



# The Beacon The Beacon



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

January 2021



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Start the new year off by joining us in Sunday School, Jan 3rd! Come be a part of a class as a way to learn and to grow in our spiritual lives, and bond with new (and old) friends. We have classes for all ages, with multiple adult classes to choose from.

Give Sunday School a try!

## Johnny Hunt Men's Conference

February 5th & 6th

"The Pack" - Escaping The Lone Wolf {Men}tality

Antioch Baptist Church of Timberlake  
will host the JHMC Simulcast.

A sign up sheet will be in the Entrance Hall. Info on cost, schedule, study material, and meals is forthcoming. Be sure to invite a friend!



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*I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes...Rev 7:9*



**Pastor Dave's  
Message  
for the  
Month**

As we enter 2021, I am sure many people are anxious to see what this year holds after the year we had in 2020. People are worried about many things. However, as a child of God we have no need to be anxious or worried. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." You see we do not need to be anxious about anything because we can take those concerns to God in prayer. When we do come to God with our concerns, we can be thankful because we know that He hears, and we receive His peace. So, let me encourage you as we enter the unknown of 2021 do not be anxious or worried. Instead spend more time in prayer about those concerns and let God give you His peace.

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*



**Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:45p**  
**Meeting in the Family Life Center**  
 (Please wear a mask.)  
**"We Over Me"**

**Baptist Women News**

- You can still purchase **RADA Cutlery** products by clicking this link [radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946](http://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946) or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer. Each purchase helps support our mission projects.
- **RMBC Cookbooks** - We still have a few cookbooks remaining. On-Sale for \$7.00 or 2 for \$12! Please see or call Carol Carden or email: [tcardenc@centurylink.net](mailto:tcardenc@centurylink.net)



**Building  
Fund  
Update**

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected <small>as of Dec 19, 2020</small>	\$ 634,620
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 367,380</b>



**Monday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00p**  
 (3rd Monday of each month)

Join us in January for a new Bible Study Series:

**"The Bondage Breaker"**

Sign up in the Entrance Hall if you would like a study guide.

**Baptist Men's Day**

**Sunday, January 10th**

**Guest Speaker: Cody Ellis**

Join us at our 9:00a or 11:00a Worship Service as our men will lead us in song and worship.



*We extend our sympathy  
and prayers to:*

- ♦ The Clayton Family in the death of **Babs Clayton**
- ♦ Wanda Howerton and her family, in the death of her husband, **Arthur Howerton**



**We Received a  
Thank You Note From:**

- ✍ Wanda Howerton
- ✍ The Pryor Family

**Do Not Forsake Assembling Together**

*As iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.*  
 (Proverbs 27:17)

As nice as technology is today, nothing can replace people assembling together and just sharing their hearts. The scripture in Hebrews 10:25 says the following:

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*

This scripture has been used extensively by the church to refer exclusively to church meetings. I think we miss the bigger picture when we limit the meaning to just church meetings. What about the need for families to assemble together? What about the need for business associates to meet together? What about the need for the family of God to meet together outside the church? What about the need for covenant friends to meet together [Sunday School/Small Group]?

We did a devotional several weeks ago about the

importance of "laying on of hands". It's hard to lay hands on someone over the computer or through Facebook. It is just not the same. We need our covenant friends and we need to do whatever is necessary to make sure we don't allow the enemy to steal our time with family and close friends.

We encourage you to do whatever is necessary to reconnect with family and friends. If you have to swallow your pride, do it. If you have to forgive, forgive. If you have to take the first step, do it. Whatever it takes, do it!

