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Pastor and First Lady Hackett

Do I Have Peace with God? ....Pastor Hackett

This pandemic has rocked the faith of some and robbed the joy of others. But, then you see what is happening in our city and country and then begin to contemplate: "Why is there so much chaos and not more peace? Beloved, we must realize that peace only comes from God Himself through Jesus Christ our Lord under the unction of the Holy Spirit. "Know God, Know Peace" – "No God, No Peace"

One must understand that the 'peace' beforementioned must be examined and understood in the following ways:

- Having peace with God
- Experiencing the peace of God

This month (January 2021) we will examine *'having peace with God'* as a starting point for all of us to receive, enjoy, and share with those around us.

Before we can understand what it means to have peace with God, we must recognize that human beings in our natural state are enemies of God. Because we inherited a sin nature from our first parents, Adam and Eve (***Genesis 3***; ***Romans 5:12***), we are born with a disposition to please ourselves and be our own gods. That rebellious nature sets us at odds with our perfect Creator. His just nature cannot overlook our sin; justice demands punishment (***Romans 3:23***; ***6:23***). We cannot create peace with God because our best efforts on our best day are nothing but filthy rags compared to His holiness ***(Isaiah 64:6***). So, in our sinful state, we cannot be reconciled, we cannot have peace with God, no matter how hard we try.

God took the initiative in pursuing peace with us by sending His Son to earth. Jesus lived a perfect life, His crucifixion paid for the sins of all who would trust in Him (***Hebrews 4:15***; ***2 Corinthians 5:21***), and His resurrection guarantees our justification before God (***Romans 4:25***). Jesus is the Prince of Peace (***Isaiah 9:6***), and He is the One who gives us peace with God. That's why the message of salvation in Christ is called the "gospel of peace" (***Ephesians 6:15***).

The angels' words to the shepherds on that first Christmas were "Glory to God in highest Heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased" ***(Luke 2:14***). With whom is God pleased? God's pleasure and

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WELCOME 2021 WITH JOY!!!

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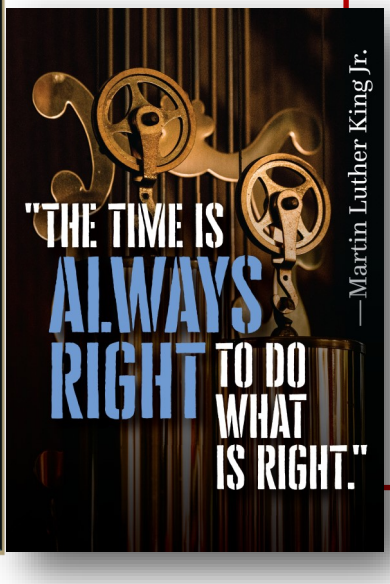
JANUARY Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	*2*
3 Caleb Snadon	*4*	*5*	*6 Epiphany* Elizabeth Cooper	*7* Twanna Scruggs	*8* Brenda Hackett	*9* Cecilia Adams Deshawn Bethel
10 Judy Bishop David Dunn	*11* Pastor Keith Hackett Dwight Thompson	*12* George Brown, Sr.	*13*	*14* Dorothy Hunter	*15*	*16*
17 Charolette Johnson LaTonya Thomas	*18 MLK Jr. Holiday* DaNyhia Moore	*19*	*20 Inauguration Day* Cassandra Allen Linda Fleming	*21*	*22* Ramon Gore	*23* Jasper Crenshaw
24 *31*	*25*	*26* Rosa Battle	*27* Rico Fenderson Galen Wheeler	*28* Latifah Mansfield	*29*	*30*

January Anniversary

Best Wishes to Deacon Stefan Dennison and Sis. Lenette Dennison . They will celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary on January 13th 2021.



January Dates

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Epiphany, January 6
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10
- Religious Freedom Day, January 16
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January *18-25*
- Inauguration Day, *January 20*

Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

by Mark S. Krause

The lessons for this quarter focus on God's calling individuals to specific ministries according to His plans. Those called included John the Baptist, the wise men, Jesus' parents, and (most of all) Jesus himself. The final unit focuses on women in the New Testament who were called to vocations of service to God's people. The New Testament sees a broad calling of all people to salvation and a narrower calling of certain individuals to specific ministries in the church.

