



FIRST ASSEMBLY

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to know Christ and to make Him known

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Beware of Little Foxes



Some time ago we looked at the sinister characteristics that can rise in the heart of a man or woman that sabotage their relationship. Solomon referred to 'the little foxes that spoil the vine.' A quick revisit of those 'critters' that can curse home and marriage is always helpful and healthy. Though small these foxes can cause significant damage.

One clever fox is **over commitment and exhaustion**. A man or woman may appear to be hard-working and driven but unchecked this 'drive' can lead to a train wreck. Some homes fall apart because spouses are just plain worn out with little energy or time to invest

in affection for their lover and happy attention for the children. --- Don't be a good employee and a poor spouse.

Fox number two is a large handsome creature, **pride**.

Pride is the thing that prevents some men from praying with their family. Pride is the monster that stops a man or woman from admitting they are wrong or need help. Pride won't apologize, won't give-in, and won't ever know the joys of a healthy relationship with spouse or Savior.

Money. Money can't buy me love...but love can't buy me groceries. All the financial planning and wise counsel usually boils down to this; 'don't spend more than you bring in.' Keeping up with the Jones' or Apple's product line is no real accomplishment. Give, save, invest and "honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruit of all your increase." Tithe. It will free you from covetousness, debt, envy and greed. The peace you will bring to your home...priceless.

Boredom. Don't be a dud! Keep the fire of romance and affection bright. Tend to the flame with flirting and cavorting (look it up). You once made effort to make the relationship interesting. Still in the game?

It might be true that some marry too young. But a more prevalent condition is that some people never grow up. **Immaturity** is a menace to every relationship and a real buzz killer to a marriage. You know what it looks like in children. Spoiled, pouting, demanding, possessive, stubborn. You can spank children. But what do you do with the lug on the couch? Or the demanding diva in the kitchen? Well both of you, Grow up! And grow wonderfully happy together.

Keep an eye on your garden. Watch for the foxes trying to spoil the vine of God's grace, goodness and glory that is to be flourishing in the Christian family.

Pastor Wayne

Vertical Kids (ages 4-10)

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
@ First Assembly

We are continuing with our series on Olympic Training. Christian living is often compared to running a race. Winning the competition takes preparation & training. Through these lessons we desire that children grow in their relationship with God and become spiritual champions. Come join us as we work toward obtaining the prize Jesus has set before us.

Date	Topic	Scripture
Feb 1	Lifting Weights	Psalm 28:7
Feb 8	Wrestle to Win	Proverbs 3:5
Feb 15	Focusing on the Target	Romans 12:15
Feb 22	Working as a Team	Romans 12:10
Feb 29	Activity Night—Bowling at Neville Island	

Men's Fellowship

Monday, February 6
6:30 pm—Johnny Carino's
Robinson Township
Please RSVP to Jeremy at
412-608-9558 by February 4.



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Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 25
at 8 am

Kings—Neville Island

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If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Rogerson at 412-608-9558.

Vertical Kids - Bowling
Wednesday, February 29
Paradise Island Bowling—Neville Island
6 - 8 p.m.

Cost \$6—RSVP to Pastor Randy at 412-334-6334



Remember in Prayer:

Ryan Driscoll
Luke Metcalf
Nate Ruffing



Night @
The Towers

Sunday, February 26
Time: 5:30 PM sharp
Movie: to be announced

Cost: Free
All welcome
"FREE SNACKS"



Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

As we begin the New Year, we give thanks to the Lord for the faithfulness of those men and women along with their families who serve the Lord faithfully in their call to foreign missions. Let us also be faithful to lift them up in prayer before the Lord as well as being good stewards in remembering our faith promise pledge.

Let us sow bountifully with our brothers and sisters so we may share in reaping a great harvest for the Lord.

Gal. 6:9-10

Steve Klayko



<p>Red Letter Fellowship @ The Faragos Thursdays at 7 p.m. Studying the Words of Jesus <i>All Are Welcome to Come!</i> For directions, contact: Sam & Karen Farago 412-264-8636</p>	<p>Fridays @ The Odreys February 3 and 17—7:30 p.m. Topic: ACT NORMAL (study book by Scott Wilson based on the book of Acts) For Directions & to RSVP Call Debbie at 412-443-2038.</p>
<p>Ruffings Small Group Book Study: When Heaven Invades Earth by Bill Johnson <i>All Are Welcome to Come!</i> For date, time and directions, contact: Rick & Claudia Ruffing at 412-262-3755</p>	<p>Driscoll Small Group Sundays 5-8 p.m. (geared toward families with young children - children are welcome to attend) For date, time and directions, contact: Susie Driscoll at 724-316-5760</p>

February Midweek Services

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.



Bible Study — Adults meet in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. for prayer.

Junior High Youth Group meets at the Well on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Vertical Kids meet at the Church on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.