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“WHAT’S YOUR FOCUS FOR 2012?”

I Corinthians 1:4 “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you, unless you believe in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

I have no idea what 2012 holds exactly, but I do know this, Satan will try and get believers to focus on all the wrong things... politics, sports, finances, recreation, and a thousand other things, including some very good things, maybe even religious things. We need to make sure we stay focused on the right thing!

Jonathan Leeman in his book, “Reverberation” tells the following story. “A group of American Christians in the nineteenth century planned a visit to London for a week. Their friends encouraged them to go hear two of London’s famous preachers and bring back a report. On Sunday morning the Americans attended Joseph Parker’s church. After the service one of them said, ‘I do declare, it must be said, for there is no doubt, that Joseph Parker is the greatest preacher that ever there was!’

The group wanted to return that evening and hear Parker again, but they remembered that their friends wanted them to hear another preacher named Charles Spurgeon. So on Sunday evening they attended the Metropolitan Tabernacle, where Spurgeon was preaching.

The group was not prepared for what they heard and as they departed one of them said, ‘I do declare, it must be said, for there is no doubt, that Jesus Christ is the greatest Savior that ever there was!’”

I don’t know if that story is true or just a part of the folk lore around Spurgeon, but I do know the statement is true, and the focus is spot on.

Jesus Christ is the greatest Savior that ever there was!

And that’s what I want my focus to be, and hopefully your focus to be; in the coming New Year. Let’s stay focused on Christ. Let’s keep Him as the center of all we do and say.

That means we need to stay GOSPEL focused. Paul made it clear, “Christ died for our sins, was buried, and arose again on the third day.”

That’s the message of the gospel, and that is what we stand on, it is the means by which we are saved, and we must hold fast to that Word. Let’s stay focused on that in 2012! After all; it may have been said, “Jesus Christ is the greatest Savior that ever there was!”

Happy New Year,
Bro. Dave

New Members

Bonnie Nickell
Carolyn Wiant
Richard, Heather, Taylor, and Hannah Grace Huxley

From Your Prayer Team

In his sermon “The Importance of Prayer”, the Rev. Bruce Goettsche gives us several good reasons to pray.

It is a great privilege. Can you think of any greater honor than to have an audience with the One who rules over ALL creation?

We should pray because we are in a fierce battle. We are told that "*our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*" (Eph. 6:10).

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Prayer is a deterrent to sin in our lives. In the quiet times of private, honest prayer God exposes the rationalizations and the excuses that we use to cater to sin. In prayer God holds a mirror up to our lives so we can see the way we really are and repent.

Prayer makes a difference. I can't tell you how it "works" but circumstances change when people pray. Diseases are sometimes healed, strength is imparted, guidance is given, hearts are softened, needs are met. When I pray for others it helps them. But I also know that when I pray, I am changed.

Three times in the first ten verses of this letter the Apostle Paul has told the Colossians that he is praying for them. He tells them he is thanking God for them and that his prayers on their behalf are unceasing. Praying for one another is so important.

We have twenty-three church members on the prayer team this year. All have volunteered to alternate Sundays and pray for the church, pastors, services, and the names provided on the prayer request cards. Prayer is such an important part of our Christian lives. Your prayer team wants to pray for you. Just a reminder to be sure and put your prayer request on the card provided in the bulletin. Thank you Sandy Spencer

Greetings from the Homebound Ministry

The New Year has begun and everyone is thinking about what they want to improve on this year. It is usually diet, exercise, getting on a budget, reading the Bible from cover to cover, tithing etc. Every year we go through this list and want to start doing it right. There is a verse that is really a great one to use for the New

Year. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and RENEW a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Our ministry is encouraging and helping those who are unable to get out like they once did. You can be a part of encouraging those we minister to by bringing valentines January 22nd through February 8th and put them in the Valentine box located at the Visitors Center. This is a special time everyone loves to receive mail.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Love in Christ, Joy Bastress

NBC Faith Riders and friends

It is no secret that I really like motorcycles. I have been riding since 1968, and during that time, I have owned 20 different, --- some from the US, some British, some German, and some Japanese. I lik 'em all! The shiny paint, the bright chrome, and the feeling that riding brings is a joy. But to keep them in condition to give this great joy, then MAINTENANCE is very important! Wear and deterioration will result without maintenance! They must be washed/cleaned, oil must be changed, and occasional tune-ups are required. All this maintenance takes commitment, time and financial resources!

I believe that our Christian walk also brings joy and freedom! Please understand that our promise of Heaven is already secured by Christ's completed work, and not by our effort! But, the Christian walk requires "maintenance" on our part! Many Christians, I believe, do not bear this responsibility well. We are responsible for our joy, and our testimony!

Titus 3:5 advises us that we are "cleaned" by regeneration, and I John 1:7 teaches that Christ keeps us clean. Psalms 51:10 shows us that Christ "renews" our spirits! Also, our fellowship with other believers is important. We draw

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strength and encouragement from these associations. Take a look at Colossians 2:2 Our strength and direction come from the Word of God. We can get this help from the preaching and teaching from our local church, and also from our personal reading of the Word. God has provided all we need for our Spiritual Maintenance! It has all been "paid for" by the shed blood of Christ!

God's best always, Bro. Gary Conley
Chaplain/Director, NBC Faith Riders

From The AWANA Commanders Corner

One exciting AWANA year has come to an end with another exciting one starting. We will start the New Year back up on Jan 4th with several special events to look forward to. We will have a visit from our AWANA missionary on Jan 18th. Then on February 25th we will participate in Bible Quizzing at a church in Dayton. This is always a busy time especially for our 3rd - 6th grade clubbers as they practice for this event. There is always something exciting in store for all of our clubbers.

