank you so much for watching the littles on September 24<sup>th</sup> so we could attend the Marriage seminar!

Colin and Preston had so much fun at the Park! You guys truly are awesome!

Jake + Deb  
Clint



# The Memo

## What You Need to Know to Be In the Know

### Coming Soon

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### Facebook

Want to see more youth pics? We've started to post pictures to Facebook. Simply go to Facebook, search for "Element 412" (a private group), and ask for an invitation to join. NOTE: you have to have an account to join the group, but we will try to provide access at youth group for those wanting to see the pics.090

### 12/10 Christmas Party

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5:00-7:30 PM

Jury's still out on whether each of you has been "naughty" or "nice" - except for Kailyn "Nice Shoes!" Beichler. No idea what Santa is putting in your stocking this year? No worries - we've got a heaping helping of pizza, soda, chips, and dessert after playing Snoops (yes, we'll give you more time this year). Speaking of Snoops, if you want to play (totally voluntary, but lots of fun), come with an unwrapped item \$10 or under beginning with the letter "M" hidden in an open bag (so people can "snoop" what it is in it).

Please RSVP via Remind for food at least one day before so Kellen doesn't have to eat the leftovers. He can do it, but Mrs. Dad



doesn't want him to. Kellen will, however, be glad to beat you at "Snoops".

## 12/17 Christmas Caroling

5:00-7:00 PM

When else are you encouraged to "Ding Dong Dash" after singing a few rousing Christmas songs? Dress warmly (there are no hot chocolate dispensers in Mr. Mom's SUV), bring your family (just because they come doesn't mean they have to ride with you), and maybe a friend or two (there are always plenty of cookies to go around). Please RSVP via Remind as we want to be sure to have enough transportation - if not, Jax might be willing to sing in the church parking lot, but not alone. We'll let him choose those who don't RSVP to join him in several rounds of "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer". As Ronan now has his license (Congratulations, Ronan!/Everyone Else Beware!), lyrics can be changed to "Grandma Got Run Over by Ronan". Or Cameron. Definitely not Kylie - she's probably a great driver!

Events are open to youth from 6th to 12th grades.



## 01/07 Regular Meeting

6:00-7:30 PM

Time for a regular meeting - the one that has friends, Bible, games, and snacks. The one that has Chet teaching, Kellen eating, and the Kileys wondering how they will survive another night in our group. No running away, girls, and no dodging coming everyone else!

Can't wait to see everyone again after your ugly Christmas sweaters no longer fit! Speaking of ugly Christmas sweaters, Amanda, when are you going to be done painting all the scenes on your sweatshirt?



## 01/26 TENTATIVE Glow Tubing

DATE AND TIME TBA

Back by popular demand, this event is tentatively scheduled for January 26th. We'll know more after we purchase tickets, but plan on coming for another run down the hill under the lights at Snow Trails. Tickets will be limited as Snow Trails always sells out prior



to our arrival. Tickets are first-come, first-serve. RSVP on the [church website](#) as soon as details are finalized.

This is a great activity to bring friends to so open up the rolodex (okay, Pastor Scott is probably the only one who knows THAT reference!), the Christmas card list, or the contacts in your phone and extend a few invitations. Hey, Nora Zemancik, Nina Hart, Briley Cline - you going to bring your friends like last year?! The more the merrier!

## 02/04 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

4:30-7:30 PM

Whether going with us to Ark Adventure or just wanting to have a great time helping others earn money to go, join us. We'll set up at 4:30 PM, serve people at 5:30 PM, and clean-up at 6:30 PM. Looking for excellent wait staff to help us make the time extra special. This is an opportunity to get dressed up (we're talking to you, Kaitlyn - break out a dress!), help people get their food (instead of taking it, Brett!), and then put things away in the kitchen and elsewhere (Kiley - with or without Kylie, you can DO IT!)

## 02/11 Super Bowl Party

5:30-8:00 PM

Feel free to come and go as needed - the next day is a school day. Dinner will be provided along with snack foods everyone will bring. Please bring one item to share - chips, soda, baked goods, etc. We'll eat close to 5:30 PM. Kick-off is at 6:30 PM. Bragging rights and \$5 are on the line as someone has to dethrone Nathan, last year's game predictor champ. You don't have to be a fan of who's playing. You don't have to know who's playing. All you have to do is love food, an opportunity to be with friends, and some time to either play games or watch the Big One.

Please RSVP via Remind so we can plan accordingly.

## 03/09 Clay Pigeon Fundraiser

Times TBD



This is the second fundraiser for our trip to Ark Adventure. How can we go wrong shootin' things and making money? Sounds like a winner and a country song. We'll have more details later, but mark this one on your calendar. Chet assures us people are going to smile after shotguns discharge, so it will be like your family reunion - only better. Just don't wear orange if you've been teasing your brother or sister - makes it easier for them to pick you out in tall grass.

### 03/17 Easter Egg Hunt/College Care Package Packing

After church - 4:00 PM

This is an opportunity to serve children in the church or outside its walls. We'll pack eggs prior to the hunt, hide them day of, and then run the hunt and have snacks. For those families open to staying, we'll pack college care packages.

