

## *Il Faro, International Baptist Church*

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### *Pastoral Pensieri*

“Man, by nature, desires to know,” asserts Aristotle in *Metaphysics*. In the film, *A Few Good Men*, Colonel Jessup scolds Lt. Kaffee, “You don’t want the truth, you can’t handle the truth.”



Søren Kierkegaard wrote in his journal, “I need to understand my purpose in life, to see what God wants me to do, and this means that I must find a truth which is true for me.” Do we really want the truth? Are we afraid of it? Is truth relative? Is there a truth for me, and a truth for you? Mankind asks the eternal question, “What is truth?” As Christians, we know the truth and we are freed by it. However, we have not always been as patient, modest, curious, and humble in sharing the truth, and people reject the ambassador as much as the message. As you share the truth of God this week, practice Peter’s teaching, “Sanctify Christ in your heart, be prepared intellectually to explain God’s truth, and do so with humility and reverence for God.” -- *Dr. Timothy A. Monahan*

### *Special Events*

#### **Use Your Gifts**

Maybe you want to be involved in a cross-cultural ministry, but you don’t know where to begin. Tim Faulkner is our “Connections Elder,” so don’t be shy, Tim isn’t, and grab him after church and ask how you can be a part of a small group or a ministry.

#### **Buon Appetito**

*Man against food* neapolitan style. Come learn to cook like a Neapolitan. *Il Faro* will begin the *Cucina Napoletana* classes again. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship and Italian cuisine. We will start at the Campanile home on February 27. Check the bulletin for the “extra neapolitan” time.



#### **International Festa**

Our small groups will host once again the *International Festa*. This is a chance to share our rich cultures and foods with others. The event will be held on April 18 at the church. Check the bulletin for the time.

#### **Buildings, Budgets, and Business**

We still have to find another location to meet. *Il Faro* has to be out of the present location by August 31. We need at least 300 square meters for our worship area and at least six rooms for classrooms and office space. There are about four options on the table. Let Elder Mark Green know if you have any knowledge of an available building.

#### **Historical Day Trip**

We are going to visit Cassino and Roccasecca, home of Thomas Aquinas. These towns played a part in world history, so reserve a seat on the bus. Check the bulletin for details!