Unit 2: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry

- ☐ January 3 - Called to Proclaim - Luke 4:14–22a
- ☐ January 10 - Called to Follow - Luke 5:1–11
- ☐ January 17 - Called in Authority - Mark 2:1–12*)*
- ☐ January 24 - Called for the World's Belief - John 17:14–24

Getting Ready for a New Pathway in God's Word

"Announcement of Women's Ministry Theme and Book for 2021"

Greetings!

First and most importantly, I would like to give God praise, honor, and glory for all the wonderful things He has been, is, and will be doing within the Women's Ministry "Devoted Women of God". I am pleased to announce that we have completed our study centered around "discipleship" in the book called ***"The Gentle Art of Discipling Women: Nurturing Authentic Faith in Ourselves and Others" by Dana Yeakley***. Congratulations to all the women who walked through this book with me, it was my pleasure to go deeper into the meaning of God's call for disciples/discipleship!

Our time spent in class has been absolutely wonderful to say the least, and I have enjoyed every minute of our learning and fellowship despite challenges in the new way of coming together for bible study. Our average session attendance ***from March through November 2020***, was ***19 sisters!!!*** WHAT A BLESSING; LORD….WE THANK YOU!!! The Women's Ministry Bible Study is currently on sabbatical as of November 14th and we will resume classes at the end of January, or the beginning of February 2021. The exact date is forthcoming, so stay tuned!

The new study book for 2021 is as follows:

Book: *"Transformation Grace"*

Subtitle: *Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*

Author: *Jerry Bridges*

Theme/our focus: *Understanding "GRACE"*

To all women 18 years and up we invite you and we welcome you to join us in 2021! We are going to really dig deep and expound on "the GRACE" of our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord! You will not want to miss this opportunity to learn how to truly experience God's ***AMAZING GRACE***! We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday beginning at 10:15 AM via FreeConferenceCall.COM video conferencing and audio (you can join according to your preference). Through it all, we thank God for the technology that has allowed us to continue coming together to study His Word!

Note: The books are in and we have a limited amount of copies. If you would like to purchase your book and join us please contact me at: (tanisha.hackett@gmail.com). Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the Women's Ministry here at GSBC.

Happy New Year and wishing bountiful blessings upon you and all your family! To God be the GLORY for great and marvelous things He has done and will continue to do! Continue to move forward IN PRAYING ~ PRESSING ~ TRUSTING in our only HOPE and that is Jesus Christ our Lord!

For His Glory,

Sis. Tanisha Hackett

Women's Ministry Leader/Facilitator

Proverbs 30:31; Galatians 1:10

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Do I Have Peace with God?

peace rest upon those who receive God's Son by faith (*John 1:12*). "Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (*Romans 5:1*). Peace with God means that our great sin debt has been paid and God sees us as righteous (Colossians 2:14; Romans 3:22). We are no longer enemies but beloved children (*1 John 3:2*). His holy nature can have fellowship with us because He sees us "*in Christ*."

Peace with God means our consciences are cleared (*Hebrews 10:22*; *Titus 3:5*). The overwhelming weight of guilt that plagued us is all gone, placed on Jesus on the cross (*Colossians 2:14*; *1 Peter 2:24*). The shame that we rightly felt for the wicked deeds we had done was carried by Jesus. God the Father adopts us as His own children and invites us to "come boldly before the throne of grace" to commune with Him and ask for what we need (*Hebrews 4:16*). For the Christian, maintaining a sense of peace with God means we keep our ongoing sins and failures confessed (*1 John 1:9*). We don't have to keep confessing in order to establish peace with God; Jesus did that at the cross when we believed. Truly born-again people live in on-going attitudes of repentance so that no sin will take root to defile them again (*John 3:3*; *Romans 6:1-4*). Unconfessed sin mars the joyful fellowship between a child of God and his Father.

