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9:00 A.M. — NURSERY THRU 3 YEAR OLDS

03 Rene' Milner, Michelle Gaddy
10 Michelle Gaddy, Rene' Milner
17 Michelle Gaddy, Rene' Milner
24 Rene' Milner, Michelle Gaddy
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11:00 A.M. — INFANTS— 3 YEAR OLDS

03 Jenny Eidson, Lisa Grace
10 Karen Davis, Joe and Jessie Tallant, Blake Wilbanks
17 Lisa Skelton, Gary Milner
24 Karen Lambert, Wendy James
31 Kathy Wood, Judy Kearns, Morgan Hembree



January 2021

Last month, the United States experienced something we have not experienced in decades (Hint: it was not just COVID-19). The country experienced a Christmas tree shortage! By the second week of December, many Christmas tree lots and farms had sold out of their largest trees, and some tree lots even closed early because of a lack of inventory. It seems that large numbers of Americans opted for live Christmas trees in 2020. Why? The pandemic is one contributing factor.

Boyd's Christmas Trees in Asheville, North Carolina, is one farm that sold record numbers of Christmas trees. "I've had customers tell me they wanted something happy in the house," an employee at the farm told The Asheville Citizen Times. "They want something pretty to look at, and some that usually do artificial, this year they wanted a live tree."

We all want "something happy in the house," especially in what was perhaps the worst year most of us have experienced in our lives or, at least, in a long time.

"We are in the valley of the shadow of death," Donald McNeil, a science reporter, said. "It is really dark. We know the sun is going to come up over a mountain at the other side of the valley, but it can't rise fast enough."

We all are thankful to have 2020 in the rear view mirror!

Happily, there is some encouraging news as we eagerly welcome 2021. Multiple vaccines have emerged to fight the deadly coronavirus. Granted, some of us are more than a little skeptical about the fast tracking of these COVID-19 vaccines. After all, before COVID-19, the record for the fastest vaccine development—for mumps—was four years. Most vaccines have required more than a decade of research and experimentation.

Yet on December 16, 2020, less than a year after the discovery of COVID, a critical care nurse named Sandra Lindsay in Queens, New York, became the first American to participate in the mass vaccination program for the coronavirus. "I feel like healing is coming," she said afterward.

The start of the national vaccination campaign was a moment infused with optimism and pain for American health care workers. The rollout of the first vaccines occurred on the day the U.S. exceeded 300,000 COVID-related deaths. "I feel like I didn't just get a vaccine, I got a shot of hope," one doctor said.

We all could use a good shot of hope. In the past couple of years I've received emails and comments from people in the midst of turmoil in their lives. I've heard from people going through divorces, people who have lost their jobs, and those who are struggling with illness, among other things. One thing that almost all of them have in common is that they're grasping for something to give them hope, hope that things will get better, hope for healing, and hope that God will be with them while they're going through turbulent times.

Psalm 147:11 says, "The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy."

Hoping for something happy in the house...Feeling like healing is coming...Getting a shot of hope.

May it please be so! Here's hoping you all have a great new year!

Go Get 'Em,

Pastor Jimmy O



Jed Cornelison Contemporary Worship Leader

Another year has come and gone.

What did we learn?

What went wrong?

We saw the world change and worry

A new norm was adopted that slowed down the hurry

We laughed, we cried

We sang our songs

Another year has come and gone.

Will this year bring us joy anew?

Will all the constant noise be through?

I pray for peace to come your way

I pray the Lord bless you everyday

For in the end His grace shines on

Another year has come and gone.

-Jed



René Milner Children's Minister



I have never truly taken part in the tradition of making a New Year's resolution. They are simply too difficult to keep! However, since 2020 has been such an unprecedented year, I have already begun working on one for 2021. This photo above was captured by my daughter. These are my granddaughters. Honestly, our entire family is amazed that she was able to capture this shot since we all know how quickly kids move and change expressions. Lily, the oldest granddaughter had returned home from school and Josie, her baby sister, was happy she was home. Every time I look at this photo and focus on the look of pure love and adoration they show each other, I am brought to tears. I imagine that this is how Jesus looks at me. I realize it is how I should always look at him. But do I? That's a hard pill to swallow!

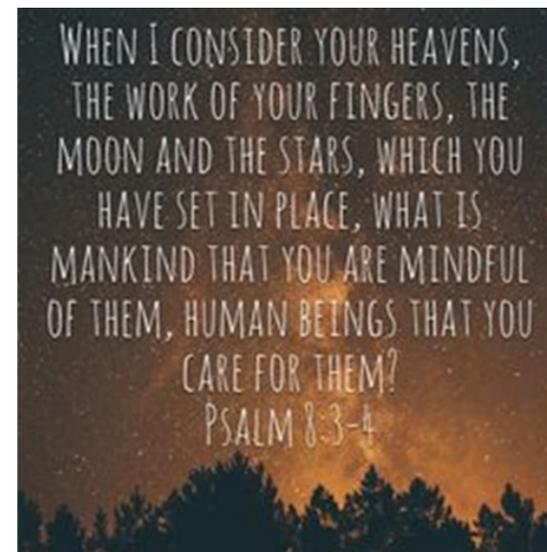
For 2021, I have resolved to work hard to show this look to all the kids not only here at PBC, but anywhere I encounter them. I have resolved to show this look to all adults I encounter throughout each day. Everyone deserves and needs to have someone daily look at them with pure adoration! Everyone deserves to know that Jesus has this same adoration for them. I resolve to work hard to make sure I share his love with everyone I see each day. I resolve to remember he is looking at me in this way every hour of every day. I need to ensure my actions deserve this adoration.

