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The Trumpet

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



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Pastor's Pen

We stand today at the doorway to a new year. It is always bittersweet. Bitter because it brings into focus how fast time passes and age creeps upon each of us. Sweet because with the new year comes new beginnings; opportunities to scale new heights and conquer new horizons. I suspect that is why so many people start the new year with list of personal resolutions. The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1, record many of his. This one gives insight to his character:

Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.

Frances R. Havergal, a well-known hymn writer in the 1800's, offered this poem as her new year's resolution:

Another year is dawning, Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with thee.

Another year of progress, Another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness, The glory of thy face.

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Another year of leaning Upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, Of witness for thy love,
Another year of training For holier work above.

Another year is dawning, Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, Another year for thee.

“Come now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go

into such and such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; whereas ye know not what shall be on the next day. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeared for a little time, and then vanished away.” (James 4:13-14)

Be very careful to make every day a day with the Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim

Deacons Family Ministry

The goal of the Deacon Family Ministry is to join with the pastor in ministering to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each church member and regular attending family. To meet this goal, we have assigned specific families to each deacon to ensure all are served.

Standing beside and working with the deacons are our Family Ministry Partners. The Family Ministry Partners enable the church to minister to all with just a handful of deacons. It is the sincere hope of the deacons and the Family Ministry Partners that you feel free to call on us if you or anyone in your family is ill, in the hospital or faces a tragedy. At the same time, if there is a great joy or triumph you would like to share, we would love the opportunity to rejoice with you.

If you have any questions about the Deacon Family Ministry or are unsure of who your deacon and/or Family Ministry partner is please feel free to contact me or the church office.

God bless!

Jim Clark - Deacon Chairman

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry formed by Franklin Graham that takes Christmas gifts and the Gospel to underprivileged children all over the world. We are collecting items to fill shoeboxes in November. Each month we will highlight a different item to bring in. But, please remember we will take all types of donations at any time! For January please bring in wash cloths & soap.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

The Price We Pay

Jesus told us a lot about what it was going to cost to be a Christian. Becoming a Christian was not something to be entered into lightly; believers were expected to be willing to give up everything for Christ. This is explained at least in part by the price Jesus had to pay. The one who had from all eternity been God left His heavenly abode and took on the form of a man. We could try to make an analogy between what Christ did and a human being becoming an insect. But, that would only be a faint echo of what the Lord did. That is because the difference between God and man is much greater than that between man and an insect. God is self-existent, that is He needs nothing outside of Himself. So, the difference between the one who is self-existent and a dependent creature like man is infinitely greater than that between two dependent beings – a man and an insect.

To qualify as savior Jesus lived a perfect life, a life without sin. By the way, there is a disagreement between Christians as to whether or not Jesus was able to sin but did not and Christ being impeccable, that is unable to sin. Certainly, the divine nature could not sin. But, many say that neither could his human nature. Remember, all Christians believe that Jesus did not sin; this disagreement is only over whether or not He could sin. Here are three objections to the idea of impeccability. First, it would make the temptations in the wilderness meaningless. If Christ were impeccable then His reply to the Devil should have been something like, “Why are you tempting me Satan? Don’t you know I can’t sin?” Second, why does the scripture praise Jesus for not sinning if He could not sin? Hebrews 4:14-15 says, *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.* This text is praising Jesus for not having sinned when He was tempted. Moreover, if His human nature was not able to sin what possible meaning could there be in saying He was tempted. The third objection to impeccability is that the Last Adam, Jesus, could not have an advantage the first Adam did not. For the Lord to not be able to sin would mean he was not truly representing us as the first Adam did. Jesus had to have everything we do, a human body and a human soul, else whatever He lacked could not be saved in the atonement.

Having lived a sinless life, Jesus offered that life on the cross for the sins of His people. The scripture says, *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him* (II Cor. 5:21). Our sin was

reckoned to Christ and He paid the ultimate penalty for it. In the garden when Jesus prayed asking if there was any other way it was no doubt with a view to what He was about to suffer. His concern was not with the physical abuse He would suffer. Many men have suffered as much as the Lord in that regard. It was in light of the weight of sin that would be placed on Him. Each of us knows to some extent what we would bear if we suffered for our own sin. But, the sin burden of uncounted millions was laid on our Savior, something that we cannot even begin to comprehend.

Therefore, whatever price we pay for being Christians is infinitesimal compared to what the Lord Jesus paid for us. It is not difficult to understand that with our minds but implementing it in our lives is a task we all find difficult. The world is too much with us. All we have ever known is life on earth. We can only look forward to the life to come, to that time when we will be with the Lord forever. Our struggle to give our all for Jesus demonstrates that our sanctification is not complete. No matter how we try we are not free from sin. Sin is not just an occasional problem for us but something we deal with every day.

