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

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

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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.

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.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE

There are families around us who are in need. You may help them by donating either non-perishable food items or personal care items (e.g., soap, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies, etc.).

Our local food pantry, FOOD for OTHERS, has provided a list of "most-needed" items:

Canned Chili
Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Soup

A box will be in the foyer through the end of the month for collection of such items. You also may arrange with the Drydens to drop off items at the parsonage. Thanks for giving!

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 in January 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.

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.

MISSIONS-MINDED

Home Missions – Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

In his December 2 newsletter Fairfax County Adult Detention Center Chaplain Vic Ransom wrote, *"Incarcerated two years ago, 'Edwin' was placed in a cell block with four followers of Christ. Within hours, they shared Christ and Edwin believed. With a new Bible in hand, he poured himself into God's Truth. Transformation began.*

"When a man is serious for the Lord, God will often send him to another block for ministry. Right now, 'Edwin' is in a new cell block. Every day at 1:30 pm, Edwin leads a worship service or a Bible study. God is calling him to pastor upon his release

"Please continue your fervent intercession for:

- *Endurance for inmates with no programs*
- *Perseverance for Staff*
- *Wisdom, grace, & boldness in speaking of Christ*
- *Diligence in planning for the new future*

"May God grant you a wonderful Christmas!"

THOUGHT:

To grow old is to pass from passion to compassion.

(Please turn to the back of the bulletin....)

SCRIPTURE:

That which has been *is* what will be,
That which *is* done is what will be done,
And *there is* nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 NKJV

Optimism is akin to faith; pessimism is akin to doubt. To which are you akin?

The story is told of a man who went into a restaurant with no money, figuring on paying for his meal with the pearl he hoped to find in the oyster he planned to order. That's an optimist!

Then there was the man who refused to get married because he was sure he could never find a girl who deserved to be as happy as he would make her. That's a pessimist!

Somewhere in between is the Biblicist, the person who, without denying the harsh realities of his present situation, can still focus all the promises and provisions of God on living above his circumstances.
from The Daily Walk (Atlanta, GA: Walk Thru the Bible Ministries), May 1987, p. 28

An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it; a pessimist is one who looks both ways before crossing a one-way street! And a realist is one who lets God show him which end of the telescope to look through when studying his circumstances. Which kind of person are you?

A pessimist is a person who is seasick during the entire voyage of life.

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