

Good morning and welcome to services! April's L2L convention will be here before we know it, and the deadline for L2L registration and completion of year round events is February 1st. Alison is planning a Ladies Brunch for Saturday, January 23rd at 10AM in the Activity Building. Any ladies involved in L2L speech, singing, or scripture reading, please get with Alison and sign up by January 15th. Bible Bowl practice will begin Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00PM in classroom number 3. You may want to read through the book of Hebrews at home on your own (I know we are reading it in class, too). Have a safe week!
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"But He answered and said, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' Matthew 4:4 NKJV

"RESOLUTION OR COMMITMENT"

Turning to a new calendar year leaves us feeling hopeful of better things. Everyone seems to be talking about how good it will be to leave 2020 behind. If only it were as easy as that. Actually, there are likely many good things we might recall about the past year, if only we took the time to count our blessings. But, this is a time when people talk about moving forward and many of us are likely consider changes for the year ahead. The idea of making a New Year's resolution is viewed quite negatively in the eyes of many, likely because such resolutions are so often made and so frequently forgotten. A resolution is a "firm determination...the act of resolving to do something." If made without firm determination, resolutions become little more than promises made to be broken. These are not resolutions at all, but wishful thinking or good intention. Perhaps, commitment is a better word. A commitment is "a pledge to do something....The state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to some course of action...." Whether we call it resolution or commitment, the Christian's life is marked by new beginnings—changes in attitude and performance that lead us in the direction of spiritual growth. Spiritual renewal is a daily part of Christian living. The apostle Paul said that the inward man is "being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16).
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JUST A PUFF OF WIND

The clouds above squeezed out a raindrop. Below this little droplet set a house at the peak of a mountain. This house wasn't sitting on just any mountain though. It was sitting at the peak of a mountain on the Great Continental Divide. As all the other droplets hit the roof, they were sent to one side of the divide or the other. Some would fall off to one side of the divide and began heading to the Pacific Ocean. Other drops fell off the opposite side and headed for the Atlantic Ocean. The little water drop continued to fall and was just about to hit the peak of the roof. It looked as if it was going to end up on the Atlantic side. Just then, a little puff of wind came. This gentle breath of air caused the little droplet to change directions, landing it on the Pacific side. At just the right moment, this little puff of wind changed the raindrop's path. This small wind resulted in a massive change in direction. We see people every day. Going about their normal lives. Doing the things they normally do. Sometimes we talk with them. Sometimes we joke with them. Maybe at times we even develop friendships with them. These people are currently heading towards one of two spiritual destinations (Matthew 25:34, 41). What we do with the people we meet can drastically change their eternal end.
ADAPTED

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

BE CAREFUL OF THE WORLD

We often sing, "This world is not my home; I'm just a-passing through." This expresses a sense of heavenly citizenship and hope that we have in the inheritance promised by God (1 Pet 1:3-5). It is good to be reminded of how important it is to keep our hearts focuses on Christ and toward the heavenly hope. This is the anchor of our souls (Heb 6:13-20). Hearing and seeing the world sound like and look like "the world" should not surprise us as Christians. As far as the world is concerned, we should know what to expect. We can identify the world for what it is and not be afraid of it. Poison isn't so scary when we know what it is and know how to avoid it. If we are aware and prepared, we can handle what the world throws at us. God has given us the armor to withstand along with the sword of the Spirit to wield (Eph 6:10-18). Let us never underestimate the importance of the preparation and dedication to our relationship with God. As James wrote, "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (Jas 4:4). What does frighten me is when Christians sound like and look like the world. When the world has had such a strong impact on our thinking and way of life that we cannot imagine life without the things it offers, without our sense of worldly entitlements, we are in spiritual trouble. We ought to think of the rich young ruler who went away grieved at being told he needed to sell what he had, give to the poor, and follow Jesus (Mark 10:17-22). How would we react to such a radical statement? If our first reaction is, "well that doesn't apply to me," it may have more application than we realize. How much would I be willing to divest for the sake of Christ?

DON MOYER

**One Responds
New Year Off To Great Start.
40 Respond to invitation in
2020. 8 Baptized**



From Dan's desk:

The New Year is off to a great start. We are grateful to all of you who are present today. We continue to average more at the Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday and at the worship services as well. This is great. This means that 2021 will prove to be a better year for our country, state, city and the Church here. We are grateful for those who continue to grow in their walk with God and endeavor to encourage others. Last Sunday BRET MICHAEL NASH responded to make a deeper commitment to Christ. We are thankful for his tender heart and desire to live close to the Lord. The world is so corrupt and Christians find it difficult at times to maintain our influence for good. The Elders are making the effort to lead the church to greater heights. Many of the plans we made last year were thwarted because of the Covid-19. This year we are attempting to implement a number of those plans. You will be given a letter from the Elders and update of plans for 2021. The Elders have decided that we will not raise the budget this year because several are looking for employment and others are sick and cannot work. The uncertainty of the future has resulted in this decision. We appreciate your support. Thanks for your continued liberality and for your spirit of giving. We believe that this year will provide many opportunities for us to minister to many others. So many are hurting at this time and we ask that you remember them in your prayers and do what you can to help alleviate the pain. See you Tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BETH FREEMAN is continuing cancer treatments both in Dallas and here.

DALE SPARKS had a biopsy this last week in Tyler and awaiting results.

SUE GRUBBS has Covid-19 and has been in the local hospital this last week.

Others who have been ill are improved

PRAYER LIST IN FOYER.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Kathy Young and family in the death of her mom, BILLIE SUE OWENS-BEDFORD. Billie passed away on Monday of last week and her services were held last Wednesday.

RESPONSES

**FOR PRAYER and
REDEDICATION
BRET MICHAEL NASH**

Eyes on You

Brett Petrillo

A story is told about Cyrus, the founder of the Persian Empire. Through his conquests, he captured a prince and his family. When they came before him, the monarch asked the prisoner, "What will you give me if I release you?" "The half of my wealth," was his reply. "And if I release your children?" "Everything I possess." "And if I release your wife?" "Your Majesty, I will give myself." Cyrus was so moved by his devotion that he freed them all. As they returned home, the prince said to his wife, "Wasn't Cyrus a handsome man!" With a look of deep love for her husband, she said to him, "I didn't notice. I could only keep my eyes on you -- the one who was willing to give himself for me" **SELECTED**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies Bible Class will resume meeting this Tuesday morning at 9:30 A.M. in the chapel. Our study is entitled "WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST?" All of the ladies are invited and urged to attend.

January 10th, 2021

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Beth Freeman-undergoing cancer treatment, she is improving

Rick Giles-recovering from back surgery

Larry Hooper remains ill at home recovering from surgery

Dale Sparks- recovering from biopsy and results pending

Mary Jo Thomason is having treatments on her legs

Emalie Tuschoff recovering from a fall. She is in Rehab.

Roseann Carthen recovering from back surgery

Ruth San Miguel mother of Rozanna May and staff at a local Nursing Home-Covid-19

W.F. Lane and wife Charlotte, (Father & Mother of Billy Lane) are recovering from Covid-19

Jan Ridgeway (Dan's sister) is recovering with Covid-19

Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Barbie Bellamy & son (Keith Bellamy's daughter)- health issues

Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas

Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer

Maurine Ellis (of Sam's mom) numerous health issues.

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

THE ELDERS