



From the Pastor's Desk

I am sure that you have noticed that each year almost every news outlet and magazine puts out an issue for the express purpose of recalling people and events that made news during the previous year. So here we are, at the first of another New Year. I wonder how we will do this Year. Will we be as busy? Will we make better use of our time? When this year is over, will we be looking back with joy, or with regret? Will we be looking to the future with anticipation, or with dread?

Ephesians 5:15-17 says, "Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." This passage, from the Apostle Paul, presents some valuable lessons that we should consider:

1. OUR TIME ON EARTH IS LIMITED
2. MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY
3. UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LORD'S WILL IS

Someone once said that, "Life is what happens to you while you are making plans to do something else." I sincerely believe that this is true. Another year stretches out before us. How will we spend the next 8760 hours? I pray that during the New Year of 2017 that you will have:

Enough happiness to keep you sweet—Enough trials to keep you strong, Enough sorrow to keep you human—Enough hope to keep you happy, Enough failure to keep you humble—Enough success to keep you eager, Enough friends to give you comfort—Enough wealth to meet your needs, Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow, & Enough determination to make each day better than the day before.

REMEMBER, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Glen

Memory Verse



"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Tim 3:16-17 (KJV)

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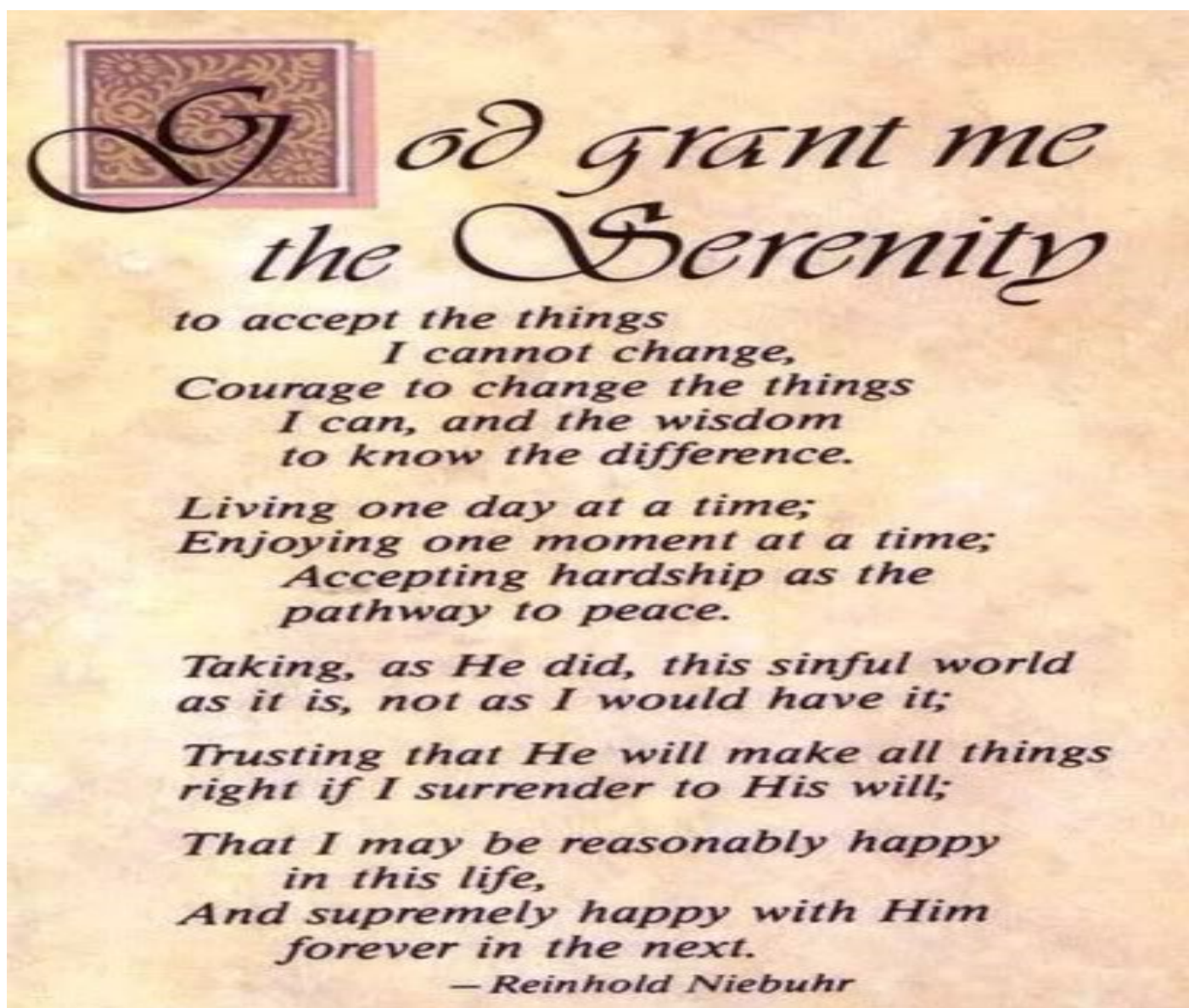
Food For Thought

