

POINTS OF
THE SPEER

Have you ever wanted a fresh start? I don't know how many mistakes I make during the course of a year and I don't really want those of you who have been counting to tell me. I do know I like the thought of starting fresh, of having a blank slate without the slightest bad mark. It is exciting to think of another chance to do things right for our Lord, our families and our church. That is exactly what we will get to do on Sunday January 6, 2019. We have a brand new year stretched before us. This means we have a new year for a fresh start. This is the time to put Jesus first and keep Him there all through the year. I am not speaking of just making new year's resolutions. I am talking about radically changing our lives so that every step we take in 2019 will magnify Jesus. This is what the Scriptures mean when they tell us to redeem the time. Can you imagine what could happen in our church if each of us take this opportunity of a fresh start seriously? Each Sunday School class would be full and we would be greeting new people in every Worship service invited by our members. We would not have any financial concerns because everyone would be giving their tithes and offerings. Best of all, we would be seeing new people come to Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Our families would be happier and stronger and we would be having a positive impact on our community.

This Sunday will be a wonderful Sunday, a Fresh Sunday, filled with great promise. I am praying that this promise of a fresh start will be fulfilled in each of our lives. 2019, can be the year that God brings our lives, families, church and our city to Jesus. This Sunday, the first Sunday of the year is the time to begin. I look forward to seeing you for a Fresh Start.

Happy New Year!



SET GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

- * SEEK TO BE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY
- * INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH EVERY WEEK
- * PRAY FOR OTHERS EACH DAY
- * READ SOME SCRIPTURE EACH DAY
- * DO AN ACT OF KINDNESS EACH DAY



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

2019

TIME FOR A FRESH START



Twenty-five years ago, I was called by God into ministry. Twenty-three years ago I (very reluctantly) began my journey as a youth pastor. I wanted to be a church planter/mission pastor. So being stubborn, I was not “all in” during my first two years of youth ministry. Then, our very patient God woke me up to the fact that He had a plan for me in youth ministry and He wasn’t releasing me from it. So, I went “all in” and pursued it with everything in me.

Twenty-three years later, I continue to learn that God is still shaping me into a “builder” of ministries. Every time He takes me someplace new, He uses me to build His ministry. Every new build has to begin with a strong foundation, which can take a couple of years to develop—which I have learned from multiple experiences. It requires patience and willingness to leave something comfortable for something uncomfortable every time.

Two things I can take from my experiences that will translate to anyone in relation to beginning a new year:

1) If you feel too small for the task, it’s because you are. I Corinthians 1: 27 says, *“Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.”*

2) When leaving your comfort zone knocks you to the ground hard, get back up and keep fighting the good fight.

God is bigger than _____ (insert anything you might face) in 2019!

—Bro. Eric

Music Ministry

As we begin the new year, one Bible verse that has stayed in my heart is Hebrews 12:11

“No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the fruit of peace and righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

I learned this verse from listening to a Dave Ramsey podcast one day last year. This verse applies to everyone’s life, not just with financial problems or goals.

What I like about this verse is the reminder that discipline involves working on ourselves everyday. It will not be fun most days, but the small steps we take in the right direction will lead us to growth we could never imagine. God wants us to grow closer to Him, but also grow as people. We will sin and mess up, but we will never regret following God’s path for our lives.

Love in Christ,
Jake



Start the New Year by attending
Sunday School @ 9:15 & Worship @ 10:30

Ministry Reminder

AM NURSERY

Kristin Barrentine
Jennifer Parker

Claire Keen

PM NURSERY

Tricia Thompson
Louise Robershaw

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Anita Jackson
Lisa Whaley

Bethany Collins
Mike Whaley

USHERS

Harold Johnson
Jeremy Williams

Carroll Smith
Jerry Shelley

Ron Hethcox
Bob Kidd

Larry Jones
Ray Fowler

SECURITY: Alan Kitts

LOCK-UP: Billy Bowers
Wayne Harbert

TELLERS: Joey Mirabella
Bill Smith

CLERK: Stacy Glover

DEACON of the Wk: Jay Cooper

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 1/6		WEDNESDAY 1/9	
9:15 AM	Sunday School	6:30 PM	Awana
10:30 AM	Morning Worship	7:00 PM	Prayer & Worship
4:45 PM	Choir Practice	7:00 PM	Student Worship
6:00 PM	Evening Worship	8:00 PM	Choir Practice