

An Epistle from Paul:

Let's Have "The Forward Look"! – The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings. He was symbolized as a man with two faces – one looking back and the other looking ahead.

This being the first part of a New Year, the first part of January, many have trouble looking ahead with any hope. Why? Because they keep looking back and bemoaning the disappointments and failures of the past. Their outlook for the future is dimmed, and their enthusiasm is dampened. But what's the use of "crying over spilled milk"? History is likely to be repeated only if lessons are not learned from the past. To keep on brooding over failures of the old year or continue complaining about the injustices suffered in the last twelve months, Christians will be caught in the trap the world is so skilled in setting...

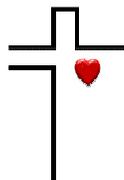
As we begin this New Year, let us begin by practicing what we find in Philippians 3:13-14 "*Forgetting those things which are behind... I press toward the goal.*" In other words, our Lord wants us to live in the present (not the past) and be anticipating the future with confidence and promise! Let's not be "two-faced" like the Roman god of beginnings. Rather, with "The Forward Look" let's proceed into 2012 confident and assured that the Lord leads us into this New Year with promise!

Dear Church Family:

On behalf of Mary and Adam, let me use this means to again express our thanks and joy in being a part of the Lord's work with you right here in this area. The Lord has blessed us through you way beyond what we deserve. Our thanks from the bottom of our hearts for all the cards, notes and words of encouragement received in the past few weeks. Also, our thanks for the most generous gift from the church! We are blessed by Him through you and would pray that He would use us to accomplish the same with you...

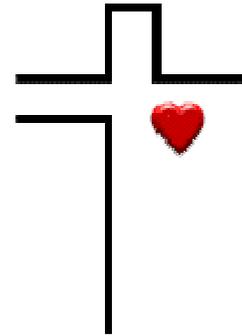
May this New Year be a victorious year for our Lord and His Church and may we all be used of Him to worship and serve Him better!!

In His Marvelous Love, *Paul, Mary and Adam*



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The Timely Word

Proverbs 15:23 "... How delightful is a timely word."

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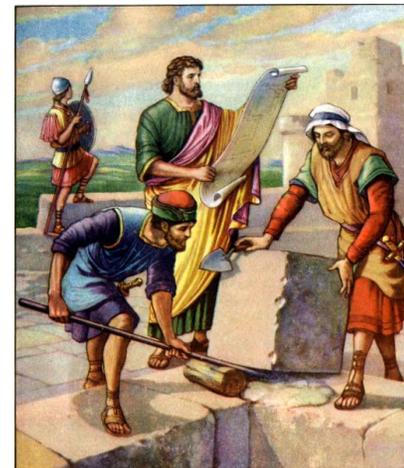
Come Worship and Serve Him With Us!

Bible School9:30 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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"The People Had a Mind to Work"

This is going to be our theme for this New Year. It is taken from the book of Nehemiah chapter 4, verse 6. A new sermon series taken from the book of Nehemiah will be developed in the first several months. The purpose behind this theme and series of sermons is to establish the great need we have as God's people to be led by men of God

who are committed to nothing less than the Word of God as being our final and complete authority in all matters. The book of Nehemiah reveals the great need of having and establishing for the future, leaders who are truly God's leaders... We had a solid year here in 2011, but, we desire an even better year to our Lord's honor in 2012! The more we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior the more we'll have a mind to work! Be sure to bring your Bible with you as we begin this series this coming Sunday. We have every reason to believe the Lord will continue to open great doors of opportunity for His Church right in this area!!!



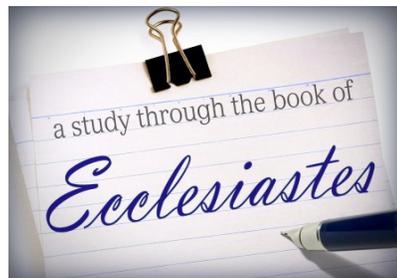
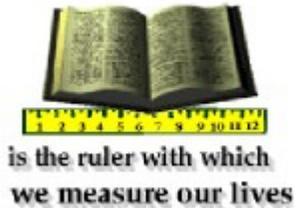
Here's the Count!

December 11, 2011	\$2,073.00
December 18, 2011.....	\$1,495.90
December 25,2011	\$1,912.00
January 1, 2012	\$1,992.00

New Wednesday PM Study!

This coming Wednesday we will be viewing a dvd that has been prepared to give an overview of the book by Ken Ham entitled *Already Gone (Why Your Kids Will Quit Church and What You Can Do to Stop It)*. You won't want to miss this dvd for several reasons... but, that won't be the end of it. This dvd will help introduce our next dvd series we will be using on Wednesday nights. It is entitled *Foundations*. This series will springboard off of what *Already Gone* will cover – that the Word of God is our sole source of authority and needs to be taught and practiced as such in order to win and retain our younger families and their kids... You will be challenged and encouraged by the Word of God in this series!!!!

God's Word



Elective Bible School Class to Begin

The Elective Bible School Class (meeting in the auditorium) will be starting its new study. This will be a verse by verse study of the book of Ecclesiastes. A commentary will be given to each person and encouraged to bring this with them each week along with their Bibles. At the end of each chapter, questions will be answered together as an overview of our study together. If you want to do some serious Bible study we urge younger and older alike to bring your Bible and join us in this new study. It will be getting underway this Sunday at 9:30AM in the auditorium! Join us then!!

(by no means an exhaustive list)



All Military Personnel: Adam Wentzell, Christopher Drew, Ben Shelley, Zachary Polsini, Cody Vance, Bud Reed, Courtney Reed, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts (if other please let us know...)
Recovering and Other Matters: Alan Rogers, Doris Childers, Betty Teater, Ruby Rieger, Michael Howard, Jean (Monte's sister), Florence and Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Denise Hammonds, Reva Cole, Wanda Lee, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Kathy Romeo,
Dealing With Cancer: Pam Cole, Mary Lou Kidwel, A.T. Rogers, Judy Bell, Ron Hornsby, Terry Liming, Rick Crane...

Read the Bible Schedules!



Pick one of these up and begin reading with us through the Bible in 2012. We promise this schedule will encourage your reading the Bible and will help you get through the Bible in this New Year. Your faith will be bolstered and your confidence in being able to know where to find matters in the Bible will be helped. What can we do to encourage you to get one of these schedules and begin right now the reading of God's Word? Get one of these and begin now!

Let's Help Each Other!

We all know that excuses are a dime a dozen. This is part of the reason our Lord gave us each other to "prod each other onto love and good works." This New Year, may we be accountable to each other so that excuses embraced so easily. The world is master at making excuses as to why we should not do what we know we ought to be doing. Again, may we hold each other accountable in this New Year. In doing so, we will keep the excuses to a minimum at least!!

