

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2021 is here, but we pray this year is much better than last year. Sorry the coronavirus has made our youth events few this past year, but hopefully we can enjoy some fellowship soon as the case count decreases in our area. We want to keep our church family safe during these trying times. I encourage you to put the LORD first in 2021 and encourage others to do the same. May GOD continue to bless us as we live our lives for him.

DOUG

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Living in the World Now

There is no greater blessing than that of being God's child. As Christians, we are the recipients of the promise made to Abraham: "You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness" (Acts 3:25-26). We really cannot put into words that sense of gratitude we ought to have for what God has done for us. We are unworthy servants, yet God has blessed us in spirit of ourselves. We have been born again to a living hope (1 Pet 1:3-5), and that keeps our focus on eternal matters, knowing that we are heavenly citizens first (Phil 3:20-21). This also means that we have the spiritual tools by which we may live the abundant life. As Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Doyle Moyer

All Things New

The beginning of a new year is traditionally when we rethink our goals and reassess how we have been doing. Are we growing like we ought? Are we learning, reading, praying, and serving like we ought? Of course, questions like these should be asked all year long. We don't need to wait for a new year to start new habits or make new resolutions. The idea of being "new" is biblical. When we become Christians, we become new creatures: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17-18). Being restored back to God makes us new, and this is refreshing when we consider how tainted our lives can become by sin. We need healing, restoration, and renewal. In Christ we have it. Yet now we do not experience the total newness as we one day will. We are new creatures in Christ through forgiveness, but God intends to make all things new one day. This coincides with judgment, as Peter says (2 Pet 3:11-13): "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness. ADAPTED

January 10th 2021

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Sun: 9:30 AM Class 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Evening Wed: 7:00 PM



I know that we all are ready for the New Year. I hope that all of us will do our best to serve more and work harder for the Kingdom of God. Many opportunities lay before us. May we all be ready to accept the challenges given by our Lord and Saviour. DAN

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Happy New Year 2021 May God bless us in coming days as we labor for Him.



From Dan's desk:

We have all been looking forward to the New Year 2021 with great anticipation. The previous year 2020 will go down as one of the most difficult and tumultuous years in our history. During the year 2020 we had some six depart this life to be with our Lord. We have missed them tremendously, but their influence lives on in the minds and hearts of those who knew them. As we fold the year 2020 and put it away, I hope we will reflect on the good that has been done as well. Souls have been brought to Christ. Several have been baptized and others have responded to place membership with us or ask for the prayers of the church family. Last Sunday evening Kathy Chambless and Rodney Covington both responded for prayer. We commend their tender hearts. Continue to pray for them. Your level of giving has been tremendous in spite of the pandemic, and those who have been unable to come and worship with us. With the vaccine and greater hygiene along with greater safety measures we will be able to be back to a degree of normalcy soon. Several in our congregation have been ill with the Coronavirus (about 26). I know that we are all ready to come out of the shell and move on to a way of life prior to the pandemic. We thank God for all of you and pray that you will stay well and take measures to insure that you will not get sick and that you will not expose anyone. The New Year 2021 presents many challenges for us. The Elders will present plans for the year next Lord's Day. We thank you for your continued commitment to Christ and His Church. Thanks for being here this morning. See you tonight. The P.M. Sermon "Why Does God Chasten Me?" DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

DALE SPARKS: will be undergoing a biopsy this Tuesday Jan. 5th in Tyler.

DOUG and KAYANNE LOWE both continue to recover at home from Covid-19

W.F. LANE and CHARLOTTE LANE, father and mother of Billy Lane has covid-19. His dad remains on a Paris, Tex. Hospital. His mom has been in the hospital ROSEANN CARTHEN is recovering

Prayer list is available in Foyer.

from back surgery. She is home.

RESPONSES FOR PRAYER KATHY CHAMBLESS RODNEY COVINGTON

Our Sympathy
Is extended to Dale Sparks in the death
of his brother HAROLD SPARKS who
passed away last week. Services will be
Tuesday in Nacogdoches.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Will resume a week from Tuesday Jan. 12th morning at 9:30
A.M. in the chapel.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Remember Monday Night For The Master will resume on Monday night Jan. 25th at 6:15 P.M. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be with us.

DON'T WORRY

The solution to problems is not denial. We should learn to admit reality, then work with it as it is. When there are matters we can change for the better, let's work to change them. When the circumstances don't meet our concept of ideal, and we can't change them, let's learn to accept them and resolve to move forward with the strength God supplies. In all matters, we must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6: 33). Because, as another one of my favorite "profound" questions reminds us, a hundred years from now, what will "it" matter? We worry about things that will pass into oblivion, and sometimes ignore those matters that have eternal consequences. A hundred vears from now, it won't matter that my car has a few scratches on it, or my water heater went out. What will matter is whether or not I have devoted myself to God and His Will. It is what it is. DAN

January 3rd, 2021

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Beth Freeman-undergoing cancer treatment, she is improving

Rick Giles-recovering from back surgery

Larry Hooper remains ill at home

C.T. Brooks- Covid-19 recovering at home

Mary Jo Thomason is having treatments on her legs

Ola Pearl Reeves- is at Greenbrier Nursing facility

Emalie Tuschoff recovering from a fall. She is in Rehab.

Roseann Carthen recovering from back surgery

Lou Gannon is recovering from Covid-19

Doug and Kayeann Lowe- Covid-19 recovering at home

Gary Paul recovering from Covid-19 at home.

W.F. Lane and wife Charlotte, (Father & Mother of Billy Lane) are recovering from Covid-19.(Billy's sister Shelly & her husband Craig) both have it also

Jan Ridgeway (Dan's sister) is recovering with Covid-19

Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Barbie Bellamy & son- health issues

Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas

Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer

Maurine Ellis (of Sam's mom) numerous health issues.

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

THE ELDERS