

The Scroll

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Well, a “new year” is upon us and it is once again time for those New Year’s resolutions. For most folk these recurring yearly resolutions can be an exercise in frustration and futility. Why make New Year resolutions if we are not going to invest ourselves in seeing them through to completion? If you are like most folk, these “losing investments” are more often than not “self” oriented; that is self-centered, self-empowered, and self-absorbing. Hmmmm...doesn’t sound very “spiritual.”

Let me recommend a different approach—one that is not self-centered, but Theo-centered (God-centered). Think of the “R” word. NO, not religion, but RELATIONSHIP. We are relational beings. God formed and fashioned us in HIS image so WE might have a relationship with Him and each other. Somehow I think we have forgotten this in our “connected” world of Facebook, tweets, twitters, and email that too many folk call relationships. Well, I’ve got some news for you. God never intended for our modern electronic wizardry to replace face to face and heart to heart relationships.

Now, let me set the record straight. I am not against those electronic “tools.” What I am against is when they replace the normal way of nurturing human relationships. Think about it... when you are in crisis, when you need a shoulder to cry on, when your world has been rocked, turned upside down and you need someone--do you really want to be comforted by an electronic burst via a tweet, twitter, or whatever? Be honest, be real. For those of you who think I’m off my rocker, that’s okay. The next time your world falls apart, I’ll try to muster up all my technological skills and send you a text message of comfort. Okay...I’m done preaching, but I think you get the point.

So, let’s talk about the “R” word and those New Year’s resolutions. Let me urge you, no let me “implore” you to be RESOLVED to invest in three relationships this year. First, a set aside time for a relationship with God. Spend time in prayer, reading His Word, and meditating upon it. Now two things will begin to happen when you “invest” in this first relationship. First, you will begin to develop the “mind of Christ;” this simply means you will begin to filter all of life through the mind of Christ and His perspective. Second, you will find out that the next two relationships will begin to “fall in line.” Amazing “things” happen when we invest in a relationship with God. Take a chance on God, He will not let

you down.

Second, invest in a relationship with your family. God created marriage and the family as His first “institutions” and building blocks of society. Let’s face it, WE are busy people and unfortunately the first to fill the impact of this busyness are our families. Dads, in the grand scheme of life, is it more important that you spend an extra hour at work or spend that time developing/nurturing a relationship with your children? I think you know the answer! Moms are you so busy being running the kids around and meeting their needs that you put your marriage relationship on the backburner? I think you know the answer!

While I am no marriage and family counselor, I do have some “life experience.” Here are two suggestions from my toolbox of experience. First, take the time to enjoy and share a family dinner at least twice a week. Do whatever it takes...have a late dinner, skip T-ball/soccer practice, shelve the extra hour at work...just do it! While you are at it turn off all electronic media (cell phones, iphones, e-books, laptops/computers, and yes, even the TV and radio) and enjoy a “quiet” meal together while you share what you did that day. This may be hard at first, but your family will grow closer and stronger as a result.

Second, regularly schedule a “date” with your spouse. Sounds simple, but the truth is too many couples simply forget about the “courting” process after marriage. Couples need regular time alone together. But Rick, what about the kids? That’s what babysitters, grandparents, and older siblings are for. You get the picture.

Here’s the truth. If YOU don’t take time to nurture your marital relationship while your kids are young, then when they “fly away” and the nest is empty, you’ll find out that the person across the dinner table from you is a stranger. Take the time to invest in your marriage, it will have a positive impact within the family.

Finally, invest in a relationship with others within the community of faith. How do I do this? Easy, just make yourself available wherever “God’s people” gather. Here are some ideas: attend Wednesday night dinner/Bible Study; attend Sunday School (the best small group experience at the Creek); get involved in the children’s/youth ministries; attend a Joy Group meeting; make a date with a shut-in and make their day and yours; call your family deacon and ask

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The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”

Luke 4: 17-19

(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

FROM THE EDITOR

Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You." Do you have a favorite or personal Bible verse or scripture that comforts, strengthens, or guides you in your day-to-day life?

My scripture verse, Habakkuk 3:19, is listed to the side of this article. On our first long-distance hike on the Appalachian Trail, I chose this verse to remind me that my strength comes from Him; it has since become my favorite verse. We are not

limited to just one verse; we can also have a favorite chapter or book of scripture. My favorite chapter is Isaiah 40.

Please share your favorite scripture with your church family. Please send your favorite scripture to me; include the translation also (KJV, NKJV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, NIV, etc). I will publish your favorite scriptures in upcoming newsletters.