Peace with God also allows the Christian to live without fear of death or eternity. Our hope is secure in the knowledge that Jesus has done all that was necessary to make us right with God (*Matthew 5:17*; *John 3:16-18*). Our last breath on earth will be our first breath in Heaven (*2 Corinthians 5:6-8*; *Luke 16:22*). The Holy Spirit has been given to us like a promise ring, a certainty that a greater event will surely take place (*2 Corinthians 1:22*; *5:5*). Right now, the Holy Spirit lives within us to guide, convict, comfort, and remind us of Jesus' completed sacrifice on our behalf (*John 14:16-17*; *16:8-11*; *1 Corinthians 3:16*; *6:19*; *Ephesians 1:13-14*).

Human beings were created to live in peace with God. Sin destroyed that peace and still destroys it for everyone who refuses Jesus' offer of salvation. However, anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord, believes in his heart that Jesus is the only way to God, and is willing to surrender to Him as Savior and Lord can have peace with God (*Romans 10:9-10*, *13*; *John 3:16*, *36*; *Acts 2:21*, *28*).

Pastor Keith S. Hackett

Health Notes for January 2021

From the Nurses Ministry

Medicare and the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Vaccine

Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you, so if anyone asks you to share your Medicare Number or pay for access to the vaccine, you can bet it's a scam.

Here's what to know:

- You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You can't pay to get early access to a vaccine.

Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee.

Con artists may try to get your Medicare Number or personal information so they can steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. Medicare fraud results in higher health care costs and taxes for everyone.

Protect yourself from Medicare fraud. Guard your Medicare card like it's a credit card. Remember:

- Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare Number or other personal information unless you've given them permission in advance.
- Medicare will never call you to sell you anything.
- You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them a Medicare Number. Don't do it!
- Medicare will never visit you at your home.
- Medicare can't enroll you over the phone unless you called first.

COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-722-5725. Provides advice and answers to general questions.
Online resources for all information on coronavirus: www.kycovid19.ky.gov : www.cdc.gov
COVID-19 testing (register online): www.NortonHealthcare.com/RITC ; www.uoflhealth.org/covid-testing-sites ; : www.doineedacovid19test.com

Health Benefits of Bananas

The banana plant is actually a giant herb (not a tree). The yellow fruit it produces is a berry. You may think they are all curved. But, some bananas are long and straight.

One large banana is about 8- to 9-inches long and equal to one serving of fruit. It has about 120 calories and 490 milligrams of potassium. That's 19% of a woman's daily potassium needs and 15% of a man's. This nutrient can remove sodium from your body and relax blood vessel walls, which helps manage blood pressure.

The golden fruit is also a good source of vitamin B6, which is essential for your immune system, nervous system, and brain.

Bananas are a breakfast superstar. Peanut butter and banana toast is a favorite morning dish. Their natural sweetness can also help cut the tartness in yogurt or pep up a bowl of hot oatmeal.

Bananas put the B in the easy-to-digest BRAT diet. Doctors often recommend eating bananas, rice, applesauce, and toast when you're fighting diarrhea or a tummy ache.

Sources: www.Medicare.gov; www.webmd.com

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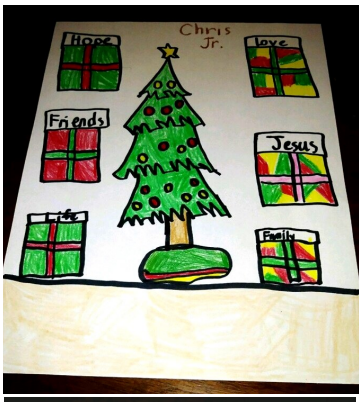
Michael's Gifts and Honors

Gifts from Aria

Chris Jr's Gifts



Christian's Gifts

December Youth Bible Study theme:
The Greatest Gift . We talked about the birth of Jesus and what the true meaning of Christmas really is. The youth were asked what could they give as a blessing under the Christmas to help someone. They learned that Christmas is a time to give as Christ has given His Love To Us.
Happy Birthday Jesus. We Love You

Congratulations, Kaylin!!!!

