

### Pastor's Paragraph

#### Worthy Goals for the New Year

Dear Church Family,

As we enter 2024 it's a good time to consider the things we need to continue and the things we need to change in our Christian lives. We often refer to "New Year's Resolutions" as those goals we make for ourselves and our families. You may or may not be in the habit of making such resolutions, but I can assure you that biblical goals are worth making and keeping. Life is largely the product of our choices and habits. Here are some worthy goals to have in 2024:

**Bible reading** – Begin each day by reading God's Word. Have a daily plan that includes a chapter in Proverbs and a schedule for reading through the Bible in a year. Bible reading guides are available at the Information Desk in the church foyer.

**Prayer** – Begin each day in prayer. Use this simple acronym "ACTS" as a guide:

- *Adoration* – Praise God for His attributes and His majesty; praise Him for revealing Himself through nature, Scripture, and His Son Jesus.
- *Confession* – Admit to God that you have sinned. Be honest and humble as you confess sinful actions, attitudes, words, thoughts, and also sins of omission (failing to do what you should do).
- *Thanksgiving* – Be grateful for everything God has given you. Thank Him in good and bad circumstances, knowing that He has a loving purpose in all things.
- *Supplication* – Ask God to meet specific needs for others and yourself.

**Worship** – Be in worship as often as possible. Worship sharpens our focus on God and His will. It is a precious time each week to praise God and to be instructed by His Word.

**Service** – Be involved in serving others in our church family. We are the body of Christ on earth and it is our privilege to serve one another for Christ's sake.

As we fulfill these goals we should realize that life on earth will soon be over and then Christ will evaluate us. Our one ambition is to hear Christ say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Looking forward to another blessed year in Christ,

Pastor Stan



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## Student Ministry

**ADVENTURE CLUB  
RESUMES ON  
- WEDNESDAY -  
JANUARY 3RD  
6:00PM**

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### LBC FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED -

#### Weekly List to serve 70 Families Monthly

- Box of Saltine Crackers with
- 2 Cans of Soup (chicken, vegetable, tomato)
- 16oz Box or Bag of Spaghetti
- 1 Can of Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 Can of Beans
- 2 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 1 Can of Corn and 1 Can of Green Beans
- 16 oz jar Peanut Butter
- Package of Cookies

#### **Please NO individual or Family serving size items**

The church will be purchasing Additional Products.

Each family will receive all of these items each month.



### **Resolve to Serve in the New Year**

**We have many areas of Ministry that need faithful workers:**

- Sound Booth
- Greeters & Ushers
- Kitchen Team
- Nursery & Children's Church
- Just to name a few

*Where can you serve??*



## THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

**153 BC January**, first month of the Gregorian calendar. It was named after Janus, the Roman god of all beginnings. January replaced March as the first month of the Roman year.

**1521** – Martin Luther is excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

**1542** - Calvin's Ecclesiastical Ordinances are ratified as church law in Geneva.

**1792** - Death in Canterbury, Kent, England, of Edward Perronet who had written the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

**1921** -KDKA, a Pittsburgh radio station, broadcasts a service from Calvary Episcopal Church to test its ability to make remote broadcasts; this is the first religious broadcast ever made.

**1956** - 5 Missionaries (the Brethren Boys) including Jim Elliot were killed in Ecuador by the "Waorani" for their faith.

**January 6** is traditionally celebrated as the day the magi visited Jesus, and it marks the end of the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

### Resource Spotlight: *Table Talk Magazine*

January 2024 Edition: The Holy Spirit

Articles: "The Work of the Holy Spirit in History", "The Work of the Holy Spirit in Redemption", "I Believe in the Holy Spirit", "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit", "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit"

Includes a daily devotional for each day of the month. Example "Thursday, January 18"

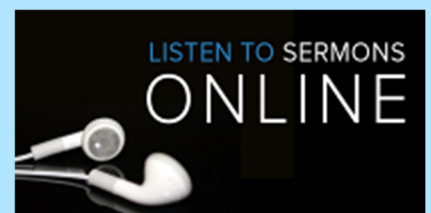
Acts 2:37-38 "Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (vs 38)

"Coram Deo: Baptism is not merely an act of our obedience or an outward sign of an inward grace. More fundamentally baptism is a means of grace wherein God communicates His promise to save those who trust in Christ. Baptism does not save apart from personal trust in Jesus, but is a sign and seal of salvation."

Table Talk Magazine is available free at the information desk in the foyer.

### A HELPFUL BOOK FOR ALL FAMILIES

During 2024 we encourage every family to read and discuss *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, by Donald Whitney. This book helps us to begin and continue the activities that will make us stronger and deeper in our Christian faith. It includes chapters on Bible reading, prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, and much more. We have used this book in our men's and women's Bible studies and found it to be most helpful. Books are available for \$10 each.



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**Men's Saturday Morning  
Bible Study**

January 6, 2024 7:30AM



Read  
Through  
the Bible

*Daily Reading Plans*

*To Read Through the Bible  
in 1 year*

are available from the church  
office or the information desk

**Saturday Morning Ladies  
Bible Study**

will resume meeting on

January 27, 2024 @  
10:00am

Our new study will be

John MacArthur's

"40 Lives in 40 Days"

**LBC Food Pantry  
Monday, January 8, 2024**

**12:30 PM**

**Volunteers please arrive at  
11:45**

**"There are Bibles in almost every  
house in the land. But all this time  
I fear we are in danger of  
forgetting that to have the Bible is  
one thing, and to read it quite  
another."**

**- J. C. Ryle**

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

We will resume meeting on

Tuesday, January 23rd @ 11:00am

**Haven of Rest Service**

**Tuesday, January 23rd @ 7:30 PM**

**Speaker: Dustin Daugherty**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Layla Phillips	01/02
Amelia Musick	01/04
Easton Stout	01/04
Kathyren Beverly	01/07
Gladys Dillard	01/07
Eyden Hughes	01/07
Isabella Musick	01/08
Linda Darby	01/09
Bill Beverly	01/10

Mary Bowman	01/14
Madie Shortt	01/14
John Kelsey	01/16
Megan Leonard	01/20
Josh Bowman	01/21
Jason Gilreath	01/24
Peggy Stout	01/30
Jacob Canter	01/31

