



What's happening at flatirons?

Information for all events and programs is available at the Information Center or Children's Ministry Kiosk in the Lobby or online at flatironschurch.com

Ornaments from Afghanistan | this Weekend | Lobby | Suggested donation of \$25 | Ornament donations will be used to purchase food and firewood for families struggling to make it through the winter and to fund micro-business loans in the community of Berek Aub.

FCC Worship CD | this Weekend | Lobby | \$10.00 | CD sale proceeds will benefit Open Door Ministries in Denver. | Open Door embraces the poor, the disabled, street kids and women in crisis in urban Denver by providing shelter, food, clothing and job skill training. | Read more about their work and how you might get involved at www.odmdenver.org

Afghanistan Information Meeting | for **Anyone** | Saturday, January 9 | 8:00pm | Auditorium | Childcare not provided | Join us to find out more about 2010 short-term trips to Afghanistan. | More information online at flatironschurch.com/outreach

Christmas Service Times | Saturday, December 19 - 3:30, 5:00 & 6:30pm and Sunday, December 20 - 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am

Email Addresses | We need your email address for year-end giving statements. Please visit flatironschurch.com/contact to add or update your contact info.

Children's Bibles | The Children's Ministry is selling three different age-appropriate Children's Bibles for \$15 dollars. Stop by the Children's kiosk if you are interested. Makes a great Christmas gift!

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement | for **Anyone** | Mondays, January 18 to May 10 | 6:30-9:30pm | Student Center | Have you thought about going to serve others around the world or wondered how God could use you right where you are? Join us for this 15 week academic-style course that covers the plan and heart of God to redeem the world - from Genesis to Revelation, and throughout world history. This is a great next step for those who desire to leverage their lives for God. | \$250 Audit or \$475 Undergrad/Grad Credit | More information and register at www.perspectives.org/lafayette

Watch Your Baptism Online | for **Anyone** baptized November 14/15 | The baptism videos for all six weekend services have been posted at www.flatironschurch.com/messages

Premarital Workshop | for **Engaged or Seriously Dating Couples** | 5 Week Workshop | Thursdays, January 14 to February 11 | 6:30pm - 9:00pm | Student Center | We will prepare and equip you with the best tools for having a God-centered relationship and marriage. | \$95.00 per couple | Register online at flatironschurch.com/workshops

flatirons programs

fusion | for **Singles** | Saturdays | 8:00 - 9:30pm | Student Center | **No fusion December 19 & 26**

Merge | for **College Age (18-24)** | Sundays | 6:30pm | Childcare not available | **No Merge December 20, 27 & January 3**

Revolution | for **High School** | Tuesdays | Doors open at 6:45pm; Program 6:55 - 8:00pm | Lifegroups 8:00 - 9:00pm | Student Center | **No Revolution December 22 & 29**

Controlled Chaos | for **Middle School** | Wednesdays | Doors open at 6:45pm; Program 6:55 - 8:00pm | Lifegroups 8:00 - 8:30pm | Student Center | **No C2 December 23 & 30**

ReMix | for **5th Graders** | Saturdays at 5:00pm or Sundays at 10:30am | Student Center | **No ReMix December 19/20 & 26/27**

Shift | for **Everyone** | Fridays | BBQ at 5:45pm | Program 7:00 - 9:30pm | Lobby | When life is spinning out of control because of pain in a marriage, divorce, addictions, relationships, depression or anger. When life needs to change.

December 12 & 13, 2009 | "Lights Shining in the Darkness" | Speaker: Scott Nickell Want to be in the know?

For age-specific events or programs, please stop by the Information Center in the Lobby or visit us online at flatironschurch.com. Flatirons online is a great place to find detailed information about upcoming events, opportunities, and support along with tools to help you build a deeper relationship with Christ and with new friends.

What you are about to experience

At flatirons we teach Biblical truths to help people find a better way to do life with Jesus Christ. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, our desire is for you to experience the love God has for you.

Did you come with kids? | The room you have entered is designed for adults (Middle School and older). Children, 4th grade and younger, will be much more comfortable in our Children's Ministry which is designed just for them! There, your child will engage in age-appropriate teaching, games, music and more. You can check your child in for a Children's Ministry classroom at any of the touch screen computers located in the Lobby. ReMix, designed specifically for 5th graders, meets at the Student Center each weekend on Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:30am. **If needed, there is an area in the Lobby for parents with children 12 months and younger.** If you have further questions, please stop by the Children's Ministry Kiosk in the Lobby today.

Volume | If you find the music too loud, please visit the Information Center in the Lobby for ear plugs. Ear plugs are also available at the Auditorium doors.

Distractions | To allow you and those around you to be more fully engaged in today's service, please turn off or mute all cell phones, pagers and beepers. Please use the Lobby area for any necessary conversations.

Offering | Jesus taught that one of the ways we worship God is by giving our lives away... our time... our talent... and our treasure. Each week we receive an offering. Every dollar given here at flatirons goes directly to fund our mission to bring the awesome love of Christ to those in our community and our world. Those of us who consider flatirons our church home give with a generous and joyful heart to support this mission and the ministries of the church. Offering buckets are available at auditorium doors at the conclusion of each service.

Communion | For nearly 2000 years, followers of Jesus have used bread and wine/juice as symbols to remember that Jesus gave his own body and blood to pay for all of our mistakes and shortcomings. At flatirons, we frequently participate in communion together. On weekends that communion is not offered as part of our service, communion bread and wine (juice) may be found on tables at the rear of the auditorium. You are welcome to visit one of these tables anytime during today's service.

Prayer Requests | Prayer request cards are located at the communion tables. The flatirons Prayer Team would love to pray for your request or you can submit a request online at flatironschurch.com

BRIx | Building Relationships in Christ. For updates, resources, and info regarding our new building, visit the Info Center in the Lobby or check out flatironschurch.com/brix

Sign Language Interpretation | Available at the front left section of the Auditorium at the Saturday 5:00pm service. **Sign Language will also be available at the 9:00am service December 20.** Interpreters are also available for most events, workshops, etc. Contact signlanguage@flatironschurch.com

Animals in Auditorium | We welcome certified service animals into our facility. **However, we ask that you keep all other pets at home.**

Do you want to meet new people?

People often ask what the best way is to get to know people here at flatirons! Stop by the Info Center in the Lobby for more information about volunteering or check out our Community Groups resource online at flatironschurch.com/flatironslist

Questions?

If after listening to today's service you have questions or just need to talk with someone, please come down to either side of the stage where there are people who would love to talk and pray with you.

Just

This Weekend

December 12 & 13, 2009 | "Light Shining in the Darkness" | Speaker: Scott Nickell

Once again, it's that time of year where we decorate our homes, rush around buying presents for people that we care about (trying not to think about next month's credit card statement), hit some parties, drink some "egg nog" and...oh yeah, remember that it's the birthday of Jesus. Why do we do all of this? Because it's Just Christmas. That's what you do, right? Maybe. But, maybe, there's something more...something overlooked, something that Jesus doesn't want us to forget in that little word..."Just."

Scripture

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:1-4 (New International Version) Page 736

¹A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

²She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. ⁴His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

Revelation 12:1-4 (New International Version) Page 854-855

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (New International Version) Page 736

Scripture (cont.)

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:22-27 (New International Version) Page 837

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

¹⁹You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:14-19 (New International Version) Page 837-838

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (New International Version) Page 804

³³"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (New International Version) Page 751

¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

John 17:18 (New International Version) Page 751



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