

Sunday School/Jr Church/FaithWeavers

January Calendar

Sundays

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| Sunday School: weekly | 9:30 AM |
| Worship Service: weekly | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Bible Study: Christian History | 6:30 PM |
| Deacons' Meeting, 1/13 | after AM service |

Tuesdays

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| Men's Prayer Breakfast: <i>Green Door</i> | 7:00 AM |
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Wednesdays

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| Faith Weavers 12/05, 12/12, 12/19 | 6:30 PM |
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January Birthdays

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| 1/01 | Kevin McClaskey |
| 1/03 | Brett Dickens |
| 1/18 | Dylan Usry |

January Anniversaries

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| 1/10 | DeWayne and Donna Glover |
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Pastor's Pen: I hope you had a wonderful Christmas! Ralene and I want to thank you for your Christmas gift. Your timing was perfect, and we really appreciate your kindness.

Now that January is almost here, it's time to reassess our lives and think about what is most important to us. With that in mind, here are some things to consider making a part of your life in 2019.

Read "The Book": Are you up for the challenge? So many people would love to read the Bible through in a year, but they never seem to get it done. It is impossible for a pastor to preach through the Bible in a year, so if you don't read it on your own you will miss so many important things. Studies have shown that most believers have never read the entire Bible! A LifeWay Research poll released in April of 2017, found that 11% of American Christians have read the Bible in its entirety once from cover to cover, with only 9% saying they have read through it multiple times.

Attend Your Local Church: Unfortunately, many Christians struggle with the idea of attending church. Our nation is at a crossroads, so church attendance is more important than ever. Experts estimate there are millions of American Christians who are not active in a local church. The Biblical pattern for church is this:
* All Christians should gather together to hear the Scriptures and worship our Lord together with other believers. It is also profitable to meet in small group settings, such as in homes. (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor 16:2, Acts 2:42, 2:46, Rom 16:5, Col 3:16, 1 Cor 16:19, Col 4:15, Acts 20:20, Psalms 84:4, Psalms 92:13).

* Since believers are sometimes physically unable to attend their local church, they should seek out an avenue where they can view a church service. Our church streams our Sunday main service on FB-live every Sunday. If you find you are unable to attend, please log into FB and watch church online.

Finally, here are four powerful reasons to attend church: 1) because God said so (Hebrews 10:25), 2) because worshiping Jesus collectively is powerful, 3) because we need each other, 4) because we each will grow more if we are not alone. This year, don't let excuses stand in the way of doing what God has called you to do: seek Him, follow Him, and love His church.

In His service,
Pastor Mark Davis

"Why do churches need kids' programs?" ... What? Yes, unfortunately that question has been asked. When you are at church this Sunday, look around the sanctuary. How many people do you see who are under the age of 25? Why is that? Researchers have found a few possible reasons why young people don't want to go to church:

1. Kids think it's boring. This excuse is used, but it is probably not the real reason. Studies show it's usually one of the other reasons on this list. (See below)
2. Kids would rather _____. For kids who have their hearts in the right place with Jesus, but would rather do other things, there is likely a scheduling issue - like sleeping late, or seeing friends, or needing time to breathe. Society keeps kids way too busy!
3. Kids don't have friends at church. Kids today like to socialize - a lot. If their friends are not there, they don't want to be there either.
4. Kids don't like the other kids (or adults). Even at church there are bullies, snobs, meanies, and more.
5. Kids don't like their teacher. Perhaps a teacher has said something that was hurtful to a kid, and they don't want to go near church again. Or, the teacher has no credibility - inexperienced, or they live a hypocritical lifestyle. Kids need to respect their youth leader.
6. Kids don't see the lessons as relevant. If a kid's home-life is a mess, church doesn't seem relevant to them in their daily lives.
7. Kids don't believe in God. Studies show that most adults who have turned away from the church started doubting God in middle school. That's why we need youth programs!
8. Kids don't have a strong relationship with Jesus. This reason trumps all of the other reasons. It takes time to develop a relationship with Christ, and if it's a problem most of this falls under the umbrella of parental problems.

If we don't reach our kids today, we have no future. It's as simple as that. So, let's get on our knees and ask God to ignite love in our hearts for kids. With God's help, 2019 can be a turning point for us!



Secretary's Corner

Christian Prayer & Healing Poems Contents

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General: Jo Custer; Dale Fadely; Jon Faler; Jim Fine; John Floyd; Janet Greer; DeWayne Glover; Lezlee Jones; Dick King; Jason Lewis; Tanner Lewis; Mike Long; Carmaleta Lorenz; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Lance Monholland; Mike Nolan; Chris Shore; Freda Sizemore; Karl Urban; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite; Dale Wolfe

Cancer Patients: Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Larry Fueller; Clayalee Glover; Mary Jane Hawkins; Lou Kennedy; Jack King; Alice Papain; John Sweeny; George Thomas; Judy Tolbert

Our Senior Saints: Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Marge Cross; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Sue House; Nora Myers; Clara Belle Wallace; Jack Ward

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

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