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So Tell Me What You Want, What You Really, Really Want

Please forgive the 90's music reference (not my favorite genre) but I do so to serve a purpose and hopefully raise an important point. If I were to give you five minutes to list five things you want to accomplish in the next five years, would you be able to do so? My guess is that you could. In fact, why don't you go ahead and give this a try. You can get back to reading this once you're done. We'll call it the 5/5/5 challenge: 5 minutes, 5 goals, 5 years. Go.

Well, did it even take you five minutes? Probably not. I believe that most people have at least some idea of what grand goals they want to accomplish. You might have written down something like retirement, or get out of debt, or to get in shape. Maybe you want to start a family and buy a house. Hopefully, somewhere on that list you also have some spiritual goals.

While I hope it wasn't too difficult to come up with your unique list of "wants," I also hope you realize that was the easy part. Let me give you another task that will be much more challenging. Take a look at your list and then write out what specific things you are actually doing right now to make sure that you accomplish those goals. Don't list what things you'll promise to start doing tomorrow; only what you're currently doing. Tomorrow's promises are simply today's excuses. For most people, knowing what they want is easy, but having a plan on how to get it is a different story.

Let's take a quick pause and look at what Scripture has for us today.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15, NIV)

I think this well-known verse highlights three important truths for all of us when it comes to the goals we set and how we seek to accomplish them.

We will one day have to answer to God for the things we actually did, not just the goals we set. Can you imagine standing before the Lord Almighty, being asked to give an account for your life, and saying, "Well, I know I really didn't accomplish very much, but I did set some awesome goals, and I really, really, wanted to do those things!" This verse reminds us that you are to "do your best," not just plan your best. We are called to be ones who can stand before God and hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We must strive to accomplish our goals with integrity. We are each called to be "a worker who does not need to be ashamed." There are plenty of opportunities in this life to take a short cut or to do things in a less than reputable way. What good is accomplishing a goal if you have to be ashamed before the Lord in how you achieved it?

Your goals must be in line with the Word of God. This is really the most important point which is why I'm saving it for last. Go back to your list and as you look at each item ask yourself if you're doing those things for yourself or for the Lord. Moreover, is the plan you have in place to accomplish that goal in accordance with the "word of truth?" Those things you hope to accomplish will be sweeter and more easily achieved if you take the time to make sure they are in line with God's Word and His plan for your life.

If these words have been challenging and convicting to you, then take some time today to rewrite your list. Don't worry about getting it done in five minutes or only having five items. Take some time to be with the Lord and in His Word. Have a focused time of prayer and meditation, seeking to understand what things God wants you to accomplish. Work hand in hand with God to determine the plan, the daily steps you will take, to see those goals accomplished. Let's commit together to be a people who don't just dream of the things we hope to achieve one day, but ones who celebrate the things that are being accomplished now in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings!
Pastor Greg

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Schedule:

Sunday		Wednesday	
8:00 A.M. Worship		7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:15 A.M. Bible Study		6:00-6:45 P.M. Session 1	
10:30 A.M. Worship		Ignite; Children's Choirs, Small Group Study	
Lighthouse Harbor		6:45-7:30 P.M. Session 2	
Torchbearers		Ignite; Adult Choir; Missions; Prayer Meeting	
5:00 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal			
6:00 P.M. Worship			

Activities for January 24 through February 6

Thursday	January 24
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
6:30 P.M. GLOW Ministry Kickoff (conference center)	
7:00-9:00 P.M. Church/Community Recreation (gym)	
Friday	January 25
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
8:15 A.M. OCC Meeting (Sunday school class room)	
5:00 P.M. Life PLUS to Jade restaurant	
Saturday	January 26
Sunday	January 27
Regular A.M. Schedule	
5:00 P.M. Family Fun Night	
Monday	January 28
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "E" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)	
Tuesday	January 29
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	

Wednesday January 30

Regular Schedule	
Thursday	January 31
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. Seed Sew-ers	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
7:00-9:00 P.M. Church/Community Recreation (gym)	
Friday	February 1
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
Saturday	February 2
Sunday	February 3
Regular Schedule	
NO Torchbearers/Lighthouse	
5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting	
Monday	February 4
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "C" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)	
Tuesday	February 5
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. Quilters Guild (gym)	
5:00 P.M. Recreation Team Mtg.	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
Wednesday	February 6
Regular Schedule	
5:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Meal	

Girls in Action

Girls in grades 5 and 6 are invited to a lock-in at the church on February 8-9. We will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and stay until 8:00 A.M. on Saturday. Please eat a light supper before coming.

