



New Castle First Baptist Church

January 2019

When We Seek Him We Find Him

Jeremiah 29:13 “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

These words were first spoken by the Lord, through Jeremiah, to the Israelites who were suffering through Babylonian exile. While we want to be careful about taking Scripture out of context and applying it to our lives today, this verse very much applies to our walk with the Lord today. No matter the covenant, no matter the time and no matter where we might be geographically, our Heavenly Father always reveals himself to us when we are earnestly seeking him with all our heart.

This is going to be an exciting year for your church and mine! We are going to start the vision casting process where together we are going to discern who we are as a church, where we are going, and how we are going to get there. God has a unique vision for each and every one of his children. While we are all called to fulfill the Great Commission which Jesus charged all the church with in Matthew 28:19-20, we are also called to different roles and responsibilities within the church, that are completely unique. Paul wrote, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone (1 Corinthians 12:4–6, ESV). In the same way that all saints have been uniquely called and specially equipped to work for the Lord, First Baptist Church New Castle has a unique calling, a special opportunity to serve the Lord that is completely different than any other congregation in the world. And in the same way a person is blessed when they discern the will of God for their lives and walk in it, so will we be blessed as a congregation if we discern God’s will for us and walk in it.

Before we can walk in God’s will as individuals or a congregation, we must first discern what his will is. This is where the entire congregation, young and old, new believers and long-time saints alike need to come together, corporately and privately, and ask God to reveal to us his special plans for our church. We need to seek him with all of our heart. To help do this we are going to start a special prayer initiative which will begin January 20th and run through the end of February. Each family will be given a book called 40 Days of Prayer: Devotional Guide for Church Revitalization. This guide will help lead your family and mine through a special prayer and devotion time each day for 40 days. This will be church wide focus in January and February and a common theme in our worship services, Sunday School classes, and (prayerfully) in our homes. At the end, once we are all prayed up, we will come together in March and start the vision casting process together where we will all be given the opportunity to reveal what it is that God has laid on our hearts.

Until then, we don’t need a special guide to pray for our church or each other. If prayer is not already an important part of your family’s routine, now is a great time to make it so. For the Word of God says, “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known” (Jeremiah 33:3, ESV).

Happy New Year!

Pastor Kevin

JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

**“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”
Jeremiah 29:13**

Dear Church Family and Friends,

It is with humble and appreciative hearts that we wish to express our gratitude for the generous gifts we were presented from the church, on December 23rd. Our prayer is that our Lord is honored in all that we do for the church body. Again, thank you very much, and God bless you.

Pastor Kevin, Fisher, Karen, Julie, & Angela

Circle of Friends

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every Month

January 8th

**This month's outing is
planned for Big R's and
Shannon's BBQ, 213 South
First Street; LaGrange.
Meet there at 11:30am.**

COMING SOON!!!

40 Days of Prayer

January Nursery Schedule

6 Sue Banta & Lynn Adams
13 Aimee Cline & Ginger Nix
20 Emily Payton & Ella White
27 Fisher Stinson & Youth

Special Thanks to everyone who serves!!!

Church Office Manager Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 10am-4:30pm Sunday 8:00-9:30am

On call @ 502-321-5135

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY TO:

4 Seth Bryant
5 Nathaniel Kimes
6 Noah McGhee
8 Melissa Williams
9 Roby Foree
9 Luke Hall
16 Linda Stewart
17 Kailey Kays
18 Keegan Kurtz
20 Gayle Mann
21 Carlie Seligman
21 Rachel Keeling
29 Julie Powell

JANUARY

Deacons of the Month

Melissa Blankenship 502-220-3182

Brad Hargrove 502-845-7127

Please contact these individuals with needs, concerns or requests



Wednesday Nights

**Children's Program at 6:00pm
Dinner Served**

**Middle School Youth Group
6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Dinner Served to All Youth from 7:00pm – 7:30pm

**High School Youth Group
7:30pm – 8:30pm**