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God Bless You IN THE New Year

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

Wishing your family a Christ filled 2020!

Fred, Randa, Connie, & Cathy



- 4 David Prell's Birthday
- Troy & Valarie Grant's Anniversary
- 8 Enrique Trujillo's Birthday
- 10 Amy Pence's Birthday
- 11 Troy Grant's Birthday
- 13 Heather Heath's Birthday
- 20 Gil Jimenez's Birthday
- 26 Juan Rodriguez's Birthday
- 31 Aaron Colyer's Birthday

Dr. Mac's Minute

The God that Gives New Beginnings

At a concert, gospel singer and songwriter Bill Gaither asked his wife Gloria to introduce their song, "Because He Lives," with a story of how God had touched the life of one of their kids. He said, "Some of you have heard this story, but I want her to tell it again. Besides, honey, I like to hear you talk." She jokingly replied, "That's not what you said this morning!"

I wonder if that was how Mark felt when Timothy shared Paul's instruction to, "*pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful for service*" (2 Tim. 4:11). I wonder if Mark thought, "that's not what you said last time, Paul."

The last time Paul and Mark were mentioned in the same passage, Mark was the focus of a battle between Barnabas and Paul. He had been part of the first mission team, but when they got to Pamphylia, Mark, for some unmentioned reason, went home (Acts 13:13). When Barnabas later suggested giving the young believer a second chance, Paul "hit the roof." I imagine his reaction went something like this: "John Mark??? You've got to be kidding! I don't have time to babysit!"

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Barnabas persisted. Paul persisted back. The dissension was so great, folks began choosing sides (sound like any recent conversations you've been part of?).

Because God's work was more important than their egos, the two missionaries decided to part company. Barnabas took Mark; Paul took Silas. Paul kept starting churches. Barnabas mentored a young man to maturity. It's a good thing he did, or we might not have had the second Gospel and Paul would have missed an opportunity to reclaim a partner in ministry.

Paul's reaction was natural . . . perhaps even right. Mark needed someone to help him, "*grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18), before taking on the rigors of an itinerant ministry. Paul was not the man for that job; Barnabas was.

Now, many years had passed and Mark was different. Paul had changed, too. God had given him a new beginning and it was time for him to do the same for another.

It is hard when someone you trust lets you down and trust lost is not easily reestablished. Yet, those who meet the God of new beginnings must extend that grace to others. It is part of our "*ministry of reconciliation*" (2 Cor. 5:19). When we restore someone, we not only show gratitude to Christ for our new beginning, we open the door to new Kingdom opportunities with others.

As 2020 unfolds, let God be the God that gives a new beginning **to you**. Then let Him be the God that gives a new beginning **through you**. In 2020 seek to be a Barnabas; help someone that needs maturing in Christ. And, seek to be a Paul; restore someone who has let you down in the past.

Dr. Mac's Library

Dr. Mac's Library is a regular feature where I recommend a book I have read or am currently reading. All quotes are from the book.

Five of the best books I read in 2019:

- 1) *Partnership Dynamics*—Julius Mbu
- 2) *Polycarp's Letter to the Philippians*—Polycarp
- 3) *Sam Houston & the Alamo Avengers*—Brian Kilmeade
- 4) *Out of a Far Country*—Christopher Yuan
- 5) *Tell Someone: You Can Share the Good News*—Greg Laurie

Best Quote: "It's hard for me to forget the day I returned home, with our front foyer covered with yellow ribbons. Each time I think about it, God's mercy washes over me, and I'm reminded of my parents' unconditional love for me. They will always stand at the door with arms wide open, ready to welcome me home, just like my heavenly Father. I know I can always, always come home."—**Christopher Yuan**

Five books I plan to read in 2020:

- 1) *The Great Evangelical Recession*—John S. Dickerson
- 2) *Teaching that Bears Fruit*—George Yates
- 3) *Incarnation of the Word of God*—Athanasius
- 4) *Delighting in God*—A. W. Tozer
- 5) *George Washington's Secret Six*—Brian Kilmeade

Fred's Tentative January & February Schedule

January 5	First Baptist/Hagerman
January 12	First Baptist/Hagerman
January 19	First Baptist/Hagerman
January 26	Otis Baptist/Carlsbad
February 2	OPEN
February 9	Unavailable
February 16	OPEN
February 23	OPEN