Recipe for a Happy New Year. . .

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (Some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing—don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Anonymous



From the Administrative Team

Happy New Year from the Administrative Team! With the beginning of the New Year, we also have the beginning of a new Church year. This includes a new annual Church Missions Budget that was approved at the Special Called December Church Conference. This gives us all, as Church members, a renewed responsibility. A responsibility to be aware of the budgeted items approved by the Church and to ensure that we follow the approved budget. This message reminds me of some of Glen's sermons when he mentions that he continues to preach about the same things over and over. As he calls it ...repetition! That's right, if we repeat the importance of following the budget and the guidelines of spending the Church's money, maybe it will sink in with all the members. Remember, **no money is spent without the Church's approval!** I know that some don't like this. We all are accustomed to spending our money whenever we want and however we want. Yet, this is not the case with the Church's money. That money is given to the Church with the intent of it being used for the uplifting of God's kingdom. Therefore, the Church must approve of all money spent. Again, this is included in the Constitution & By-Laws on page 74, where the Financial Policies and Procedures are spelled out. These Policies and Procedures were approved by the Church and **are to be followed.** It is important that we all follow the Policies and Procedures because no one individual has the responsibility to collect the income for the Church and no one individual has the responsibility or right to spend the money for the Church. No matter how important you may think it is to purchase something or spend some money for the Church, it must first be approved by the Church to be spent. If we do not have rules and procedures on spending of money, there will be no control on the money being spent. With no controls, we may not have the needed money available to pay our committed bills, such as salaries, utilities, literature, etc. So, the next time you decide to spend some money for a budgeted item, remember that **it must be approved by the Church prior to spending.**

OK, enough of the soap box!! Let's focus on the New Year. We are blessed to see another year and look forward to see what the Lord brings to us this year. We have had an amazing Church growth in the past year and hope to continue that trend as we move into another year. Keep up the good work, Pastor Glen and Baptist Tabernacle!!

As usual, if you have any questions for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any of the members.

Thanks,

Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Kelly Currie

Members: Allette Hale, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)

Sense of Humor: "What Would Jesus Drive?"

Q: Did you know that they had automobiles in Jesus' time?

A: Yes, the Bible says that the disciples were all of one Accord.





Youth Happenings

Well here we are at the beginning of yet another New Year! The Christmas season was such a blessed one and I want to thank you all for all you have done for our family! I also thank you for supporting and loving our youth in 2016. I look forward to serving our youth in 2017 and all that God has in store for us as a church family.