Kaylin Dennison has finished her 1st semester of college at Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with a 3.36 GPA. She also plans to attend summer school in NC so she can start the nursing program earlier!!!

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

Peace, Children

By: *Denise L.B. Zellars*

What is Peace? In my own words, peace is truth, quietness, calm, relief, completeness, serenity and rest. Similarly, the biblical concept of peace is an absence of civil disturbance or hostilities, or a personality free from internal and external strife. A right relationship or harmony between two parties or people, often established by a covenant- a promise.

God chose Israel to be an example nation. He made covenant with Israel. One covenant was the Mosaic Covenant found in ***Exodus chapters 19 through 24.*** This covenant was conditional meaning that if Israel was obedient they would be blessed and if disobedient, they would be punished or cursed.

When studying, I most often wonder why Israel was so disobedient, especially when God had proven His identity and Sovereignty time after time. One attribute of our Heavenly Father is Awesome Teacher.

He doesn't just speak His Word, but He gives perfect examples when He Is teaching. His Supernatural power is always at work, seen and unseen ***(See Romans 1:20).*** We see numerous times where Israel failed over and over again. If Israel was to be the example nation- that should tell us that what God wanted for Israel is the same want He wants for all of His children.

He Is so gracious and righteous to provide other nations an example. God does not change His Will or His way so although Israel often failed, they should still serve as a valuable lesson for us today—in that we should seek and desire the One and Only True and Living God and be obedient to Him.

Every mature child of God should see that Satan wants nothing more than to take over this world (steal kill and destroy). I have written articles before on Who Is in control of this world and have provided biblical evidence that God Is in control of all things, including the world He created ***See Psalm24:1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they (everything/everyone) that dwell there in.*** He gave His only begotten Son for this world ***(See John 3:16). Christ Jesus came so that we may have life to the full (See John 10:10).*** One can only do this with complete ***"CONTROL!!"*** He Is Sovereign!!!

Satan is only in control of darkness, the unbelievers. It makes me *uncomfortable* when Christians say that Satan is in control of this world. "Uncomfortable", who am I, *right?* Well in case you haven't guessed, I'm the first to admit, *"I'm a little extra!!"*, but I serve an Extraordinary and Awesome God — and I Love to write about His Goodness and share Him with others. Even though there is so much devastation going on in this world, we have to recognize that we still have the Holy Spirit in this world and He indwells every child of God. Therefore, Satan is limited on what he can do. Does being limited sound like control?

Now back to the Israelites, we are repeating the same mistakes as our forefathers, so we should see that God Is angry. What parent doesn't get angry when their child ignores, or disobeys them right to their face? How many parents would remain silent and accept the behaviors of problematic children? This pandemic is affecting the world folks. There have been many lives lost, but our Heavenly Father remains very much in control and regardless to how devastating and painful the situation, we should remember that He Is Sovereign, Righteous and Holy, and does not allow anything to happen in this world without reason. So what is God trying to tell us?

To sum it up, God has already told us everything we need to know in His written Word. Now He Is showing us and because He is Truth, we can rest assured, it will come to pass. Praise Him for His patience! Our Heavenly Father is giving us ample time to get things right with Him.

2 Peter 3:9 says The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. Praise God, right? *I'm glad...*

This is a great time to assess our relationship with our Heavenly Father and our relationship with others. Are we mistreating others and think that God is at peace with us? One would think that a national crisis would make folks reflect, and desire to do right and to seek peace. However, pride is still getting in the way, along with, backbiting, jealousy, gossiping, meddling (wonder why our mouths and noses are now covered-did I mention *gossiping & meddling*)? Sadly, these things are hap-

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About the Season of Epiphany

The meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia,* means "an appearance" or "a revealing." Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12th day after Christmas, to mark the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus' first followers were Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the non-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the whole world.

Symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown (or three crowns) and a globe or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

On the church calendar, the Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Epiphany epiphanies

Sometimes brief words of ancient wisdom can spark an "aha!" moment — a revelation of new insight about God or faith. Here are some epiphanies for the season of Epiphany.

