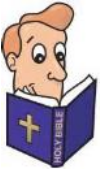


From The Pastor



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I recently started a Facebook page (with the help of my daughter). I did this so I could enjoy a game of scrabble with her and my sister on the computer. Well, last night I used the search feature on Facebook to look for people I served in the military with in Powell, Wyoming. To my delight, I found a few. It was good to discover that they are well. It was also interesting to see where they all live. One lives in Alaska where there is plenty of hunting and fishing. His name is Larry and he is the person that introduced me to hunting.

My time in Wyoming was some of the best times I have had. Deana and I were recently married. Both of our children were born there by the same doctor in the same delivery room (it was a small town). We saw Yellowstone National Park while we were there as well as the Teton's. I was fortunate enough to elk and deer hunt as well as trout fish. In church Deana and I were befriended and "adopted" by a local family. With that family we were able to help do some cattle ranching. Reminiscing of the "glory days" is fun.

Memories are wonderful things that God allows us to have and we should cherish them. But, we are not in Wyoming anymore. Time did not stand still for us. Those that I worked with and those that we attended church with have moved on to other places and vocations.

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's statement in Philippians 3:13-14 "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but the one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul is discussing in the previous verses the fact that he is a Hebrew of Hebrews, a man that has followed the Law very closely like a Pharisee. If anyone has a right to boast in the works of the flesh, he admits that he does. His past "good" may be viewed as his "glory days" in one fashion; those days when he could walk through the streets with his head held high as a righteous Jew. Surely everyone knew of his piety. This young man was a "good person," a "good Jew."

Paul's memories of his past are not valuable to him anymore in the way we value our "glory days." He says that he counts all his achievements as "dung." Wow. Why would he say that? Because he met Jesus. Jesus radically changed his perspective on the works of the flesh. Jesus revealed to Paul that no man is redeemed by the works he performs nor by his lineage. Men are redeemed and justified by the blood and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus changed Paul's life. Paul was once a persecutor of the newly founded church of Jesus but he became one of the biggest promoters of the church after he learned and believed the truth.

As we begin the year of 2017 we may fondly look back at the "glory days" of our youth but may we count them as rubbish if they hinder us from promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we be sold out for Jesus and may we have a burning desire to win a lost and dying world for God's glory.

God bless you all and Happy New Year,
Pastor Scott

Hello ladies!

Happy New Year! I pray it has been a blessing thus far.

Since it's a New Year, at our next meeting, on January 14th @ 10 am in the Fellowship hall, we will do another year of secret sisters! I love to hear it's something you wanted to do. We all need a little encouragement from time to time!

Also, mark your calendars for our Third Annual Singing in the Swamp, April 29 starting at noon. All proceeds will go to Coastline Women's Center.

May 20th we will be having a Ladies Retreat/Luncheon from 9-2, with guest speaker Beth Greer. If you can help in any way, please let me know!

Love & Prayers,
Carla



The OASIS group (our Seniors) meets on the second Tuesday of each month for food, fun and fellowship. If you are 50 years of age or older (or younger) come join us! This month, OASIS will meet on January 10th at IHOP. If you would like to attend, please be at the church by 10:30 a.m. If you should have any questions, please call Linda Bullard at 843-997-6685.

Building fund update: Due to your continued generosity, the building fund debt has been reduced from \$255,000 down to \$190,000 in 2016. We strive to pay off one \$5000 note per month, so we did a little better than that and paid off 13. **Thank you** for your donations. We all look forward to the day we can say "paid in full" and put this debt behind us.

**Discerning the Voice of God
How to Recognize When God Speaks
A 7-Session Study from Priscilla Shirer**

Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help you know the voice of God: His language, character and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.

Ladies Bible study Monday nights @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall beginning February 6th.



The adult classes will bring in the new year by finishing up the theme of "Spoken: The Rhythm of God's Word" and starting a new theme for the last half of the month entitled "Thrive: Living in Real Joy". This study will be from Philippians and will help to teach us how to live a joyous life in Christ despite the difficulties of day-to-day living.

The Bible class will continue with their study of "Step by Step through the New Testament", a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament.

Our Elementary classes will be studying lessons about "God's Amazing Power". These lessons will be centered around Old Testament stories about the wonderful and powerful things of which our God is capable.

I extend to all of our Church family my prayers for an exciting new year of service to our Lord. May His name be forever praised!