Note: I have been serving as interim pastor for First Baptist in Hagerman. I will be ending this serving this month and will again be available for pulpit supply.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/6:** 8:15am Fred on KSVP Radio
- 1/6:** 12:00pm Ministry Leadership Team, PVBA
- 1/7:** 8:15am Roswell Staff Breakfast, Martin's Capitol Café
- 1/13:** 12:00pm Administrative Team
- 1/14:** 12:00pm Carlsbad Staff Lunch, PJ&B's Rio Café
- 1/16:** 11:30am Artesia Staff Lunch, Chaos
- 1/28:** 8:30am Newsletter Folding Day
- 2/3:** 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting, PVBA
- 2/17:** 6:30pm Hispanic Leader Gathering, PVBA
- 2/18:** 6:30pm VBS Early Bird Training, PVBA
- 3/17:** 10:00AM Senior Adult Singspiration, FBC/A

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAININGS



Start planning for Vacation Bible School NOW and **mark your calendar** for two great training opportunities.

- 2/18: 6:30pm VBS Early Bird Training for Pastors and Directors at PVBA Office
- 4/2: 5:30pm - Meal & 6:00pm - Training by BCNM Team at FBC/Artesia

Out and About PVBA...

PVBA had their Staff Christmas Banquet on December 9th. 50 of the staff within the association came out to enjoy a delicious meal. The night was full of fellowship, food, and singing Christmas carols together led by Barry Calahan from Monahans, TX.

PVBA thanked the Newsletter Folding Volunteers with a Christmas Party on December 4th. Games, yummy snacks, and gifts filled the time together. The volunteers serve one Tuesday a month from 8-30-10:30am folding the PVB Newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Randa or Cathy at 575-746-2729.

Bethel Baptist/Roswell packed 230 shoeboxes to contribute to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child! What an exciting and wonderful blessing to the children receiving the boxes!

First Baptist /Carlsbad performed "A Carlsbad Christmas Celebration" on December 14th & 15th. The choir did an astounding job presenting the Christmas story through music and song. Kevin Pence and the choir practiced many hours and it showed in their grand performance!

The 2020 New Mexico Evangelism Conference is February 24-25, 2020 at Sandia Baptist Church in Albuquerque. For more details or to register visit www.bcnm.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT November 2019	
Budget Receipts	\$6,889.69
Budget Expenditures	\$21,193.59
Designated Receipts	\$41,262.38
Designated Expenditures	\$2,530.41
General Fund Balance 11/30/19	\$69,186.33
Designated Fund Balance 11/30/19	\$187,146.27



MegaPalooza

of Children's Ministry Training in NM

January 31—February 1, 2020

Friday: 7:00-9:30pm, Saturday: 8:15am-1:00pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Las Cruces

Cost: \$20 if registered by January 6,

\$25 after January 6 (includes lunch on Saturday)

The training will include several choices for breakout sessions led by NM children's leaders. A few of the session choices include Leading a Child to Christ, Directive Drawing, Teaching the Bible to Children with Special Needs and so much more. This year will include a special session with Dr. Donna Peavey just for weekday preschool education!

Visit www.bcnm.com/mega for more details and to register.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

January 1-31, 2020

JEREMIAH

FAITHFUL TO THE MISSION

2020 CHURCH

Anniversaries

Trinidad Community Baptist Church/Roswell—35 years

Bykota Baptist Church/Roswell—35 years

Adventure Bible Church/Roswell—75 years

Hillcrest Baptist Church/Carlsbad—80 years

El Calvario Baptist Church/Roswell—80 years

Dexter Common Ground Community Church/Dexter—115 years

First Baptist Church/Carlsbad—130 years

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This month's Spotlight is an update on Gideon's Army.



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GIDEON'S ARMY UPDATE

PVBA has a partnership with Hope Baptist Centre in Pretoria, South Africa. Each year we send two mission teams to assist in fulfilling their vision of reaching Africa for Jesus. Gideon's Army is your

chance to have a part in this partnership. Our goal is to identify 300 individuals, families, Sunday School classes, mission groups, etc. each year who will make a \$100 donation, for a total of \$30,000. These gifts enable us to provide \$1,000 scholarships for those who go on our mission trips and provide support to our South African partners, Julius and Cintia Mbu. Because of your generosity we surpassed our 2019 goal. Now we are recruiting our army for 2020. To enlist, contact Randa at 575-746-2729 or register online at www.pecosvalleybaptist.com.

2020 Gideon's Army Goal: 300