GOM Retreat

March 8-9, 2019



Girls in grades 1-6 are invited to attend the GOM conference at Windermere March 8-9. The retreats theme this year is "Through the Looking Glass" and will focus on Proverbs 27:19 *As water reflects the face so one's life reflects the heart.*"

The cost is \$65.00 ea. and we will need to get reservations in soon. Some of the cost will be offset with funds from the Mary Stewart Scholarship Fund so please do not let the cost keep you from going.

The girls will enjoy the weekend but it is also a GREAT mother/daughter retreat. Any questions please give the office a call ~ 573-756-4654.

GLOW Kickoff

The GLOW Women's ministry is planning interesting ministry and fellowship opportunities for you in 2019.

GLOW will "kick-off" these events in the conference center Thursday, January 24, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Jill Fletcher is the GLOW ministry director. We encourage you to come out and connect with other women not only to develop and deepen friendships but to serve Christ through local community ministry opportunities.

Family Fun Night Rescheduled

Due to inclement weather the Family Fun Night scheduled for January 20 was postponed and rescheduled for January 27 at 5:00 P.M. Same time, same fun – different date! Hope to see you there.

Small Groups Ministry

We are offering interesting small group opportunities for members and guests. Two small groups – "More Than Enough" a study of the gospel of John and "Be A Godly Man" both started last Wednesday. Jinny LeDuc is also leading a study of Revelation based on a book by Max Lucado beginning in February. The following is the schedule and locations for these studies:

Wednesday Studies – 6:00-6:45 P.M.

- "More Than Enough" led by Pastor Greg, meeting in room 401 (by the church office).
- "Be A Godly Man" led by Gordon Epps, meeting in room 132 (old education building).

Additional study:

Tuesday from 11 A.M.-Noon and
Thursday from 6:30-7:30 P.M.

- "Revelation-Max Lucado" led by Jinny LeDuc – Lighthouse Harbor. Please register on the church website or sign-up sheets posted by the office and welcome center.

We had a good turnout for both small groups last Wednesday. There is still time to be a part of these studies. Feel free to invite a neighbor or friend to come with you. These studies will encourage and challenge you in your journey of faith.

Baptist Home Valentine Social

LIFE Plus will head to the Baptist Home in Ironton to provide a Valentine Social on Friday, February 8. We will leave the church at 1:00 P.M. and present a program at 1:30 P.M. that includes a sing-a-long of love songs and follow the program with cookies and fellowship with the residents. Please sign up on the LIFE Plus bulletin board.



In case you have not heard, the NFL Super Bowl is Sunday February 3, with kick-off at 5:30 P.M.

Although some of us would like to see the New England Patriots lose, I confess I'm not all that enthusiastic about the LA Rams – formerly St. Louis Rams either! I am, however, enthusiastic about the FBC Souper Bowl. We are collecting canned soup donations thru the month of February for the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. I know the folks at the food pantry count on our soup donation program to help fill their shelves especially during these cold winter months. So grab some extra soup the next time you are at Wal-Mart, Aldi's, Schnucks or Country Mart. We have drop off containers by the church office and the Welcome Center.

Bro. Gordon

Give a Coat/Take a Coat Adult and Children Sizes



First Baptist's Give-A-Coat, Take-A-Coat rack has been well used this winter. Right now we need more coat donations. Check out your closets, attics, car trunks etc. and see if you have any extra coats or jackets you just don't wear anymore.

All types of coats are needed – children, teens, and adults. Drive thru our welcome center canopy anytime and hang your coat donations on the racks outside. It would also be good to pray a blessing on someone who will need your coat for warmth this winter.

Recreation

Teens and adults, come join us on Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 P.M. for an informal time of recreation with other Farmington churches. If you would like to help by overseeing the gym during this time, two Thursdays a month, please contact the church office (573) 756-4654.

Thank you

I want to thank all our church family for helping me and Martin ~ from helping with, food, money, a place to live, rides or just talking to me has been answers to prayers. Martin cannot walk anymore and they have to feed him but he is still doing well.

We would not have gotten through without God and the added blessings of such a wonderful church family. I have settled into Ben Nor and my place is so quaint and pretty – thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

Wilma Bray

Prayer List:

Ollie Faircloth, Russell Leek, Titus Newman (great grandson of Sharon Lilley), Don Alexander, Charlie Spray, Rose Johnston

Congratulations:

- To Cheryl Luba on the arrival of Liam Luba, January 6.
- To Kevin and Rebecca Weaver on the arrival of Phillip Matthew, January 14.

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Our Church Studying: Snow Schedule

Our Church Growing:

William and Brenda Hoffman by letter

Mike LeSage by baptism

Financial Statistics for:

January 13, 2019

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (1-13-19)	10,535.25
Requirement (wk 15)	278,865.00
Receipts (wk 15)	282,560.24
STB-BTS (from Oct)	20,190.00