

January 2022 Newsletter

From Heaven's Heart

“The Church Needs You and You Need the Church”

I hope you remember this from last month's Newsletter. Christians are not consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by haying hands on the hurting. We do life together. *The church needs you and you need the church.* If you don't believe this, just ask someone that's engaged, giving, sacrificing, encouraging, praying, showing up. Just ask.

Ask someone who can't physically make it to church on Sunday's. You'll discover they'd give almost anything to be able to see good enough to drive themselves to church, or dress themselves or walk again.

It's a New Year. We have the most loving, God fearing, Jesus believing church you'll find anywhere...We offer a wonderful service thanks to Mike Snodgrass and Jim Matkins who record, edit and share videos of our services from our website, Facebook and DVD's. I'm so thankful we have this ministry. And many of these families who watch, from New York to Florida to Hawaii support us by praying for us and financially. Thanks to Mary, they don't have to mail their checks. As four families from Florida did last week. They simply go to our website, click on Give and Paypal sends us their tithes to use in our ministries. Thank you Mike, Jim and Mary...you are at work for Him and helping spread the word of God to others who do not have a local church or can't be with us and we become their church family.

It's a New Year. God has continued to bless our church, His church and you. We don't have to look far to see our blessings. They are everywhere because God is everywhere and He wants 2022 to be one of the best years for His church. Jesus said, “Go into all the world and make disciples, (His Follower's) spreading the Good News the Savior of the world has come, died for our sins, rose from the grave and is alive and well, living in all believers through His Holy Spirit. His command is to GO! Will you and I GO in 2022. Go visit a neighbor. Call someone we know needs Christ and can find Him through a friend. And perhaps they can

discover that important relationship He desires to have with them through His church, our church family.

On Sunday Dec. 5th, one of our newest, regular guests and a friend...actually more like family, filled up the back row of our church with guests he had invited. I sure hope David decides to join our church one day. I wish all of you, myself included, would do what David did and invite others to come and worship with us. What David did was what Jesus commanded him to do. To GO! Thank you David. Keep inviting and please keep coming. You are truly our brother in Christ...our family.

God called a faithful son home on Sunday Dec. 5th. Our friend Louis Poole has a new, permanent address...Heaven. With his passing, many of you didn't ask if you could do anything for the family. You did what Jesus commanded...you went. You began by praying, then delivering food, calling, texting, visiting. You obeyed Jesus and you went. Thank you!

It's a New Year! My prayer for you is not for a blessing because you are being blessed everyday...because you are HIS. My prayer is one of thanksgiving. I'm thanking God because of the blessings He is sending your way and mine so you will be a blessing to others. And my prayer for you is this. If you are not already GOING, DOING, GIVING, ENCOURAGING, SHOWING UP...don't you think it's about time? Make your mind up today and let God know...He'll hold you to your promise and send more blessings your way. That's His promise. When you GO, your Heavenly Father calls this obedience and with your obedience comes His blessings. You know this already, don't you!

Happy New Year,

Pastor Steve

PS Lord, thank you for all your blessings, past present and future.