Jess Wilbanks Minister of Senior Adults

On a recent Tuesday, there had been no nap in the Wilbanks' house. Our toddler went from one thing to the next and the next, culminating in a call to poison control. After so many times of redirecting my sweet boy, correcting him, and saying "NO," I became frustrated and felt like there must be a serious problem. The operator assured me Atticus would be okay and then after hearing the concern in my voice shared some statistics about other two year old boys; he said most calls they receive are from parents of little fellas, just like ours, who relentlessly get into things.

I wearily strapped my wild man safely in his car seat and drove through Palmetto, looking at Christmas lights, hoping to have a few moments of peace and keep him safe until bedtime. As we drove through town, looking at twinkling lights and displays, I reflected about how the Lord does not grow weary in His love for us. He knows each of us intimately, our need, our hurt. He sees the next challenge we are facing and He's there, ready to help us when we call on Him. How many times has the Lord redirected my own steps, corrected me, loved me anyway through my disobedience? I could not keep count of my wrongdoing and thankfully God chooses to see Jesus in me instead of my shame. I marvel at the Lord's goodness and grace, how He loves us!

Blessings in 2021!



Eric Patterson PBC Student Minister

It's here.

2021 is here. How do you feel? I will be honest, I feel hopeful—but I am also very aware that not one thing will change unless something in me changes. This year does not need resolutions, it needs change. We cannot live the way we did last year, all of the missed opportunities for ministry, all of the chances we missed out on loving people. A lot of us got caught up in the darkness of the systems of this world. We can't let that happen this year and if we found ourselves participating, we must make sure we don't find ourselves fighting the people to whom we are called to minister.

We have to remember what Jesus said about HIS people. When talking about HIS people Jesus said that we will be known by our LOVE. We will be recognized and picked out of the crowd, by how we LOVE people. Not by how right we are. Not by our ability to out argue our position or cut people off. Not by the witty quotes we throw at people who disagree with us. The main objective for this year is for people of God to be recognizable by the standards of Jesus and not our own.

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:55





January 2021

January Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Upward practice	5 Upward practice	6	7	8	9 Upward games
10 Church Conference	11 Upward practice	12 Upward practice	13	14	15	16 Upward games
17	18 Upward practice	19 Upward practice	20	21	22	23 Upward games
24 31	25 Upward practice	26 Upward practice	27	28	29	30 Upward games

Luke Nixon	01	Sharon Hembree	18
Mark Grace	04	Greg Crosby	19
Steven Byrd	05	Seth Farr	20
Vicki Sutherland	05	David Johnston	20
Amy Byrd	06	Christa Young	20
Don Crisp	07	Charlie Koehl	21
Linda Lindsey	07	Rodney Peek	21
Grace Manning	07	Jan Singleton	22
Hannah Lawson	09	Karson Coley	23
Carol Creel	10	Janice Grace	23
Jerry Watson	10	Jeremy Miller	24
Andy Lowrance	11	Victoria George	25
Wanda Smith	11	Virginia Munn	25
Kristen Hembree	13	Kevin Schornhorst	26
Dawn Rauccio	13	Joanna Schornhorst	26
Morgan Brooks	14	Kevin Higginbotham	27
Byron Jones	14	Caroline Thompson	27
Zack Thompson	14	Daina Gibson	28
Sherry Carter	15	Philip Sensing	28
Doyle Steele	15	Ed Hinkle	29
David Eidson	16	Warren Ward	29
		Wendy Southers	31

January Deacons

December 27-January 2
Claiborne James, Shannon Becham, Jeff Collinsworth, Lee Cunningham

January 3-9
Jim Gaddy, Tommy Wood, Kenny Thompson, Casey Aycock

January 10-16
Gary Milner, Jack Sims, Roger Smith, Alton Powell

January 17-23
Neal Carson, Frank Lambert, Eric Johnston, James White

January 24-30
Brent Coley, Bo Bohannon, John Lambert, Cary Chester, Norman Pickett

PBC Sundays

Traditional Worship Service
PBC Bible Studies
Contemporary Worship Service
PBC Home Groups

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
PBC Kids' activities
Vertical Student Ministry
PBC-Bible Study Classes
Adult Choir Practice

4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:45 p.m.

Wednesday Evenings

PBC Deaf Ministry
PBC Food Pantry
PBC Media Ministry
PBC Ladies' Fellowship
Palmetto Baptist Weekday
Preschool (September-May)
Prayer Ministry
Faith Riders

Additional PBC Ministries

My Brothers Ministry
Men's Ministry
PBC Mission Trips
PBC Hispanic Ministry
Love in Buttons
Clothes Closet
Upward Basketball &
Cheerleading (Jan./Feb.)