

January 2017

Greetings to You in This New Year,

I have heard the sayings, "Time flies when you are having fun" and "Time flies when you are old." I think I will cling to the first saying instead of the last! Here we are in a New Year, with all of its hopes and dreams, as we begin the journey of 2017. As we start out this New Year, this passage of Scripture came to mind. It is found in Jeremiah 17:14, and it says, **"Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise."** Jeremiah is acknowledging something that many of us hesitate to acknowledge; really several things. He's acknowledging that he needs healing and salvation. He acknowledges that God is able to heal and save and he acknowledges that God is the only one who can heal and save. And lastly, he praises God for His power to heal and save. Many of us like to pick some aspect of the above to conveniently ignore. Either we don't want to acknowledge our need for healing and salvation or we want to turn to something other than God to do it. Or, say we acknowledge our need and His ability, but after the salvation has been accomplished, we want to sweep it under the rug, to hide our past shames instead of praising the One who absolved us of our iniquities and healed our wounds. I, for one, have no problem admitting my need and would certainly give verbal credence to the fact that Jesus is the only One who can save me. But, somewhere in between, I often get caught up in attempting my own sort of self-salvation. I want to exhaust all my options, find my very own Pinterest-worthy DIY salvation. But no dead man has yet to bring himself back to life and despite all my attempts, I too wind up a failure at saving myself from myself. I need Jesus, I have to have Him. And yet, after all that, you can usually find me playing compare and contrast at the end of the day to minimize what Jesus has done for me instead of recognizing the depth of my depravity and the greatness of His salvation. Sometimes I have to fight to praise Him how He has worked in my life. All of us are broken and need healing. All of us are lost and need salvation. All of us are going through trials that only He can heal. As we come t the beginning of a New Year, let us stop just for a moment and praise Him for saving us, healing our brokenness, and walking with, and sometimes carrying, us through our trials. Stop for a moment to think through what your habits say about what you really believe about your salvation. Do you like to believe you don't need Him? Or that He isn't strong enough to do what needs to be done for you? Or that it takes something a little more than what He alone can offer? Whatever your struggle is, take time to face it honestly and confess before God your failure to fully acknowledge your need of His powerful perfect healing. And then praise Him for the ever-flowing flood of forgiveness and grace that your Father pours into your cracks and wounds! No better way to start a New Year than in praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords for being who He is and for what He has done!

Until next time, Keep Looking Up, Bro. Howard

**Sherry and I would like to thank you for the love gifts given to us for Christmas. It was very much appreciated.
Bro. Howard and Sherry**

SERMON SCHEDULE	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Morning	"The Unchained Gospel" 2 Timothy 2:8-13	"How to Avoid the Pitfalls of Riches" 1 Timothy 6:3-10	"The Christians Response to Abortion" Ecclesiastes 3:16-17; 4:1; 8:2-13	"Unfinished Business" Colossians 4:17
Evening	"Totally Abandoned to The Gospel" Romans 1:14-16	"The Lost World" Romans 1:18-31	"The Last Step on the Way Down" Romans 1:24	Singspiration

Wednesday evenings we will continue our study through the Book of Ecclesiastes.

December 2016

1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8 Deacons Mtg -8am	9	10	11 Business Mtg 6 pm	12 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24	25 Outreach 6 pm	26	27	28
29 Singspiration in evening service	30	31				

Words to adequately express the immeasurable joy you brought to Bob and me Wednesday evening with your angelic caroling escape me. Please know that we felt an uplifting and truly Christian spirit. Thank you from the depths of our hearts. Bob and Margie.

Thank you for remembering me during the Christmas season with cards and the Christmas gift. I am blessed that you are all so considerate and generous to me each year.

Happy New Year, Melissa Taylor

I am so grateful for all of your wishes, prayers and gifts this past year, and especially the Christmas surprises. I was so excited when they installed the sidewalk around the sign! I am so blessed to be a part of this church family. Thank you all for showing me how much God loves me.

