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A NEW YEAR A NEW HEART



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From your Discipleship/Senior Adults Pastor:

Happy New You. This month we welcome 2021, a new year filled with hope and prayers for your health and happiness. This month's focus for discipleship is on our home "Community Care" groups. 2020 was a difficult year for most of our community care groups. Hopefully, prayerfully, we will soon experience a demise or neutralizing of Mr. Covid and we can once again feel comfortable having or groups meet in our homes. I so appreciate those of you have been and are serving as group care leaders, some of you who continued on via Zoom. I'm praying that during 2021 we will see an increase in our groups and am in need of leaders who will begin new groups. Please let me know of your interest and of your willingness to serve in this capacity via email (bvoorhes@fbcmauldin.org). Early on, I hope to have an orientation meeting of new leaders (and those of you who would like to refocus on your present group). During 2021 we hope to see groups formed focusing on "Living the Word." The groups will be sermon-based, discussing ways our participants can apply the message of the week into tangible actions.

Until then, I've ordered a couple of resources for the New Year you may be interested in using with your present groups. One of them is "Forward" a video driven session format of David Jeremiah's book Forward. The other from LifeWay is an 8 week study on what Jesus teaches us about happiness (a study on the beatitudes). By the time you receive this newsletter those resources will be available to preview – see me.

All groups should be focused on learning more of what the Bible teaches and on putting the Great Commission into our daily life. Remember, Christ never said we were to become Bible scholars, but He has commanded we be Disciple Makers. Wednesday night family night meals resume, January 13. Serving between 5:15 – 6:15 paid reservations may be made through the church office by the Monday before the meal, or through the designated envelopes found in the pre racks. Meals will be \$6.00 per plate with a cap of \$30 for a family.

Amanda Gregory will be leading the Wednesday night Disciple Makers group in room A33/34 at 6:30. Please let us know if you plan on attending.

From your Senior Adult Pastor

Happy New Year! It was our hopes that by this time in this new year we would be over the presence of Mr. COVID. Obviously God has not ended that yet – we don't understand, we get down and depressed and lonely more and more as it continues. Therefore, we continue taking precautions to maintain vigilance in safe distancing which affects our gathering together for times of fellowship and worship. I know the loneliness and feelings of isolation become heavier as the pandemic continues. Please let us know how we can help you in your needs at this time. The first quarter of 2021 finds us with a different schedule (temporarily) for our Sonshine Fellowships. We will not have a meeting in January. We are planning on one in February which will be in connection with Valentine events, however it will not be on the first Tuesday. We are in the process of working out the details, as well as the date and time, and will let you know as soon as they are firmed up.

Bill

Ministry Budget 12/06/2020		Ministry Budget 12/13/2020	
This Week	\$ 43,871.59	This Week	\$ 67,852.69
This Year	\$ 1,248,660.08	This Year	\$ 1,316,512.77
Renovations		Renovations	
This Week	\$ 885.00	This Week	\$ 700.00
This Year	\$ 46,209.00	This Year	\$ 46,909.00
Designated		Designated	
This Week	\$ 10,628.00	This Week	\$ 13,495.00
Attendance (In Person And Online)		Attendance (In Person And Online)	
Worship	711	Worship	599
Sunday School	131	Sunday School	148

Ministry Budget 12/20/2020		Ministry Budget 12/27/2020	
This Week	\$ 55,408.75	This Week	\$ 11,895.72
This Year	\$1,371,921.52	This Year	\$ 1,383,817.24
Renovations		Renovations	
This Week	\$ 445.00	This Week	\$ 270.00
This Year	\$ 47,354.00	This Year	\$ 47,624.00
Designated		Designated	
This Week	\$ 23,947.00	This Week	\$ 850.00
Attendance (In Person And Online)		Attendance (In Person And Online)	
Worship	764	Worship	546
Sunday School	150	Sunday School	102

A Note to the Church from a Church Member:

Dear Friends,

Thanks!! Thanks!! Thanks!! With God's Grace I attended the Hanging of the Greens on 11-29-2020. It was an AWESOME service and a wonderful way to start my Advent Season!! I appreciate all the hard work you did. You made my Advent/Christmas season special! A true gift that money can't buy! Thanks for being the Hands and the Feet of Christ to me.

My Prayer for each of you. May God bless each of you, in abundance with Himself. A God filled 2021 to all of you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Online Sunday School: 9:45AM

Classes Scheduled to Meet 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:30AM

Carlton Owen	Choir Room	Dot Creel	A 38
Dudley Verdin	A 266-268	Keith Taliaferro	A 37
Pat Chapman	A 273	Nettie McKinney	C 120
Becky McCrary	A 275	Barry Ray	C230
Curt Shaw	D 213	Ronnie Colson	A 35 & 36
Ron Haught	A 33 & 34	Sisters In Christ	D 216
Ann Strom	D 218		

Classes Scheduled to Meet 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30AM

Legacy	Choir Room	Barbara Smith	A 266-268
Vitality	A 273	Sue Poole	A 275
Young Families	C 230	Helping Hands	A 35&36
Singles	D 216	Everybody	A 33-34
Witness	C 120	Margaret Ayers	Class in C 120

Upcoming Dates:

- January 1– Church Office Closed
- January 5– **NO** Sonshine Senior Event
- January 6– Prayer meeting starts back at 6:30
- January 7– WMU Meeting (Contact Marcie Malone)
- January 13– Wednesday Night Supper starts back
- January 19– Maude Clark Mission Group (Contact Ann Strom)
- January 22-24– Winter Youth Retreat at Look Up Lodge
- February 13– Valentine's Banquet, More information to come



A GLANCE AT 2020



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Y	Z	Y	A	H	Y	Q	Z	X	Q	U	D	K	L	F
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R	K	A	U	A	T	B	D	T	E	V	T	Z	Y	I
E	E	S	J	F	A	C	G	R	D	P	E	Z	G	L
D	C	H	U	R	C	H	N	Y	Q	C	R	O	U	A
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GOLIATH
GRACE
MOSES
SERPENT
DEUTERONOMY

GALILEE
GOOD FRIDAY
PAUL
LAST SUPPER
GALATIANS
ETERNAL LIFE

CHURCH
BETHLEHEM
REDEEM
SANCTIFY
PSALMS
PARABLE