



Years ago, I had a dream in which I was walking down a hall and came face to face with a wild cat, I turned back and met a large lion. So, I was faced with which one I feared the most. I feared the lion the most, so I ran and passed the wild cat.

Fear is a significant factor in our lives. Learning to fear the right thing is important. Jeremiah explained the value of fearing God in Jeremiah 32:39-40, "Then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may learn to fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good: but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart form Me." In Psalms 111:10 "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom". Yet we are tempted to ignore Him and do what we want. God gives us good and life when we fear Him, so God is a giver of grace and real life. Sin simply takes the grace of God away. Sin is a taker and God is a giver. As we face a new year it is high time to stop and check to see if we fear God in all we

do. It is simple, examine if God is withholding His blessing or if there is abundant refreshment of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

If there is discovery of a lack of Spiritual blessings, we can change it by coming back to fearing God. "The fear of God is to hate evil" Proverbs 8:13. Unconfessed sin exposes a lack of fear of God. Confession of sin is the road back to God. In first John 1:9 it says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". James 4:7 shows the way back to God, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The starting point is submitting to God. Some try to simply resist the devil, that will not work without submitting to God first.

To fear God means that we will obey Him. We begin to align our lives with what God says in His word. So, what is out of alignment with the word of God? So, do you fear the Lion of Judah?

Keep looking up Dan Pearce

Dan's Retirement is planned for April 1, 2019. Be in prayer for Dan and the Director of Missions search committee.





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**Prayer Meeting:** 

Mondays 10:00 Sandia, Clovis





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#### Resolutions?

Are you a person who makes resolutions at the beginning of a new year? If so, how are you doing in keeping them so far? Resolutions are made with good intentions to improve our lives— I don't think I've ever heard of anyone resolving to make their lives worse.

I usually resolve to not make resolutions! Even so, I try to be open to what God is revealing to me of ways my walk with Him needs improvement. He uses so

many ways to reveal this: Bible and devotional readings, my pastor's sermons, needs of family members, an out-of-the-blue call from someone asking me to assist an elderly neighbor. And, yes, even thru Facebook posts! I pray that my response to Him will be better than any resolutions I could attempt to keep.

How about you – will you join me in this resolution revolution?

Elaine



Pastor Randy Joslin will be returning as Camp Pastor. Please begin to pray for him as he begins to prepare his heart and mind for this ministry. Camp will set up on June 12, meetings June 13-15, and tear down on June 16.

# Prayer Needs

DOM Search committee:

John Hinze and Michael Erwin from Tucumcari Association David McFadden and Michael Kirby from Eastern Association

### **Looking Ahead**

Feb 25-26: NM Evangelism Conference – Sandia, Albuquerque

April 1: Dan Pearce Retirement date

April 9: EBA Semi-annual Meeting - Parkland

April 26: VBS Training – University Baptist

## Budget 🌑 At A Glance

**Tucumcari Baptist Association:** 

Receipts ......\$1,544.31 Disbursements .....\$1,800.00

Ending Balance ... \$10,698.68

Balance Forward

December 1st ......\$1,650.07 Receipts ......\$10,798.73

Eastern Baptist Association:

Disbursements ...\$10,793.40

**Ending Balance** 

December 31st .....\$1,655.40

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