



**James 4:8a –
Draw nigh to God, and He will
draw nigh to you.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

And so it is that we are drawing to a close of yet another year. Last year brought joys and sorrows, goals met and goals missed, friendships gained and friendships lost. For many people, New Year's Day is just another holiday. For others, it is a time of reflection. While there is no significant meaning to this holiday for a Christian, it doesn't mean that we should ignore the chance to think about how we can use our time better in the future as we serve the Lord.

One way to better serve Him is to **remember**. Ecclesiastes 12:1 tells us to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Life is fragile, and since every breath is a miracle, we should realize that life is a gift given to us by the Lord. In 2020, let's make giving thanks a priority!

Secondly, let us worship the Lord for His faithfulness, which should naturally lead us to **repent** when we fail Him. When we repent, it brings relief and joy, for that is the gateway to a better relationship with the Lord. How can we begin our journey in 2020 without first allowing His light to reveal areas in need of growth?

Finally, as we begin a new decade, let's all take time to **rest**. Despite our shortcomings, Jesus loves us. Jesus is the One who calls us as broken sinners, but yet He empowers us to accomplish His mission. We will always find rest in Him.

So, as we begin 2020, let's remember that even in our failures, we serve the One who loves us. We may make plans but let us not hold onto them tightly. May we all entrust our lives to the King of kings, who holds the whole world in His hands!

In His service,
Pastor Mark Davis

Let's Worship Together!

Sundays

Sunday School for all Ages 9:30 AM
Fellowship Time 10:15-10:30 AM
Morning Worship Service 10:30 AM
Jr Church (kids ages 3-12) 11:00 AM
Communion Sunday* 11:30 AM
Choir Practice 4:00 PM
Evening Bible Study** 5:00 PM

Wednesdays

Faith Weavers for Kids 6:30 PM
(canceled when school is not in session)

* 1st Sunday of each month

** No Bible Study if there is a business meeting

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

January Birthdays

01/01 Kevin McClaskey
01/03 Brett Dickens
01/18 Dylan Usry



General: Linda Chase; Aaron Cook; Bertha Dean; Dale Fadely; John Floyd; Mitchell Foster; Patty Hart; Lezlee Jones; Charity Kossin; George and Carmaleta Lorenz; Todd Lovelady; John and Kathy McMillan; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Edna Peel; Jason Pelkey; Opal Smith; James Tolbert; Earl Tresner; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite

Cancer Patients: Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Rhonda Davis; Rob Darnall; Larry Fueeler; Clayalee Glover; Marsha Hale; Lou Kennedy; Jack King; Belinda Landeros; Jeanie McGinnis; Lorene Selter; John Sweeny; George Thomas; Kenny Tyler; Judy Tolbert

Our Senior Saints: Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House

Ministries & Missionaries: FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

Others: President Trump and Vice President Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

Sympathy: Family of Gloria Brosius

Missionary: Ariel Tatum – lionofgod2003@gmail.com



The Pastor's Wife

Good evening, FBC ladies,

I'm writing a short article in this section of our newsletter because God has shown me some things that I want to share with all of you.

During my personal Bible reading time and also to prepare for KISA Bible studies during the Christmas Advent Season, I've focused on reading and studying Luke Chapters 1 and 2. Through those studies, I've come to realize how spiritually anemic I am if I compare myself to two great women of faith who are found in those two chapters of the Bible. Let me explain what I mean:

In Luke 1:46-49, God's Word records: ⁴⁶And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, ⁴⁷And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁴⁸For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. ⁴⁹For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name." Mary faced what seemed to be an impossible miracle. Not only was it difficult to believe, but it surely was not received well by society. But rather than reject God's gift of His son, or by worrying about what other people might think or say, Mary prayed and rejoiced. Mary's response is a simple reminder to us to trust in God fully, even when things do not make sense.

Then in Luke 2:36-38, we meet Anna, the prophetess. The Bible records that she served God with fasting and prayers both night and day. Anna prayed, and the more she prayed, the more she trusted God. I believe consistent prayer will do the same for us, too.

From the very beginning, Christians have gathered to pray. Prayer is valuable. Prayer brings about change. And because of the burdens we carry and the needs we have, we need to pray.

Ladies, will you consider giving just one hour, one Saturday morning a month, to join together and pray? Let's meet the first Saturday morning of January, at my house, from 7:30 – 8:30 AM, for prayer. I'll have the coffee ready when you arrive. Hope to see you then!

😊 Ralene

Secretary's Corner

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

--Mary Fairchild



Word Search

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PSALMS
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