I pray that this year will bring more children into our program so they can come to know our Lord and Savior as we know Him. Please keep all of our directors, leaders, secretaries, and above all our clubbers in your prayers. As always you are welcome to visit our program at anytime.

Because kids matter to God
May God Bless You
Commander John

Youth News

Christmas Party

The Christmas party this year was a blast with Dallas setting up a huge blow-up obstacle course in the fellowship hall. The youth had fun running the course, eating pizza and giving gifts. Check out face-book for pictures, if you

have any question on how to see the pictures ask Courtney Hill.

Winter Camp

Winter camp this year is January 14-16 at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly, with Tim Binns speaking and the worship music being lead by the band Luke and His Friends. The youth will be leaving at 11:30 am sharp!!! They will need money for food going down and coming back. There are usually t-shirts for sale along with CDs and of course pop machines, so send enough money with your youth for whatever you want them to be a part of.

They will call you on the 16th when they are about one hour from the church so you'll know when to pick them up. Please try to be here on time so your leaders can go home and rest.

World Changers

There has been a change with World Changers. They have decided to cut back because of their budget. They looked at last year's lowest attended events and Jackson Michigan (where we were planning to go) was one of the lowest last year so that event has been canceled. So our new location is Owensboro Kentucky. Everything else has stayed the same the cost is still \$260.00 and the date we will be going is still June 18-23. Right now Caroline Rodgers is the female chaperone and I will be the male chaperone. There is still time to sign up if you are looking for a place to serve on a mission trip for next year. This year there will be three training secession held on Sunday afternoons with lunch provided. Those dates will be provided in the next newsletter. Our mission project this year will be painting at Faye Rodgers' house and that date will be set in the future also.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp this year will be the week of July 23-27 at Seneca Lake. The speaker is Dave Edwards (<http://www.youthworker.com/youth->

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ministry-resources-ideas/youth-ministry/11550873/) and the worship music will be lead by Ward 9 (http://www.ward9music.com/page-0#!__page-0) check out their web-sites if you don't know them yet. More information will come later this year.

Special Thanks

I would like to take this chance to thank three very special people Dallas and Courtney Hill and Zach Reynolds. They have done a great job working with our young people this last year. It blesses my heart to watch them work so hard with great compassion for these young people. If you will remember all three were my youth when I started 11 years ago, so it is just refreshing for me to watch them serve now. Thank you for your sacrifice and your love.
Bro. Kirk

Do You Think About the Lord's Return?

As we have just celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ I can't help but think about His return. When He came into the world the first time very few people knew it but when He returns the next time all the world will know something has happened. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always

be with the Lord.18 Therefore encourage one another with these words". The words of verse 17 then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air just fills me with this hope!

One day just as His birth happened, His return will happen too. So what do we do while we wait? James 5:8-9 (You also, be patient.

Establish your hearts, for the **coming of the Lord is at hand**.9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door). He's closer than we think.

And in Hebrews 10:24-25 "24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near". People the day is drawing near. I would never go as far as to pick a day or time but the disciples believed that He would return in their life time and that was some 2,000 years ago, we are at least 2000 years closer and the fact is He could come today!

As I think on these things I am motivated to live for Him and as I live for Him I am amazed at how fast time flies. Remembering the words of John "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." What a motivation, He's coming back for me and you; He's going to let us see in a new way. As we start out 2012 let us live as if He is returning very soon.

Bro. Kirk

Local Missions

Christmas at NBC has been a blessing for all who helped in local missions. Many of you have given your time and money in helping the children of the jail ministry. Some of you helped families who were dealing with very sad situations. A lot of you took time on the Sunday

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before Christmas and helped WOM by delivering cookies to our police, sheriff, and fire personnel. Many of us had never done that before. What a blessing to show the love of Christ.

We will trust God to use us as the needs arise this New Year to honor Him where He sends us. God is so good to us and we thank Him for a loving and caring church. We ask God to help us be a blessing in the New Year. Debbie T.

Women on Mission

Greetings to all the ladies at Northside. Our Christmas dinner was a great success with a good number in attendance. I want to invite all of you to attend our meetings. We have a great time together and would enjoy your company as well. We meet every 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm with a light supper served first.

Our first meeting in 2012 will be January 16 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is a time of planning and getting our calendar organized. It is important that as many of you that can be there for sign-ups for food, prayer calendar and program.

Our second meeting in 2012 will be February 20. Let's start the New Year off right with a renewed interest in missions. There are many opportunities for doing missions and I trust that we will be about the Father's business this year in missions!

See you at the January meeting.
Faye

This coleslaw was served at the Ladies Christmas dinner and many have asked for the recipe:

Exotic Coleslaw

1 bag premixed coleslaw
2 pkg beef ramen noodles (crunched & uncooked)
2 bunches green onions

1 C slivered almonds
1 C dry roasted sunflower kernels
3/4 C oil

1/2 C sugar
1/4 C apple-cider vinegar

*Mix coleslaw, ramen noodles (w/o seasoning pkts), green onions, almonds, sunflower kernels in large bowl.

*Mix oil, sugar, vinegar, ramen noodle seasoning pkts.

*Pour over salad, toss well, and chill at least 2 hours before serving. Makes lots!!

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