In Him,
Teresa Page

**The Sovereign
LORD is my
strength;
He makes
my feet
like the feet of a deer,
He enables me
to ascend
to the heights.**

**Habakkuk
3:19**

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home

Nursing Home/Rehab

- Kayla Beamer
- Martha Campbell
- Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father
- Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother
- Esteen Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's mother
- Tiffany Matthews-youth from Maplewood
- Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law
- Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece
- Charlotte Shore-Danita Disher's mother
- Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's son
- Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's nephew

- June Blunk
- Audrey Chewing
- Nell McKnight
- Lois Sencial
- Betty Shore
- Laura Jane Shore
- Beulah Stanley
- Tobie Styers
- Polly Todd
- Mary Waller

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PRAYER OF
A
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MAN IS
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AND
EFFECTIVE .**

**JAMES
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BIRTHDAYS

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|--------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Jan 1 | Sue Brandon | Jan 20 | Marcia Dinkins |
| Jan 4 | Tommy Collins | Jan 20 | Hilda Hutchens |
| Jan 6 | Anna Watson | Jan 23 | Ryder Austin |
| Jan 7 | Bill Nance | Jan 24 | Catrina Renegar |
| Jan 10 | Charles Holden | Jan 27 | Kamden Taylor |
| Jan 10 | Rosie Lynch | Jan 28 | Amy Shore |
| Jan 12 | Tiffany Lynch | Jan 30 | Logan Martin |
| Jan 19 | Emma Shore | | |

**For You created my
inmost being;
You knit me together
In my mother's womb.
I praise You
because I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made;
Your works are wonder-
ful,
I know that full well.**

Psalms 139: 13-14

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

	Nursery Workers		Children's Sermon/Church	
Jesus said,	Jan 1	Melinda Cook, Janet Epley	Jan 1	Collins sisters
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."	Jan 8	Rosie and Bobby Lynch	Jan 8	Sherry Leftwich
	Jan 15	Debbie and Barry Orell	Jan 15	Charles and Ann Holden
	Jan 22	Kent Brandon, Heather Holbrook	Jan 22	Tammy Smith
	Jan 29	Bill and Lisa Nance	Jan 29	Rick Page
Matthew 19:14	Feb 5	Bobby Todd, Lisa Williams	Feb 5	Collins sisters
	Feb 12	Kelly Keaton, Kristy White	Feb 12	Sherry Leftwich
	Feb 19	Ann and Allen Ray	Feb 19	Charles and Ann Holden
	Feb 26	Jimmy and Tami Merrell	Feb 26	Tammy Smith

Marriage Amendment to the State Constitution

Mark Creech, executive director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina, will speak at the Yadkin Baptist Association minister's conference on Jan 17, 2012. He will be addressing issues associated with the upcoming proposal for a marriage amendment to the state constitution. Please see Rick Page if you would like to attend.

Food Lion's MVP Community Rewards Program To Benefit: YVEDDI YADKIN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

We are excited to announce the Food Lion MVP Program that can be used to benefit local programs. There is no cost involved; however, the benefits are extraordinary.

Enroll by linking your MVP Card(s) to your school and/or charity of choice and then every time you shop and present your MVP Card, the amount you spend on qualified items is automatically credited to the local school and or charity. **YVEDDI** would be a great organization to choose.

Should you need any assistance please contact Marcia Dinkins at 734-1201 (Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5pm), or, (336) 428-7019 or at marciad@cityofws.org.

Joy Club News

The Joy Club met at Priscilla Eller's home in December and heard Larry and Phyllis Beck describe some of their mission trip adventures.

The Joy Club will meet on Jan 26 at 11am in the fellowship hall for a program by Rick Page. Bring your own bag lunch.

Ushers

Jan 1	Kent Brandon, Lee Cook, Woodie Gough, Bud Klger
Jan 8	Edsel Allgood, Chris Disher, Wayne Reneger, Bobby Todd
Jan 15	Lee Cook, J. D. Hutchens, Rosie Lynch, Jody Smith
Jan 22	Edsel Allgood, Jack Blunk, Barry Holbrook, Tami Merrill
Jan 29	Youth

Backpack Ministry

The Youth Group will pack the backpacks in January and February.

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me. Mark 9:36-37

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals will resume in January. Please check your bulletin for the menu and contact Heather Holbrook if you plan to attend.

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

Upcoming Events

- Jan 5 Outreach Committee meeting at 7pm
- Jan 8 Sunday School teacher training at 8:45am
- Jan 8 HIM (Healthy Initiatives Ministry) luncheon after Worship—contact Fran Kiger for reservations
- Jan 12 Children/Youth Committee at 7pm
- Jan 12 HIM class at 7pm in the fellowship hall
- Jan 15 Deacon's meeting at 8:45am
- Jan 15 Business meeting immediately after worship
- Jan 15 Baptist women meeting at 6pm
- Jan 16 HIM class at 7pm in the fellowship hall
- Jan 19 HIM class at 7pm in the fellowship hall
- Jan 22 Baptist Men's Sunday and breakfast
- Jan 23 HIM class at 7pm in the fellowship hall
- Jan 25 Town Hall meeting at 6:30pm
- Jan 26 Joy Club at 11am in the fellowship hall
- Jan 27 HIM class at 7pm in the fellowship hall
- Jan 28 Family movie night at 7pm
- Jan 29 Church Council meeting at 8:45am
- Jan 30 HIM class at 7pm in the fellowship hall

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how you can “serve the family”; join the choir (the BEST in the association); or start a home-based Bible study and invite some “spiritually hungry folk” to attend. Lastly, attend Church REGULARY and participate in the corporate worship of the “saints.” Well, I think you understand that the possibilities are endless.

So, be different in 2012 and put the “R” word at the top of your New Year's resolutions. Here's what you'll find. God the Father longs to have a RELATIONSHIP with His children. When we make that relationship a PRIORITY in life, life is meaningful, makes sense, and measures up to all GOD the Father intended for life to be. SELAH!

In “HIS Grip,”
Rick Page