We are kicking off 2017 with a couple of fundraisers to help with Youth Camp this summer! This summer we are venturing off again with Team Effort Missions. We have selected Virginia Beach, VA as our destination and we will be serving this community **June 25th—July 1st**. We have 20 signed up to attend this summer. We will serve this community by helping with house repair, painting, wheelchair construction, etc. We will also participate in worship services, recreation, games and end our week with a fun outing to a local attraction before heading home. The cost of the trip per person is \$299. If you wish to help support our youth please see fundraising opportunities below.

Upcoming Youth Fundraisers

Movie Night: The youth will be hosting a movie night on **Friday, January 27th @ 7:00**. We will be showing “God’s Not Dead 2,” and will be selling popcorn, candy, and drinks. Please come join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

Superbowl Sunday Fundraiser: The youth will be holding our annual “Souperbowl” Sunday fundraiser immediately after church on **February 5th @ 12:00!** Please come out and enjoy some soup, chili, sandwiches, and dessert and help support our youth going to camp!!

God Bless,

Carrie

BTC Missions

Sonny Trippe gave us a very brief summary of our ongoing mission activities during the regular worship service on Sunday, December 11th. Your Mission Team wants you to be aware of what **YOU** have been doing to assist those in need within our community and nearby during the recent Christmas season. All made possible through your support of Fall Fest and designated giving to Community Missions. Highlights are:

You contributed \$10,000 to NC Missions (Baptist Men) and \$2500 to Kennedy Homes toward flood recovery.

You retrieved 10 children's names from Corinth Holder's Elementary School's Angel Tree and Archer Lodge's Middle School Angel Trees. Gifts for those specific children were purchased, gift wrapped, and delivered to their schools before Christmas.

You "adopted" four families from the community. We had helped these families earlier with clothes and household items from our Fall Fest residuals. These are hard-working families who just can not seem to get ahead and are in need of a little assistance. Gifts and a Christmas meal were provided for these families.

After Fall Fest, **You** helped several families in the community by encouraging their "free shopping" for clothing and household items left after our yard sale. Residual items have continued to be made available to those in need within our community.

You provided two vehicle loads of residual items from our yard sale to the Raleigh Moose Lodge's yard sale. All proceeds from their sale were used to purchase gifts for a North Raleigh/Rolesville Angel Tree Community.

You sent new coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to children who were victims of the flood in Lumberton. Here **You** were supporting an initiative by Katherine Batten.

Further, we recognized that while seasonal concern and giving from many sources were more readily available at this time of year, our "neighbors" will continue to need assistance long after the Christmas Season has come and gone. Accordingly, we expect to continue meeting needs within our community well into the new year. Thanks again for your continued support of our Mission activities at Baptist Tabernacle Church.

Evangelism Team

We continue to welcome visitors each week with our outreach program. We are thankful for all the new members that have become part of our Tabernacle family. Please remember to have your visiting family member or friend fill out a visitor card.

Happy New Year and continue to pray for those that have not made a profession of faith.

The Evangelism Team

Senior Citizen News

We closed the year out by serving our last Tuesday meal for the home bound in our community. It was bitter sweet for each of us. Our Team could no longer serve due to our age and health. We were blessed many years through this outreach program.

A small group attended "Christmas by the Sea" at Camp Caswell in December. Everyone enjoyed the speaker each night. However the highlight of the program was traveling to Myrtle Beach to see the Christmas show at the Alabama Theater. If you wished you could have attended, be on the look out next year in October for the notice.

Praying for a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year for everyone.

Senior Citizen Leaders

How Is That Again?