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (or 9 am if you care to have breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall) as together we learn more about how we can better serve and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Ralph Bryant, Sunday School Director



You're Invited to a
Baby Shower
for

Jill Primm

Sunday, January 22nd

Drop-in 2-4 p.m.

in the fellowship hall

The mother-to-be is registered at

Target and Walmart





Our Shut-ins: Joyce Inman, Marie Holmes, Wynness Thomas

Our Monthly Prayer List: Jackie Brady, Ryan Turner, Billy Boatwright, Andy Autry, Pat & Bonnie Lebiedz, Lloyd Tyndall, Martha (Dean) Reaves, Reynolds Watson

Morning Fellowship Clean-up:

- 1/1: Jennifer & Andrea Stewart
- 1/8: Bill & Linda Bullard
- 1/15: Ellen & Coston Goolsby
- 1/22: Charles & Dawn Lee
- 1/29: Floyd & Laura Kirby

Morning Service Greeters:

- 1/1: Kelly Long
- 1/8: Carl & Pat Hardy
- 1/15: Jamie Herrington & Deana Altman
- 1/22: Larry Jones & Mandy Ammons
- 1/29: Ralph & Georgia Bryant

Daily Bible Reading:

(Mature Living Magazine)

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| 1 | Genesis 1-3 | Matthew 1 |
| 2 | Genesis 4-6 | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| 3 | Genesis 7-8 | Matthew 2:13-23 |
| 4 | Genesis 9-11 | Matthew 3 |
| 5 | Genesis 12-14 | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| 6 | Genesis 15-17 | Matthew 4:12-25 |
| 7 | Genesis 18-19 | Matthew 5:1-16 |
| 8 | Genesis 20-22 | Matthew 5:17-48 |
| 9 | Genesis 23-24 | Matthew 6:1-18 |
| 10 | Genesis 25-27 | Matthew 6:19-34 |
| 11 | Genesis 28-29 | Matthew 7:1-14 |
| 12 | Genesis 30-31 | Matthew 7:15-29 |
| 13 | Genesis 32-33 | Matthew 8:1-17 |
| 14 | Genesis 34-36 | Matthew 8:18-34 |
| 15 | Genesis 37-38 | Matthew 9:1-26 |
| 16 | Genesis 39-40 | Matthew 9:27-38 |
| 17 | Genesis 41-42 | Matthew 10 |
| 18 | Genesis 43-45 | Matthew 11:1-19 |
| 19 | Genesis 46-47 | Matthew 11:20-30 |
| 20 | Genesis 48-50 | Matthew 12:1-21 |
| 21 | Exodus 1-2 | Matthew 12:22-50 |
| 22 | Exodus 3-4 | Matthew 13:1-23 |
| 23 | Exodus 5-7 | Matthew 13:24-58 |
| 24 | Exodus 8-9 | Matthew 14:1-21 |
| 25 | Exodus 10-11 | Matthew 14:22-36 |
| 26 | Exodus 12-13 | Matthew 15:1-20 |
| 27 | Exodus 14-15 | Matthew 15:21-39 |
| 28 | Exodus 16-18 | Matthew 16:1-12 |
| 29 | Exodus 19-21 | Matthew 16:13-28 |
| 30 | Exodus 22-23 | Matthew 17:1-13 |
| 31 | Exodus 24-26 | Matthew 17:14-27 |

Nursery (Infant—3 yrs.):

(During Morning Service)

- 1/1: Pat Rutherford & Laura Kirby
- 1/8: Pat Rutherford & Angie Bloch
- 1/15: Pat Rutherford & Karen Edge
- 1/22: Pat Rutherford & Mandy Ammons
- 1/29: Pat Rutherford & Kasey Herrington



- 3-Alex McCracken
- 5-Nora Sanders
- 11-Julia Branton
- 13-Jim Barger
- 13-Charles Lee
- 14-Marie Turner
- 15-Joyce Taylor
- 20-Marylou Blackmon
- 25-Brenda Watson
- 27-Jackie Brady
- 28- Kelsey Bland
- 28-Keely Adams
- 29-Shyanne Skiba
- 29-Ellen Goolsby

Children's Church (3-5 yrs.):

(During Morning Service)

- 1/1: Bill & Chris Skipper
- 1/8: Catherine McDowell & Sidney Altman
- 1/15: Eula Cronk
- 1/22: Bill & Chris Skipper
- 1/29: Catherine McDowell & Sidney Altman


Usher Teams:

- 1/1: Team 2
- 1/8: Team 3
- 1/15: Team 4
- 1/22: Team 1
- 1/29: Team 2

Jacksonville Pastors Conference
 January 26-29, 2017
 Register online at: jaxpastorsconference.com

TSBC Calendar 2017



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1  New Year's Day No PM service *Bill Skipper 843-399-5736 | 2 | 3 | 4 Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Deacon's Mtg. 5pm VBS Mtg. 5pm *Chris Singleton 843-465-9049 | 9 | 10 OASIS 10:30 am- IHOP Street Reach 6:30pm | 11 Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm | 12 | 13 | 14 WMU 10am |
| 15 Sanctity of Life Sunday- Love offering for Coastline Women's Ctr. Business Mtg. 7pm *Ralph Bryant 843-347-3847 | 16 | 17 | 18 Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm | 19 Brotherhood 6:30 pm | 20 Youth Night | 21 |
| 22 Baby Shower for Jill Primm 2-4pm fellow- ship hall *Bill Bullard 843-347-1261 | 23 | 24 | 25 Youth & AWANA 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm Newsletter Deadline | 26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Jacksonville Pastor's Conference </div> | 27 | 28 |
| 29 5th Sunday Big Breakfast and "loose" monies offering <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor's Con- ference ends </div> *Rob Herrington 843-241-0327 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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| * Denotes Deacon of the week | | | | | | |