*"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

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# JANUARY 2021

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Memory Verse</b> “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9					<b>1</b> HAPPY <b>2021</b> NEW YEAR	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Family Worship Service 9a & 11a  Sunday School 10:15a  Deacons Mtg 4p  <i>Evan Shuler</i>	<b>4</b>       <i>Brandon Wrenn</i>	<b>5</b> Women’s Bible Study 6:45p	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>       <i>Abby Perkins Tonya Fuller</i>
<b>10</b> Baptist Men’s Day 9a & 11a  Sunday School 10:15a  Business Meeting 5:30p	<b>11</b>       <i>Bryce Ellis</i>	<b>12</b>       <i>Kathy McFarland</i>	<b>13</b> Missions Night 7p	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Family Worship Service 9a & 11a  Sunday School 10:15a    <i>Austin Hall</i>	<b>18</b> Men of Iron 7p	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>       <i>Gerry Moore</i>	<b>21</b>       <i>Wanda Howerton Emily Myers Cathy Taylor</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Family Worship Service 9a & 11a  Sunday School 10:15a  <i>Kadin Brooks Lance Ellis Jacob Myers Jimmy Roberts</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>       <i>Ryan Hall</i>	<b>27</b>       <i>Barry Shuler</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>       <i>Ethan Ellis Megan Riggs</i>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Family Worship Service 9a & 11a  Sunday School 10:15a	<b>Feb 1</b>       <i>Christy Murray David Young</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>       <i>Norma Bowen</i>	<b>5</b>       <i>Jade Pendleton</i>	<b>6</b>





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## A Year of New Things

Dianne Neal Matthews

“See, I am doing a new thing!” Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Thanks to Christmas, we all end the year with new things—new toys for the kids, new clothes (not always the right color or size, but still new), new pounds on our bodies. We start the year off with new things, too—a new calendar on the wall, new bills to pay, and new resolutions for the days ahead.

Everybody likes new things, including God. He’s called the Ancient of Days, but He says, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” God begins His book with the story of His creating a new world; He ends it with His plans to make a new heaven and new earth.

Our heavenly Father wants to do new things in the lives of His children. He desires to teach us new truths about Himself, provide new opportunities for ministering to others, take us to higher levels of worship and deeper levels of trust. But too often we’re like the Israelites when they were traveling in the wilderness.



God promised to provide for them by raining down bread from heaven six days a week. He instructed them to gather only enough manna for each day, except for the day before the Sabbath when they were allowed to store up two days’ worth. When some of the people disobeyed and tried to hoard extra manna, it became rotten and full of worms by the next morning.

I’m like that sometimes. God wants to do new, fresh things in my life and in my ministry for Him. But often I try to hold on to yesterday’s stale manna. I don’t want to let go of what is comfortable and familiar—some old way of thinking, a certain way of doing things, my usual area of service to Him. I may miss new and exciting things God has planned for me if I don’t fully trust His guidance, even when He seems to be leading

me down unfamiliar paths.

One of the best ways to keep our faith fresh and new is to develop a habit of daily Bible study. God’s Word is timeless—old and new at the same time. Just as God’s “compassions are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23), a daily dose of His Word can give us new understanding, fresh insights, and renewed strength.

We can drink in the Psalms to help us “sing to the Lord a new song” (33:3 and others). We read in Ezekiel about God’s promise to give us “a new heart and a new spirit” (chapters 11, 18, 36). We rejoice along with Paul as he declares, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Studying the letters of Colossians and Ephesians reminds us that we have taken off our “old self with its practices” (Colossians 3:9) and are to “put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” Ephesians 4:24 (NIV).

If we need motivation to live like a new creation, God has provided two keys in His Word. It’s important to look backward to the New Covenant, the source of our salvation. We can meditate on Hebrews and thank God again that the sacrifice of Jesus made “a new and living way” for us to enter His presence Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV). And we also keep looking forward to our future by reading Revelation. We can find comfort in thinking about the time when God will right all wrongs, heal all hurts, and give us a new name and a new home.

A good way for a child of God to celebrate the New Year is to let go of anything that has gone stale or rotten. Then we’ll be free to live each day expecting new, fresh things from the One Who promises, “I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:5 (NIV)

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## Assembling Together cont’d from page 2

*“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:46-48)*

*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)*

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