We are now faced with a New Year that will present us with more and more challenges to our faith. Values that our culture as a whole held just a few years ago are now rejected and even seen as evil. It is difficult to deal with the changes we see in society. But, the fact that this abandonment of a Christian world view was predicted (II Timothy 2:1-5) tells us that God is in control and that events are transpiring according to His plan. Therefore, we do not look for new ways to deal with the situation. What we need to do is what Christians have always done.

1. We worship with the people of God at a local church. How often should we go? Hebrews 10:26 encourages us to not to forsake our assembling together as is the habit of some but all the more as we see the day drawing near.
2. We pray. Our lives should be bathed in prayer. It is a great weakness of the church today that there is so little prayer.
3. We study scripture. We have the very Word of God available. It will change us and those we have contact with if we know it well. Don't just read verses, study the context. Ask these questions. What does it say? What does it mean? How should I apply it to my life?
4. We evangelize. If we are going to see the changes to society that we want it will not be and in fact cannot be by persuading unbelievers of the truth of the Christian understanding of what is right. Only the converted person can embrace Christian values.

The price we pay is our time, our effort and our commitment. The reward comes when Jesus says, *Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 1 New Year's Day – Offices Closed
- 1 - 4 Christmas Break No MDO, No Awana, No Prayer Meeting
- 5 Memorial Service for Ray Danner (2:00 p.m.)
- 6 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 7 No MDO
- 8 MDO Resumes
- 8 Ladies Leadership Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 9 Awana Resumes
- 14 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 21 MLKJ Day Offices - closed - No MDO
- 25 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Sunday School - 9:30a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship- 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Maintenance Committee

The maintenance committee has been busy dealing with repairs and the seasonal needs of the church. We did snow removal after the recent heavy snow. We also put up the silhouettes for the Christmas celebration. And we repaired the exterior wall of the youth classroom

Thomas Wescott

Maintenance Committee Chairman



Finance Committee Report

The finance Committee, consisting of Bob Neubauer, Martha Hazelbaker, and Julie Harper, has completed and submitted a new budget for the year 2019 making a special effort to include budget fund percentages for church community outreach and capital investments for improvements, remodeling and replacement of equipment as a permanent part of our budget. The 2019 budget is based on the last two years income averages. With God's grace and each members faithfulness in giving, we are confident the needs will be met.



We are happy to welcome Martha Hazelbaker into the Finance Committee. Her 16 years of accounting experience has proved to be very helpful in our tasks of monitoring and auditing church financial activities. Martha has also stepped up to take on an additional role as Assistant Treasurer for which she is being trained currently to insure the church has multiple members familiar with our financial infrastructure. Bob Neubauer is also acting as our Assistant Chairperson and likewise, his many years of experience and knowledge have been priceless in helping to overcome the financial challenges we face. God has blessed us with exceptional talent in these faithful servants of the Lord.

Now that our accounting records have been in a centralized computer accounting system for more than a year, we have had the necessary data to start analyzing and focusing on expenses that are either extra budgetary or beyond the capability of our organization to support. We will try to keep the membership informed of changes and methods by which these expenses can be cut or eliminated in the coming years. The most important upcoming challenge will be to reduce the copier expenses by not outsourcing the service to other organizations or individuals. We must reduce copies to below 20,000 per year to stay on budget and hopefully find a less expensive service or copier to meet our needs. We have over a year and a half left on the current contract, so our only option is to reduce the number of copies made and try to find a less expensive contract or machine in the future. Also, due to the complexity and time it takes to keep our accounting records up to date and process all payables and receivables, the request for an on-staff part time bookkeeper was submitted and approved by the membership in November 2018. We want to thank the membership for another year of faithful service and giving to this church family. Our church has a large impact on our community and your giving increases our ability to reach Mountain Home for Jesus Christ. We pray Gods blessings for all in the coming year and wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

Julie Harper-Finance Committee Chair

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Darlene Artz
1 Amanda Case
2 Garry Harper
4 Lendell Simler
7 Osi Osgood
11 Cameron Case
16 Kent Clark



23 Christine Parsons
25 Avery Blair
26 Elizabeth Sears
26 Daniel Williams
31 Heather Osgood
31 Ann Parsons
31 Eric Grohs

17 Tyrone & Ann Parsons
2/1 Bob & Rose Pursell

25 Sam & Darlene Artz



First Week February Birthdays

1 Annabelle Brooks
2 Adam Case
4 Mark Barnes

6 Alice Williams
7 Jadyn Blair