



Happy Thursday y'all! We hope you had a wonderful New Year's, and we pray that you will see your faith and spiritual walk deepen and widen in 2019.

Did you know that the average person spends up to 6 months waiting for red lights to turn green? This doubles if you drive like my uncle. Or did you know that a single cloud can weigh 1,000,000 pounds? How about this: The Earth has moved approximately 5,000 miles in the past five minutes. Weird, huh? As interesting as these factoids are, they are merely the *amuse bouche* for today's newsletter.

We are excited for what God has in store for us as a church in this new year, and are absolutely itching to see what He has for us this year.

We would like to take a few moments of your time to let you know about some things that are in on the horizon for us as a church in the next few weeks.

This coming Monday, January 7, will be our first 'First Monday of the Month' Prayer and Worship Night. It is often said that the strength and stability of a church is found in the prayer life of its people. We would like to invite you to join with us as we start this year as we would like to end it—on our knees in prayer and worship of the Creator of Manatees and Mondays. We will meet in the Sanctuary starting at 7.00p. We look forward to seeing you there!

We know that we have been talking a great deal about the G.R.O.W. campaign—specifically the ADA/Family style restroom and storage shed—and that's for good reason. How we are able to accommodate the people who come to worship with us is a direct reflection of how well we love them. We say every week that we loved our neighbors so much that we were delighted to share not only the Gospel, but our lives as well. To that end, we feel that making sure that their needs are met as well as we are able is important. This Sunday, Glen Epting will give us an update on how that campaign is progressing; but we do want to remind you that we will need monies pledged to be returned by the end of this month (January). If you have not made a pledge, there is still time. It is often difficult after the Christmas Season, where so many needs are brought up and filled to talk about money and more needs; and so, we thank you for your

patience and understanding in this matter. Be sure to be with us on Sunday to hear Glen's update.

And finally, while it still a little way off, we would like to let you know about our next **Adult Discipleship Class that will start in February**. We are currently offering two options—Luke and Daniel. The class on Luke will continue until April, but the class on Daniel will be ending at the end of January. To take its place, we will be offering a class option on Revelation. More details will come as we get closer, but we wanted to let you know about this option so that you can make plans to join with us as we study this important, and sometimes confusing, book.

This Sunday, Pastor Tim will start a new series called ***"In the Best of Families"***, with a look at 1 Samuel 16. 1-13. We look forward to seeing you there!

Be God's.