Paula



- 5th Allison Plummer
- 10th Lucy Johnson
- 11th Doris Ashworth
- 13th Earl Lininger
Skyla Phifer
- 14th Jimmy Jones
- 17th Brandi Phifer
- 20th Charity Klein
- 25th Mick Galvan
- 29th Denise Johnson
- 30th Cindy Gilmore
- 31st Anna Raymond

Just For Your Information: During 2016 you gave:

- \$18,110 to the Cooperative Program
- \$8,992 to the local Concord Association
- \$1,009 to Annie Armstrong for North American Missions
- \$7,165 to Lottie Moon for International Missions
- \$585 to Dixie Jackson for Arkansas State Missions
(plus Acts 1:8 support and volunteering)
- \$1610 to Arkansas Children’s Homes
- \$254 to Hannah House
- \$360 to Interfaith Community Center
- \$200 to Community Rescue Missions
- \$340 to UAFS Baptist Collegiate Ministry
(plus fed them in Nov.)
- \$924 to Set Free Prison Ministries
- \$200 to Christian Women’s Job Corps
Operations Christmas Child boxes you packed
- Bags of teddy bears to Fort Smith Police and Fire
Departments and the Sebastian County Sheriff Office

And though our food pantry, we have supplied food to 372 households for a total of 884 people!

The SSBC Member of the Month for January 2017 is John McLaughlin. Take time this month to spend time with John, perhaps share a meal, and get to know him. It is especially appropriate that John should be celebrated now. He joined South Side Baptist 49 years ago this month!

All contributors will receive printed statements from our church in January. If you have not received your statement by January 25th, please let us know in the church office. We do not wait until the end of January to mail them!

Thank you for supporting our ministries!

The Bi-Monthly business meeting is Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m. We encourage all members to attend to keep up with the business and ministries of our church.

January 29th is a “Fifth Sunday”, so we will be having a “Singspiration” service that evening. If you have something you would like to share with the church, check with Sherry to see if it can be put in the line-up!

Sun.	Pre-service Choir	9:00 a.m.
	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:50 a.m.
	Choir practice (full)	5:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Meal	5:00 p.m.
	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
	Children’s activities	5:45 p.m.

Ushers in December—Pat, Pete, Tammy

Date	Morning prayer	Deacons
1/8	David Goodson	Mell Moss Chuck Quillman
1/15	Mike Hicks	Mike Hicks Brian Sweeten
1/22	Chuck Quillman	Mell Moss Chuck Quillman
1/29	David Goodson	Mike Hicks Brian Sweeten

Date	Attendance		Giving		2016/2017 Budget	Annual Budget	Yr/Date Needed	Yr/Date Receipts	+ (-) Budget	Needed Weekly	Weekly Avg.
	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Budget Gifts	Design. Gifts							
12/4	43	45	\$4235	\$3534		\$223,242		\$167,427		\$4293	\$3502
12/11	48	71	\$4355	\$1466				\$136,586			
12/18	39	44	\$4881	\$1617				(\$30,841)			
12/25		65	\$1302	\$8470							

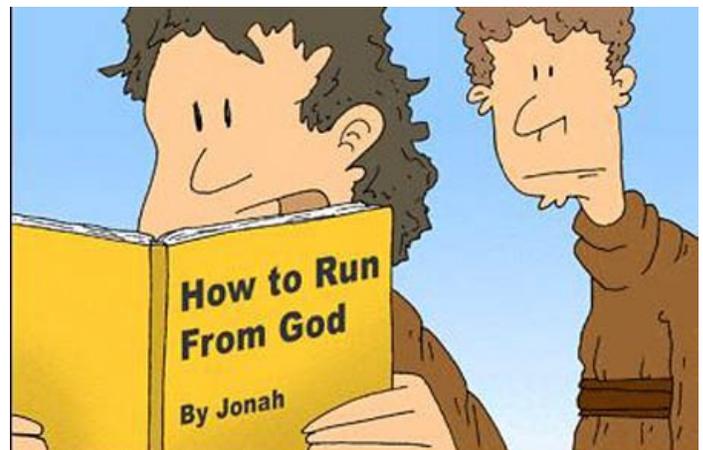
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Check out our website at www.ssbconline.org.

The website has been updated and really improved. Sign on to see all the changes. If you have suggestions as to things you would like to see on the webpage, please let us know.

South Side also has a Facebook presence as well. It has been updated as well. If you will "like" our page, you'll get updated information as it is added. Sharing the page with your friends will help spread the word as to what we are doing here at South Side Baptist.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please call, write or email us at southside@ssbconline.org

WEDNESDAY MENU

January 4

Chicken Strips, Mac'n'Cheese, Green Beans, Pudding

January 11

Soups & Chili, Cornbread & Crackers, Strawberry cake

January 18

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Cobbler

January 25

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Cake