

The Trumpet

“The trumpet shall sound...and we shall be changed”
(I Corinthians 15:52)



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Pastor's Pen

The tradition of the New Year's Resolution goes all the way back to 153 B.C. Janus, a mythical king of early Rome was placed at the head of the calendar. With two faces, it was believed that Janus could look back on past events and forward to the future. The Romans named the first month of the year after Janus, the god of beginnings and the guardian of doors and entrances. At midnight on December 31, the Romans imagined Janus looking back at the old year and forward to the new.

The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, Babylonians celebrated the beginning of a new year on what is now March 23, although they themselves had no written calendar.

The Romans continued to observe the New Year on March 25, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the New Year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the New Year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.



Around the world, New Year's traditions are observed and resolutions are made. Traditional rituals and observances are thought to bring good luck and

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prosperity for the coming year. Resolutions are personal promises made to one's self for improvement or the abolition of a bad or harmful habit. Every New Year brings endless resolutions, and a couple weeks later – endless broken resolutions

Statistics show that there are over 200 million adults in America. Of that number about 45% or nearly 100 million, will make a New Year's resolution. Statistics reveal that over 80% of New Year's

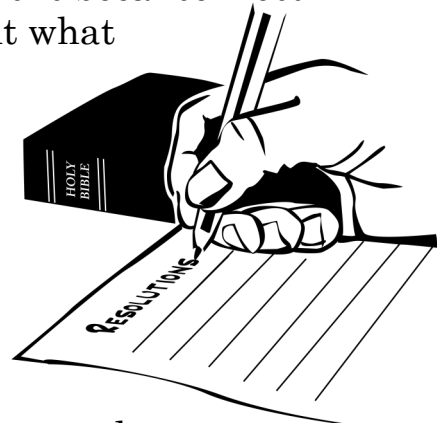
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resolutions are never kept. Is it possible the reason for this is because most resolutions are often about temporal things, and not about what matters eternally?

I believe if our resolutions are more about those things that matter eternally then they are God-inspired, God-directed, and God-given visions. The problem is we don't always demonstrate the patience needed for God to bring to fruition what He's doing in our life. We grow impatient, become frustrated and soon give up because things are not happening according to our timeline.

As we begin a new year, with new hopes and new dreams; let me encourage you with this verse: *"For the vision is yet for an appointed time...though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not be late."* (Habakkuk 2:3)



Happy in His service,

Pastor Jim

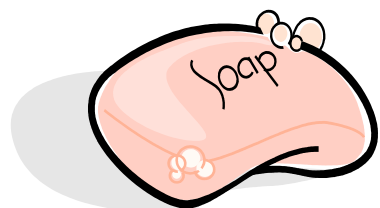
Operation Christmas Child

What a blessing it was to give 75 boxes to Operation Christmas Child this year. We will let you know where those boxes ended up as soon as we are told. Let's try to send even more boxes next year to reach more children and families with God's Love!

In order to do this we need to start shopping now for next year's boxes! We will be collecting items each month and in October we will have another "Packing Party" to pack most of the boxes. We will then ask you to finish filling the boxes and return them by mid-November.

This month we are collecting SOAP. Please place any donations in the basket by the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget to continue to pray for the children and families that received our boxes. Pray that in the weeks to come they will read the gospel booklet included in each shoebox and come to know the Lord.



Deacons' News

We pray that everybody has had a great CHRISTmas in 2011. This year in December the Deacons passed out pocket planners and pens to adults. If you need an additional one or did not get one, see Nicole or John in the church office as we have a few left.

We now have 5 Deacons. We are working on assigning church families to Deacons. The Deacons are: Jim Clark, Steve Noland, John Ring, Wayne Clark, and Ken Anderson.

As your Deacons, we are here for you as is the Pastor. If we can be of any spiritual help, pray for you, etc, (happy times or sad times), please let us know.

We are looking forward to serving you in this year, 2012. Looking forward to some new and exciting things.

Doing God's Will

Your Deacons

Sunday Evening Discipleship Training

We will be starting two new options for Sunday Evenings, a Men's and a Women's study starting January 8th at 5:30 p.m. Pastor will still have a Sunday Evening Service as well. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer so we can order materials and plan for our spaces. Thank you! There is childcare available.

Men, Your study is entitled: "More to Life: Engaging through Story". This is an evangelistic training that will enable believers to share their faith easier and provides an understanding of the Gospel. See you there!