RSVP for lunch and to let us know you can help. We will have a sign-up online for those wanting to hunt eggs, but Elements are too old (and you can't hide the eggs and then find them ... well, you can ... but you shouldn't ... because that would be too easy ... yeah, just too easy).

### 04/12 TENTATIVE Painting

After church - 4:00 PM

Jake (a.k.a. Mr. Mom) has pitched painting the senior high classroom. So for those wanting to put a coat on (a coat that makes a room look nicer not one that makes your body feel warmer - there is a difference, Elizabeth!), plan on joining us. Please dress IN CLOTHES THAT CAN GET PAINT ON THEM! RSVP for lunch. Come with a good attitude, steady hand, and CLOTHES THAT CAN GET PAINT ON THEM! Oh, and make sure you have CLOTHES THAT CAN GET PAINT ON THEM! No exceptions and no excuses!! Follow Jax' lead!

### 04/28 Regular Meeting

6:00-7:30 PM



The room will have that new smell, new look, and we can walk around looking at who make a mistake while painting. Follow Stewie to the youth room at 6:00 PM and we'll play some games, have a snack, and a lesson by Chet. Bring a friend or two. Or homeless people. We welcome both. Probably easier with friends as you'll already know their name. But whatever.

### 05/4 Mulching Fundraiser

TBD

This is the last of our fundraisers for Ark Adventure. We'll have more details as we get closer to the date, but we're going to offer our services spreading mulch, cleaning up brush, etc. for people in the church. Bring clothes that can get dirty, a great attitude, and some energy as we'll be serving others.



### 05/11 Mulching Fundraiser Alt.

TBD

Just in case it rains May 4th, we'll plan this as our backup date. Hopefully we won't need it. Nina is used to singing and we're hoping she's singing Heavenly Sunshine May 4th, but if it rains, she'll be singin' it May 11th. Come join her - unless you don't want to sing - and we'll all go a mulchin'.

### 05/19 Mudding @ Underwood's

2:00-4:00 PM

Were you there last year? Do you have some unfinished business on the course - or with those who line it? This is your chance!!! Mud, mud, mud and soooooo many targets. Come one, come all, and let's party in the mud bog. And this year let's see if Lyla drives the four wheeler :)



### 06/11 Trip to Ark Encounter

Times TBD

We've talked for a few years about taking the group to the Ark in Kentucky - you know, the full-size one even Pastor Scott would fit in? We're finally going to make it happen. We're looking at making it a three-day, two-night trip so we can see everything. If you



haven't been there, it's pretty awesome. We're looking into doing a VRBO for better accommodations, good food, and a great time - plan on coming. We'll have more details as we move forward.

## 06/23 Regular Meeting

6:00-7:30 PM

This is the one where we'll debrief our trip to Ark Encounter. Looking forward to some games, some snacks, and a great time as we traced what we learned, what we still want to know, and how our trip changed our faith. Not planning on going to the Ark? No problem - you can still come and hear what we all learned!



## Stuff the Urge for Stuff – Take 2

*In the syndicated cartoon “Mr. Boffo” Joe Martin pictures a middle-aged man lying on my psychologists couch. The psychologist sits on a chair next to him, listens intently, and writes in a notebook. The man on the couch has a problem “I drive a Mercedes,” he says, “I have a beach house in Bermuda, a 12-room penthouse, a 90-foot yacht. My clothes are made by the finest tailors in London. I have a world-class wine cellar. And yet I’m still not happy.”*

*The psychologist asks, “Do you have a Rolex?”*

*Abruptly the troubled man raises his head from the couch, points his finger in the air, and declares, “Why no, I don’t!”*



*Such is the folly of those who pursue happiness in material possessions. They will always be one purchase away from a happy life. (Brian Craig Larson and Leadership Journal, 750 Engaging Illustrations for Preachers, Teachers, and Writers, p. 341)*

Thanksgiving is over, the turkey has been eaten or frozen, and the decorations have come out for Christmas. Stores have hired temporary help to ring in the holidays, and not with bells like The Salvation Army. In *It's a Wonderful Life*, little Zuzu Bailey says,

# STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND READ THIS!



VINTAGE



“Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings!” In our day, we might say, “Every time a cash register rings, an American gets more things!”

This year, help your children or grandchildren to shorten their wish list, let the plastic cool a bit in your wallet or purse, give the gift of time with a loved one (it’s shorter and cheaper than “things”), and spend more time focusing on the presence of Christ with us (“Emmanuel”) and less time on the presents of Christmas.

You’ll be a little bit richer if you do, and not just at the bank!

Until next month ... Pastor Scott

## NEED A FAN?

We know you are involved in LOTS of stuff: sports teams, drama, music, dance, well - you get the idea. We would LOVE to root you on, so let Pastor Scott know when you are participating and he’ll make an effort to be there. Hey, if you can tolerate your parents being there, you can ... okay, maybe we should just say he’s willing to come!

## Stay Informed!

The most up-to-date information and announcements will be handled via the Remind app. Download the app. The class code is:

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