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Sunday School...9:45 AM...Sunday Morning Service...11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer...7:00 PM

## January 3, 2021



**Welcome to our visitors!** Our deepest desire is to bring glory to God through lives changed by the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that our church will be a place where you can experience the love of God.

### **NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO ALL WITH LOVE AND PRAYER GOD BLESSES FROM ABOVE!**

#### **THROUGH FEBRUARY - 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY**

Our congregation will continue only meeting for Sunday Morning Worship service (11:00 AM) through February. Our ministry leaders encourage distancing 6 feet apart and wearing of masks.

#### **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM -- PHILEMON**

A reminder of our Bible Study Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 on **Zoom**. Pastor Glenn is leading a study on Paul's letter to Philemon. Our loving Heavenly Father encourages the study of the Word of God: "Study to show yourself approved!" (II Timothy 2:15) Contact Pastor Glenn with your email address and you will receive the Zoom meeting link in advance each week. Those some distance away are welcome to take part.

#### **TIME OF FASTING AND PRAYER -- JANUARY 5 - 25**

Biblical fasting partnered with prayer aligns us with God's will for our lives. The three-week church-wide fast this month is a time to pull away from some of the distractions of our daily lives and intentionally call upon our Lord. The choice to participate and for how long is a personal decision between you and God. The Daniel Fast is a suggestion; fast as you are able. The emphasis is prayer for yourself and for the congregation as a whole. See one of our ministry leaders for specific details about the Daniel fast.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

A reminder that items are collected throughout the year. Each month items designated will be noted here in the church bulletin. Place items in the Operation Christmas Child collection basket in the foyer. Our hope is to increase the number of boxes from our congregation. A packing party is planned for late October (2021). Those who have been packing at home are encouraged to continue doing so!

**For January:  
Small Stuffed Animals, Small Dolls, Small Hard Balls**

#### **A CHALLENGE FOR 2021!**

Begin reading the Bible through! Here is one way: place bookmarks in the Bible at three places: Genesis, Job and Matthew. By reading one chapter from each of these sections every day, you will read the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in about eighteen months. A balanced reading of the Bible calls for reading the Old and New Testaments simultaneously.

#### **CHAPTER OF THE YEAR**

Galatians 6 is our chapter of the year for 2021! Pastor Dryden will be preaching from Galatians 6 from time to time.

#### **SCRIPTURE:**

Remember ye not the former things,  
neither consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing;  
now it shall spring forth;  
shall ye not know it?

I will even make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.

**Isaiah 43:18-19 KJV**

#### **THOUGHT:**

We should live as if Jesus was crucified yesterday,  
arose today and is coming tomorrow.

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## **MISSIONS-MINDED**

### **Home Missions - Message from Sanctity of Life Ministries December Newsletter:**

Erin's story highlights the critical importance of pregnancy medical clinics like Nova Pregnancy Help Centers. Her plan for abortion would have ended so differently apart from the support she received from our compassionate team. Here is her story:

When Erin came in for her first ultrasound, she was so excited to be pregnant. Two weeks after her appointment, she called the center in tears, asking if she could speak to the nurse to help her "not make a decision she would regret". Our nurse sonographer met with Erin as soon as she was able to. She listened to Erin share through her tears the stresses of being a single mom to her 10-year-old son and listened to her boyfriend's indifference to her pregnancy and morning sickness. Erin shared that she was feeling pressured by her friends to abort her child, because they didn't like her boyfriend. As the nurse listened to Erin, she noticed that she was already calling her baby "her child" and pointed this out to her. Our RN discussed vital fetal education and showed her life-like models of babies during each week of pregnancy. In addition, abortion education was shared with the client. After the nurse completed her discussion with Erin, she checked the schedule to see if she could perform another ultrasound to enable her to continue her decision-making process. The exact time slot the nurse needed was available, even after there were two different clients scheduled during this time and they both canceled. This was a sweet reminder to the staff, that these appointments are divine appointments, set up by our Creator.

As Erin saw the baby move and do flips, she broke down in tears. She stated, "This was all I needed, a reminder, and my decision is made to keep this child." After the ultrasound, the nurse sonographer was able to ask the client about her spiritual life and share the gospel with her. After talking to her, the client broke down in tears and said that she had prayed for the first time in years just the other night. She asked God to take away the sickness she was feeling, and she explained that within minutes she felt better and hasn't felt sick sense. The nurse gave Erin church referrals and prayed with her.

Erin and her boyfriend are now receiving relationship counseling. She was so thankful for all the care she received and will continue to stay in touch throughout her pregnancy. Erin's story highlights the compassionate care that Nova Pregnancy Help Centers offers during the fluctuations of an arduous decision-making process. Erin was offered time, medical help, and counsel to consider ALL her options. We praise God for his divine appointments!

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