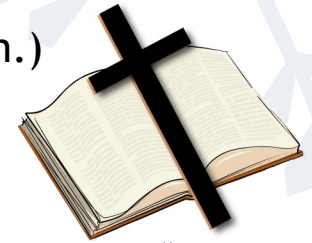
Ladies, we will be offering a Bible study Sunday evenings called "Dramatic Encounters with God" by Nicole Johnson. Nicole will be sharing stories of people whose lives were changed by a dramatic encounter with Jesus. There is no weekly Bible study required. Please remember to bring your Bibles.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

January Calendar

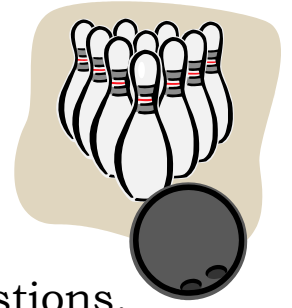
Happy New Year

- Jan 1 *New Year's Day*
 ~ No Evening Service, No Awana Youth, No Potluck ~
 Special Sunday School Fellowship (9:00 a.m.)
- Jan 2 *Offices Closed ~ New Year's Day Observed ~*
No MDO ~ Christmas Break
- Jan 4 Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
 No Awana
- Jan 8 Potluck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
 Men's Leadership Team Meeting (1:30 p.m.)
 Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies Starts (5:30 p.m.)
- Jan 9 MDO Resumes
- Jan 14 Men's Bowling Fellowship (12:00 p.m.)
- Jan 15 Deacons' Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Jan 16 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ Offices Closed*
- Jan 18 Nominating Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- Jan 21 Ladies' Birthday Brunch
- Jan 29 5th Sunday Associational Sing here!
- Jan 30 Church Council (7:00 p.m.)
- Jan 31 Sunday School Teacher's Training (6:30 p.m.)



Men's Bowling Fellowship

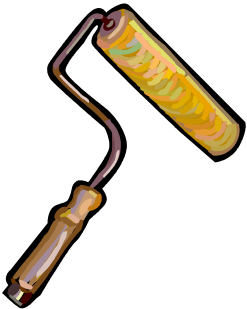
Men, join us on Saturday, January 14th from 12—3 p.m. as we go bowling! Come and have a great time of fellowship. The cost will be around \$8 if we have at least 20 men there. Sign up in the foyer. Contact Rick Sebring at 867-3155 if you have any questions.



Maintenance Committee Update

It's that time of year again. We of the Maintenance Committee hope everyone had a prosperous and God filled holiday period. We are poised to start the New Year with classroom repurposing and all the additional painting and renovations that may be required. We hope to accomplish this as expediently as our Pastor desires.

The main reason I include this from the Maintenance Committee is that the Sunday School Teachers involved with the relocation are all part of the maintenance crew. I am referring to Jim Clark, Wayne Clark, Bill Menhart, and Jeremiah Carley (due to his wife being in charge of the library). The rest of the Maintenance Committee will add our labor as required.



We look forward to having the youth and young couples assist in this venture.

Dave Ellis, Maintenance Committee Chair

Food Court

NEW YEAR'S TURKEY SOUP

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1 meaty turkey carcass
8 c. of water
1 tbsp. instant chicken bouillon granules

1 (16 oz.) can tomatoes, cut up
1/2 c. sliced carrot
1 med. turnip (pared and dice) 1/2 cup
1/4 c. snipped parsley
1 to 2 tsp. salt

1 c. sliced celery
1/2 c. chopped onion
1 to 2 snipped parsley
1 bay leaf



In large dutch oven, combine turkey carcass, cutting as necessary to fit pan, water, and bouillon granules. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours. Remove turkey carcass. When cool enough to handle, remove meat from bones; discard bones. Add meat to broth along with un-drained tomatoes, celery, turnip, onion, parsley, salt and bay leaf. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 30 minutes or until vegetables are "nearly tender". Remove bay leaf.

Ladies' Bible Study

As God's child, I know He has freed me. I know He is with me. I know He has given me precious promises. But sometimes I don't live like I believe it.

If this is you then join us in February for a 7-week Bible study from Priscilla Shirer, One in a Million. You'll be given a one-in-a-million opportunity to learn how to experience God's promises in daily living. Keep an eye out for the sign up list. I hope to see you there!



Comedy Corner

Can you figure out the *Real* name of these Christmas songs?

1. The apartment of 2 psychiatrists.
2. The lad is a diminutive percussionist.
3. Decorate the entry-ways .
4. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis.
5. A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.
6. Present me naught but dual incisors for this festive Yuletide.
7. The smog-less bewitching hour arrived.
8. Exuberation to this orb.
9. 288 Yuletide hours.
10. Do you perceive the same longitudinal pressure which stimulates my auditory sense organs.
11. The red-suited pa is due in this burg.
12. Stepping on the pad cover.
13. Uncouth dolt has his beezee in the booze and thinks he is a Dark Cloud's boyfriend.
14. Far back in a hay bin.

1. Nutcraker Suite, 2. The Little Drummer Boy, 3. Deck the Halls, 4. Silent Night, 5. Noel (no L), 6. All I Want for Christmas is my 2 front teeth, 7. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, 8. Joy to the World, 9. The 12 days of Christmas, 10. Do You Hear What I Hear?, 11. Santa Claus is Coming to Town, 12. Up On the House Top, 13. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 14. Away in a Manger

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

12 Perry Jewett
 15 Bill & Robin Menhart
 16 Kent Clark
 19 Paul Gibson
 22 Tami Imlay



26 Elizabeth Sears
 29 Rylee Carley
 30 Keith Furrow
 Birgitta Lankford

Happy Birthday

If you do not see your name here and would like to:
 please contact the church office at 587-3828 and let us know your birthday and/or anniversary.