"If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus … for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here, the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit."

—St. John Chrysostom (347-407)

"So that we might also have the means to go, the one we were longing to go to came here from there. And what did he make? A wooden raft for us to cross the sea on. For no one can cross the sea of this world unless carried over it on the cross of Christ."

—St. Augustine (354-430)

"You wish to see; listen. Hearing is a step toward vision."

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

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pening amongst professed Christians. Oh' may God Bless!!

Peace with others is so important to our Heavenly Father and this is the only occasion in the bible where it seems that He commands us to place someone ahead of Him ***(see Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift).*** This is our Lord's Will—so ultimately He Is still first. This reconciliation is not limited to biological family, but our God is speaking to Christians; His followers, the Church in general should live at peace with everyone. This goes back to the two commandments He has given us, Love Him with our whole being and Love our neighbors, right? The pandemic won't stop bad behaviors, and some attitudes have actually worsened since the pandemic.

Wake up sleeper! Get things right with Him (repent) to receive peace with Him and with others. There is nothing better than inner peace! ***(See Philippians 4:7 & John 14:27)***

If we have wronged someone, or have been wronged, have any unsettled beef (complaint or gripe), misunderstandings, unforgiveness with any one, it is important not to put off today for tomorrow, but settle all disputes quickly ***(See Romans 12:18, Colossians 3:13 & Ephesians 4:26).***

Lastly, we should know that there will be individuals who may not be so receptive of our peace offering. Some folks thrive on drama and some folks hold grudges and are not so quick to forgive. But do not let an unforgiving person keep you from your attempt(s) to make peace with him/her. When we do what God has asked us to do, He says to *"return to Him."* He welcomes the opportunity to forgive us and wants nothing short of a peaceful relationship with His children.

Blessings for a Peaceful New Year!!

-Denise

Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

⇒ *Sunday Worship services are now streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.*

⇒ The weekly Bible study led by Pastor Hackett continues on Facebook Live each Wednesday at 5:30 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. *(Resuming on January 13, 2021)*

⇒ *Bro. LeRoy Winston & Sis. Rosa Battle will be leading the weekly Wednesday Prayer Service at 12 noon via conference call. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#*

⇒ You can join in with Min. Kern Richardson, Sister Sara Toney and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson via conference call at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Just call 978-990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code 721799#

⇒ *Sis. Tanisha Hackett is facilitating the Women's Ministry's Bible Study . (Classes will resume in 2021)They will hold classes via Conference Call. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:15 AM. For Audio only please call 978-990-5000, access code 703263# to be a part of the class. If you'd prefer audio and video go online at https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett . All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tanisha Hackett at tanisha.hackett@gmail.com*

⇒ Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. The dial-in number is (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448# (Resuming on January 9, 2021)

⇒ *Rev. Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263# (Resuming on Friday January 8, 2021)*

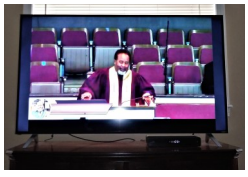
⇒ *Tithes and offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings.*

⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)

⇒ *You can get a paper copy of the GoodNewsLetter via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leave your name and address.*

⇒ Check with Youth Leaders Mona Fleming, Lynn Fleming are leading the 6-8 youth classes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Go to https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5993844666?pwd=QW9JTGprdzY10G12aXd0V202UW50dz09 Password: 8420 .

⇒ For Teens Bible study: Contact Renita Ennels regarding Zoom Meetings at TOPIC: Renita Ennels' Zoom Meeting, Time: 07:00 PM -Join Zoom Meeting at https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4569077761?pwd=WjgveENIMmhNU25nempWRHQzWEZIUT09, Meeting ID: 456 907 7761 Passcode: JY8LRQ



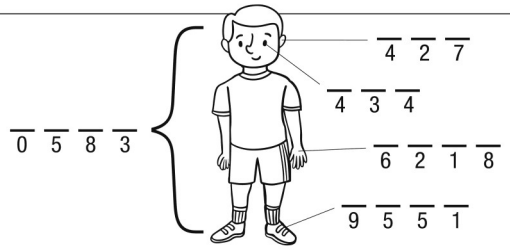
January 2021!!!

