



January 2019

First Baptist Church of Clewiston

A new year has arrived and many use this time to make resolutions for the upcoming year. Interestingly we rarely use the word “resolutions” except at this time. These are usually beneficial to our mental, physical, or spiritual health.

Around the world there are a number of plant species which spread their seeds by an unusual method. One of those species is *Salsola Tragus*, sometimes known as “Russian Thistle”. Those of you who have watched westerns would recognize it as tumbleweed. It is designed to break away from its roots and be blown by the wind.

Many of our resolutions, intentionally or unintentionally are also designed in the same way. A slight inconvenience comes along and they are gone. It all has to do with the root systems.

I began to think about this when I read a great glorification of God written by St. Augustine in a book Jan had gotten from Brother Roger. It is a little too long to include here but contemplating the attributes of God, of which Augustine wrote, filled me with a sense of awe.

Our resolutions would be more effective and lasting if we started first with our root system and in Whom we are rooted. If we do that, the fruit (resolutions) would come naturally and would be more lasting. So I commend to you the following text from Eph. 3:17b-21.

I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us-- to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. “Amen.”

May your new year be well rooted and wonderfully fruitful.

Charles

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	3	4	5
6 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	7	8	9 12:00 PM XYZ Luncheon 1:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	10	11	12
13 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:15 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	14	15 6:00 PM Gideons' Meeting	16 6:30 PM Church Confer- ence/Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	17	18	19
20 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	22	23 1:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	24	25	26
27 8:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	28	29	30	31		

**The Church Office will be closed
Tuesday, January 1
For the New Year Holiday**

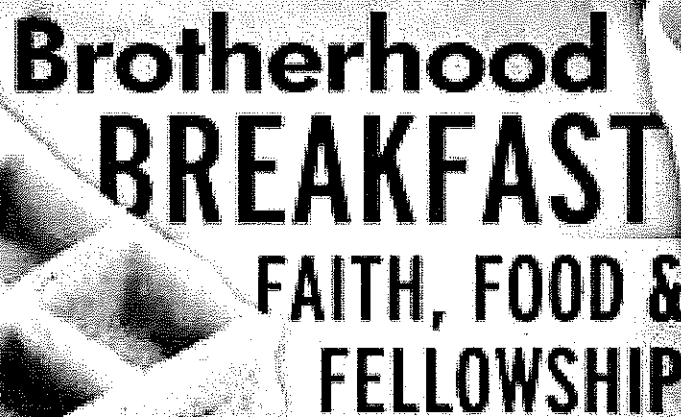
**XYZ Luncheon
Wednesday, January 9
12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

**January Nursery Schedule
Sunday Morning 3 Yr. Old/ Pre- K**

1/6 - FeBeth Yongco
1/13 - Michele Dowdle
1/20 - Ginnie Fountain
1/27 - Yamile Perez

January Birthdays

1/2 - Mariano Diaz-Gomez, Jr.
1/3 - Frank Dowdle
1/12 - Charles Miller
1/14 - Deanne Houghtaling
1/14 - Emely Perez
1/17 - Nancy Davis
1/24 - Bradley Velasquez
1/27 - Phyllis Wilkinson
1/30 - Sue Austin



**Brotherhood
BREAKFAST
FAITH, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, January 27 at 8:00 AM