

Upcoming 10th Graders

“When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.” – Isaiah 43:2

- **There are two summer reading assignments (so read #1 and #2); one is a book and oral presentation; the other is an assigned passage of scripture and a writing assignment:**

1. All 10th graders are required to read one of the following books over the summer.

- **Assignment: A 4-6 minute oral presentation - book report and critique - over one of the books**

- **The book choices, a mixture of fiction and non-fiction, biblically based, classic, and contemporary, are the following:**

- Erasing Hell by Francis Chan

How could a loving God send people to hell? Will people have a chance after they die to believe in Jesus and go to heaven? With a humble respect for God's Word, Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle address the deepest questions you have about eternal destiny. They've asked the same questions. Like you, sometimes they just don't want to believe in hell. But as they write, "We cannot afford to be wrong on this issue." This is not a book about who is saying what. It's a book about what God says. It's not a book about impersonal theological issues. It's a book about people who God loves. It's not a book about arguments, doctrine, or being right. It's a book about the character of God. Erasing Hell will immerse you in the truth of Scripture as, together with the authors, you find not only the truth but the courage to live it out.

- The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
D'Artagnan, arriving in Paris from Gascony with no horse and few worldly goods, wishes to join the King's Guards. He finds himself in the company of the three musketeers, Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, the most renowned fighters of their day. The adventures they share, fighting for the honor of the Queen against the machinations of "Milady," are rich in drama, color, and romance.
- Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom, ISBN 076790592X
A Detroit Free Press journalist and best-selling author recounts his weekly visit with a dying teaching who, years before, had set him straight.
- Through my Eyes by Tim Tebow
An inspirational memoir about life as Tim Tebow has chosen to live it, revealing how his faith and family values combined with this relentless will to succeed have molded him into the person he is today. As the son of Christian missionaries, Tebow has a unique story to

tell – from the circumstances of his birth, to home-schooling, to his record-setting collegiate career.

- **It's Not About Me** by Max Lucado (teen edition ISBN 1591452902)
Lucado takes the biggest lie we've all believed (the one that says it's all about me) and shows us the truth that will bump us squarely off the center of the world. Wouldn't it be nice to live the life you were born to live? The one that makes sense? Read some pretty amazing stories of real-life teens that make the shift from "me-centered" to "God-centered" living.
- **Mere Christianity**- by C.S. Lewis
A forceful and accessible discussion of Christian belief that has become one of the most popular introductions to Christianity and one of the most popular of Lewis's books. Uncovers common ground upon which all Christians can stand together.
- **Emma** by Jane Austen
Jane Austen's Emma is a novel of courtship. Like all of Austen's novels, it centers on the marriage plot; who will marry whom? For what reasons will they marry? Are the reasons love, practicality or necessity? At the center of the story is the title character, Emma Woodhouse, an heiress who lives with her widowed father at their estate, Hartsfield. What life changing decisions does Emma make? Read this interesting romantic novel and find out!
- **Burn** by Ted Decker
Gypsy Janeal Mikkado is an explosive situation. When her kumpania was attacked and her friend was about to be burned to death, Janeal chose to disappear with the million dollars she discovered. Now the person she though was dead is back! Will Janeal face her pat, or be consumed by flames of guilt and fear?
- **If there is another book that you would like to read in lieu of ONE of the two choices, then e-mail me at karlalewellyn@fbaeagles.org and I will either approve the book or ask you to please choose another. Also, remember that if you choose a Christian-themed book, the point is not that you agree with its tenets, but that you view it through a biblical lens. God's word is the only unadulterated, pure truth.**

Acts 17:11- Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, [a]for they received the word with [b]great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

2. Read 1st John chapters 1-5 (the book of 1 John).

- **Assignment: Three page (double spaced) essay including the following:**
 - **A short summary of the book**
 - **Application: What are the major components of the book? How does this book apply to the life of a Christian? How does this book apply to your life? Give specific examples and reflections.**