In the King James Version there are only 500 Verses in the Bible that are devoted to prayer. Can you find them? More importantly, are you praying?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

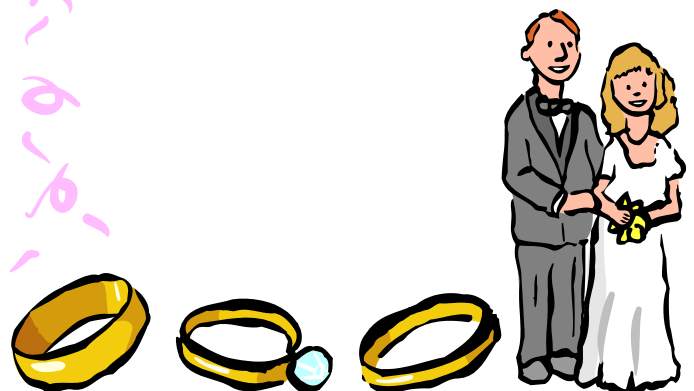
1st	Kathryn Batten	23rd	Mike Bailey
3rd	Joan Hunter	25th	Kathy Ayscue
	Roy Pope	26th	Judy Boswell
4th	Kathy Mack		Steven Carlyle
6th	Brian Bailey		Matt Dillon
	Dale Driver		Cynthia Hudson
7th	Sadie Batten		Shelby Makepeace
	Samantha Hunter		Logan Whitley
	Franceline Price	27th	Kerry Garner
	Rondy Ward		Ray Guy
8th	Samantha Creech	28th	Erin Bell
9th	Jackson Morgan	29th	Kathy Flynn
	Brandon Pulley.		Ashley Maidon
12th	Wes Privette	31st	Mackenzie Bell
	Glenn Strickland		
14th	Rickie Driver		
	Dylan Melvin		
	Mary Lou Richardson		
15th	Matthew Grady		
16th	Christin Hunter		
17th	Brooke Bailey		
	Sheila Stancil		
18th	Dana Hocutt		
19th	Wanda Batten		
	Sheri Henry		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January

8th	George & Jane Strickland
14th	Ray & Judy Boswell
18th	Ken & Rose Spencer
27th	Jerry & Linda Lee
29th	Dennis & Cathy Lockleair



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Regular Worship

Wednesday

6:30-7:15pm Youth Meet
6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Service / New Years Day	2 Baptist Men Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4 Regular Service	5	6	7
8 Regular Service Pastor Glen @ Robin- wood Communion	9 Leadership Team Meeting @ 7 pm	10 Levada Driver Group to meet @ the home of Kathryn @ 7	11 Regular Service	12	13	14 Deacons Christmas Party / Winter Dinner 6 pm (FMC)
15 Regular Service	16 Vera Hocutt 1pm Administrative Team Meeting @ 7 pm	17 Triple L-Fun, Games, Lunch 10 am	18 Church Conference @ 6:30 pm	19 Deacon's Led Prayer Service 7 pm	20	21
22 Regular Service Baptist Men's Service	23 Deacons Meeting @ 7 pm	24 Judy Strickland Prayer Group 10 am	25	26	27 Youth Movie Night @ 7 pm (FMC) Movie showing: God's Not Dead 2	28
29 Regular Service	30	31 Judy Strickland Prayer Group 10 am				

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Monthly Bible Reading: January 2017

Day 1 Genesis 1-3
Day 2 Genesis 4-6
Day 3 Genesis 7-9
Day 4 Genesis 10-12
Day 5 Genesis 13-15
Day 6 Genesis 16-18
Day 7 Genesis 19-21
Day 8 Genesis 22-24
Day 9 Genesis 25-27
Day10 Genesis 28-30
Day 11 Genesis 31-33
Day 12 Genesis 34-36
Day 13 Genesis 37-39
Day 14 Genesis 40-42
Day 15 Genesis 43-45
Day 16 Genesis 46-50
Day 17 Matthew 1-3
Day 18 Matthew 4-6

Day 19 Matthew 1-3
Day 20 Matthew 4-6
Day 21 Matthew 7-9
Day 22 Matthew 10-12
Day 23 Matthew 13-15
Day 24 Matthew 16-28
Day 25 Matthew 25-28
Day 26 Exodus 1-3
Day 27 Exodus 4-6
Day 28 Exodus 7-9
Day 29 Exodus 10-12
Day 30 Exodus 13-15
Day 31 Exodus 16-18