PUZZLE

WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church — the body of Christ — is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the _____ (20) should say, "Because I am not a _____ (17), I do not belong to the _____ (16)," ... And if the _____ (13) should say, "Because I am not an _____ (11), I do not belong to the _____ (16)," it would not for that reason stop being part of the _____ (16). If the whole _____ (16) were an _____ (11), where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole _____ (16) were an _____ (13), where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one _____ (16).

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Bible Quiz

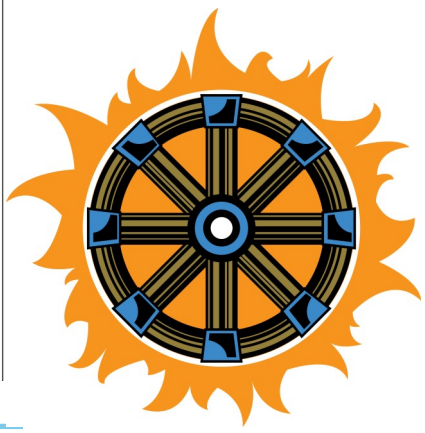
In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.

Answer: (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

Christian Symbol

WHEEL



WHEEL—A rotating wheel symbolizes God's divine force. Wheels with flames shooting out often portray God's throne, based on Ezekiel's vision (see 1:1-18). Some artists also show a burning wheel when God sends Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

"Because he works from home. That's why we never see God in person."

A COLORFUL body

Melt crayons to show how the body of Christ works together.

What you need:

- Crayons
- Metal baking sheet
- Adult help
- Metal gingerbread man cookie cutter

What you do:

1. Remove labels and break crayons into 1-inch pieces.
2. Scatter pieces on the baking sheet, about two layers thick.
3. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees until melted. Allow to cool 15 minutes.
4. When melted crayons are the consistency of playdough, press the cookie cutter through them (while still on pan).
5. Cool the pan in freezer for 15 minutes until crayons are hardened.
6. Remove from pan and break apart the shapes.

7 Things The Bible Says About New Beginnings

Ripping the tags off a new outfit you want to wear. Unpacking a freshly minted I-Phone. The feeling of a fresh journal when you press your pen onto the first page.

There's something in the human spirit that naturally draws toward new things and fresh beginnings are no different. 2020 has been a doozy of a year for many (seriously, what was that about?) and the prospect of its end brings the hope of a new start.

Humans are pretty much engineered for fresh starts. Our brain is hardwired to respond to new stimuli as a part of our learning processes. This allows us to neurologically wire our understanding of life, ourselves and the natural order of things. It allows us to grow, to push forward into creating new stories, new inventions, to adapt. The unending opportunity for fresh beginnings and the new discoveries they bring are a part of what makes our humanity remarkable.

Even God seems to think new starts are pretty sweet. Here are 7 verses on what the Bible says about them to usher in your new beginning in 2021.

HE'S FAITHFUL IN MAKING THE NEW REVEAL ITSELF IN YOUR LIFE.

"And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'"
— Revelation 21:5

GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE NEW SONGS OF PRAISE.

"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him." — Psalm 40:3

HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A RENEWED SPIRIT.

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." — Ezekiel 11:19

HE MAKES NEW WAYS OUT OF THE WILDERNESS.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."
— Isaiah 43:19

LIVING IN THE NEW IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE.

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." — Ephesians 4:22-24

HE'S STILL CREATING THINGS UNSEEN.

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." — Isaiah 65:17

AND IN CHRIST, HE'S GIVEN US A FRESH START.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." — 2 Corinthians 5:17

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW YEAR FOR A FRESH START BECAUSE HIS MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. — Lamentations 3:22-23

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A New Year poem

Another fresh new year is here …
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest …
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

William Arthur Ward

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