

A Word From the Publisher

Welcome 2021! And with that being said...I'm thankful for a New Year! 2020 has been a good year in some aspects but a very challenging year over all! I really don't think that saying 'Thank You' is enough to all of our faithful advertisers through 2020. There is no way that we could have survived without you. I'm so thankful each week for the advertisers we have and the new ones that join our family. Our advertisers are the ones who make our paper. I'm also thankful for you, our readers, who support our many advertisers when you're in need! God has truly blessed us with this newspaper. We want to thank all of those who sent Christmas cards or dropped off gifts to us during the Christmas season. What a blessing it is to be appreciated and loved by so many.

As we enjoyed a little time away, each of us had a very safe and happy Christmas and good New Year. This year, as with all years, we will strive to provide an informative newspaper with all our local happenings and hopefully we will have more this year! As we look into 2021, we all see changes continuing to happen in our community as well as our state and country. Prayer is the most important thing we do each and every day for all of these things. As we all strive to be model citizens, my prayer is to bring God back into our country. I have referred many times to one of my favorite devotionals, Great is Thy Faithfulness by Our Daily Bread. Sunday's reading (January 3) read, "... we are constantly finding our emotional and spiritual reserves drained by the challenges of life in a broken world." How true is that today? And yet, where

do we turn? The Bible is one of the oldest books written yet in Psalm 37:3, it gives us the answer, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." How many times do we put our trust in so many other things. Just a reminder... God never changes. He is the same today, tomorrow and yesterday.

I am reminded of my faithful brother Dub and so many others like him. He was basically given a death sentence of pancreatic cancer. It was heartbreaking but his faith remained strong throughout. "God has a plan for me," he would say. Until the very end, he was so incredibly positive. Test after test and numerous surgeries, he still came out with that smile. Dub passed away in October but his spirit and strength lives on through so many including me. I've had some tough times, I thought, but nothing like what my sweet brother endured. I know he struggled at times but God always pulled him through. I've said many times, when I'm feeling down, the best thing to do is look up. God (and Dub) is looking down and watching and guiding me through this tough thing we call life. All we have to do is reach out to Him. You can either accept Him or reject Him (Jesus Christ)! There's no other option. It's pretty simple, having a full life instead of empty and meaningful life instead of meaningless. None of us know what tomorrow brings. Won't you choose Jesus today?

Have blessed week!

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