

Intimate With Jesus

by Oswald Chambers

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long,
Philip?" and yet you have not known Me.
John 14:9

These words were not spoken as a rebuke, nor even with surprise; Jesus was encouraging Philip to draw closer. Yet the last person we get intimate with is Jesus. Before Pentecost the disciples knew Jesus as the One who gave them power to conquer demons and to bring about a revival (see Luke 10:18-20). It was a wonderful time of intimacy, but there was much closer intimacy to come: "...I have called you friends..." (John 15:15). True friendship is rare on earth. It means identifying with someone in thought, heart and spirit. The whole experience of life is designed to enable us to enter into this closest relationship with Jesus Christ. We receive His blessings and know His Word, but do we really know Him?

Jesus said, "It is to your advantage that I go away..." (John 16:7). He left that relationship to lead them even closer. It is a joy to Jesus when a disciple takes time to walk more intimately with Him. The bearing of fruit is always shown in Scripture to be the visible result of an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ (see John 15: 1-4).

Once we get intimate with Jesus we are never lonely and we never lack for understanding or compassion. We can continually pour out our hearts to Him without being perceived as overly emotional or pitiful. The Christian who is truly intimate with Jesus will never draw attention to himself but will only show the evidence of a life where Jesus is completely in control. This is the outcome of allowing Jesus to satisfy every area of life to its depth. The picture resulting from such a life is that of the strong, calm balance that our Lord gives to those who are intimate with Him.

"When you are joyful, be joyful; when you are sad, be sad.

If God has given you a sweet cup, don't make it bitter;
and if He has given you a bitter cup, don't try and make it sweet;
take things as they come."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

Pastor David Guerrero . Pastor Ernest Sanchez

January 17, 2021



Welcome to Church!

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a "Connect Card" and visit our Connection Desk. We would love an opportunity to get to know you better and encourage you in your spiritual walk, as well as answer any questions! Contact Information for our Pastoral and Office Staff is provided on our website at www.fcbelen.net, or you may call us at 864-8621.

Activities for the Week

Sunday - January 17th

Spanish Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Young Adults @ the Sanchez' home - 7:00 p.m.

Monday - January 18th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday - January 19th

Ladies Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday - January 20th

Deaf Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Children's Ministry

Choir Practice

Rooted Youth

6:00 p.m.

Thursday - January 21st

Friday - January 22nd

Saturday - January 23rd

Deacons of the Week:

Art Fender

John Fender

Safety Team - January 24th:

Jaye Gardner

Deck Goodman

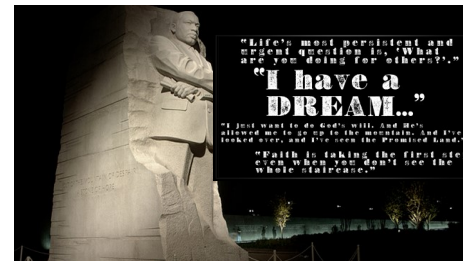
Jorge Acosta

This year,
let us ask God to dissolve
all our hopes into a
Single Hope to know
Christ and be **Found in
Him.**

May this year be a year
to desire a radically
transformed, deeper, tru-
er, knowing of
Christ as our All-

**The Church Business
Meeting has
been Rescheduled:**

Sunday, January 31st
following the
Worship Service



The Church Office will be closed
Monday, January 18th in honor
of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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EVANGELISM
CONFERENCE

- Save the Date -
Monday, February 22nd &
Tuesday, February 23rd

Sandia Baptist Church
If interested in attending, please
register online at bcnm.com

Giving is Worship

“Then the people rejoiced because they had
offered so willingly, for they made their
offering to the Lord with a whole heart...”

- 1 Chronicles 29:9 -



Contribution Statements will be available
in the foyer
Sunday, January 24th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: The Church Office will be closed - Monday,
January 18th - in honor of this day.

Business Meeting: Sunday, January 31st - Following the Worship
Service.

Baby Church: The P - 5 classroom is open to all parents/grandparents
with babies.

Young Adults: Join Pastor Ernest & Rebecca - Sundays - 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study: Tuesday, January 19th - 9:15 a.m. - Faith Building

Wednesday Night Activities: Come Join Us! Adult Bible Study - Youth -
Deaf Fellowship - Bible Study - Children's Ministry

Sermon Notes and Children's Bulletins are available at the Connection
Center Desk.



The
Church
Office
will be closed

Monday, January 25th
for Meetings.

Church Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. . Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm . Friday: Closed