

# JANUARY



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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

January 5—Awana Resumes  
January 9—Adult/Student Basketball Game @ 5p  
January 9—Grief Share @ 4-5:30p (Doris Page SS Class)(13 weeks)  
January 12—Lee County Prayer for Revival

### Weekly Opportunities

Sunday: Sunday School—9:00 a.m.  
Worship—10:00 a.m.  
Youth Choir—4:00 p.m.  
Youth & Children's Bible Drill—5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study—10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
AWANA—6:00 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study—6:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal—7:15 p.m.

For the Record: Nov. Budget Need: \$71,094 Budget Receipts: \$51,605.88

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—2:00 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY!



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## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Happy New Year!

It seems that a lot of folks make New Year's resolutions. But what New Year's resolution does our Heavenly Father want us to make? As I prayed about that question, Matthew 22:34-40 came immediately to mind. This passage begins with the Jewish authorities trying to trick Jesus. Jesus turns the debate into a proclamation for the ages. Here we find God's two resolutions for our lives.

The first resolution: "And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment'" (vs. 37-38).

Agape (love) is the unconditional commitment to place the other person first. It is not a feeling, but a decision, a lifestyle. In this case, it is choosing to honor God in all you do, to put him first in every dimension of your life. Jesus tells us to love God with "all" your heart, soul, and mind. Put him first with your decisions, your attitudes, and your thoughts. There is to be no part of your life that is not his, no part where you do not value him first, seek relationship with him first, please him first.

The second resolution: "And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commands depend all the Law and the Prophets" (vs. 39-40). We are to agape our neighbor, the next person we meet, as much as we do ourselves.

When we put God first, we position ourselves to receive all that his grace intends to give. He can lead us in his perfect will. He can bless us, use us, redeem our lives, and make our present obedience count for all eternity. When we put neighbor first, we position ourselves to bless others as God has blessed us. We lead others to Christ, because they see Christ in us. We become salt and light, and our lives change the lives we touch.

Choose today to live by God's New Year resolutions. If we choose to put God and neighbor first in all we do. We could be catalysts for a revival in our lives and through the lives we touch, where we live and around the world.

*Pastor Shane*

Dear Belden Family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are so excited for the upcoming year!

Children's Music will kick-off in the next few weeks! I am working on logistics and volunteers, so let me know if you'd like to volunteer. Lookout for that upcoming information!

If you'd like to join us, here is our schedule!

Student Choir – Sundays at 4p

Children's Music – Sundays TBA

Worship Band/Choir – Wednesdays at 7:15p

In His Service,

**Pastor David**



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January 5th*

Happy New Year from the Student Ministry at Belden Baptist Church. I hope and pray that you have an amazing 2022. We are looking forward to having a great year in student ministry. We have some very exciting things planned for this year.



We are going to have DNOW weekend February 18-20. We are looking forward to an amazing weekend. We are in need of a few host homes for the weekend. If you are interested in hosting a group of students, please see Pastor Chris. We will have a meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> for parents and students to discuss housing arrangements for the weekend. We will end DNOW weekend with Winter Jam at the BancorpSouth Arena on Sunday night, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10.00 for Winter Jam. The cost for DNOW is \$40.00.