

ATTENTION YOUTH Sundays at Six & Wednesdays at Seven
Make a Connection with
JESUS
Get Plugged in

SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB 6:00 pm

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Deacon's Meeting
 Tuesday, January 5th 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 10th
 Church Council 5:00 p.m.
 Church Conference
 after the 6:00 p.m. Service

Where *Faith, Family Flourish*
and Friends



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*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
 And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*
 Acts 1:8

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Finally, 2021!! 2020 was a challenging year, it was a difficult year, but may we remember the joy that 2020 brought as well. COVID-19 dominated our 2020 and it still will to some degree 2021. Our lives have been forever changed due to this virus. We wear masks, we wash hands, we sanitize hands, when someone coughs a thought of COVID appears in our thoughts. Unemployment skyrocketed, jobs were lost, lives were lost, marriages suffered, families suffered, schools went virtual, we all became familiar with zoom, cities burned, cities were locked down, politics became extremely divisive. Where was God in the midst of all of this?? May I remind you that God was right in the middle of it with us!! We will always struggle under difficult and challenging circumstances, we will never fully understand the why; but the truth we can always hold onto is that God will always be with us and He will never leave us!!

As we march into the year 2021, I feel impressed by God to start this year with the theme of "Living Life with Purpose". This world tells us over and over that our purpose is to work harder, climb the ladder of success faster, accumulate more, earn more money, become more powerful, be famous. While all of these things are not bad goals, if these goals make up the purpose in your life, then you will never be satisfied. When you reach one goal, you need to reach another; when you become successful, you need more; but Jesus doesn't want us to live life in that constant lifestyle of wanting and needing more.

Don't look for things to happen to you, but allow the power of Christ to happen within you! As we live life with purpose, we will begin to see that circumstances may change, but Christ never does.

As we head into 2021, may you have a Happy New Year; and may the blessings of Jesus fall down upon you as you live life with purpose!!

God bless,
 Pastor Richard

**Living
 Life
 With
 PURPOSE**



January 2 Missy McDonald	January 16 Wallace Lamb
January 4 Sammie McLemore	January 19 Wanda McGlamory
January 7 Evie Catherine Bostic	January 22 Jan Brown
January 8 Ken McKie	January 25 Mary Kate Courson
January 9 Taft McGlamory	January 26 Francine Faircloth
January 10 Katrina Sutton	January 28 Donnie Clack
January 11 Gussie Hawkins	January 28 Richard Compton
January 13 J.D. Morrison	January 29 Dawn Harris
January 14 E.J. (Nink) Fitzgerald	January 29 Tim McGlamory
January 14 Luke Hughes	January 29 Holly McGlamory
January 15 Judy Jones	

Happy Anniversary

January 11 Chuck & Celia McGlamory
 January 16 Dennis & Jan Moore
 January 17 Joseph & Heather Gaines
 January 27 Brad & Ashlee Wood
 January 30 Delane & Ann Titshaw

Flowers



January 3 Ann & Delane Titshaw
 January 10 Sibbie Terry
 January 17 Susan & Randall Stubbs
 January 24 Gail & James Graham
 January 31 Dawn & Billy Harris



While most of us are beginning a new year continuing to walk through a difficult season from the covid virus, there may be some enjoying the peace of a fruitful season by God's sovereign plans and purposes in their lives. Either way, we need to follow God so closely that it feels as if we're glued to His side. Psalm 63:8 tells us, "I follow close to you; your right hand holds on to me!" David declared himself glued to God in the dangers of life, many times running for his life from his enemies. In Scripture, God's right hand is a sign of favor and how His people obtained victories so David clung to God knowing he would be safe. In our clinging, God draws us directly into Himself as we were made to be in fellowship with our Creator. As important, David knew that following close to God meant peace, hope, and unexplainable joy for him so his soul was following as closely as it could to God. As David desperately clung to God for peace, hope and joy in the midst of the trials of life, so we must too so that we will be spiritually fit to "contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" in Jude 3. One commentary says about this urging of Jude, "The gospel of Jesus Christ does not change. Since He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8), so His gospel remains eternally the same. And it is worth fighting for, since through it alone we find eternal life." Accordingly, we must hold out the true gospel through our lives for those who are without faith and those weak in faith in light of the days we are living in and the false doctrines being promoted today as were when Jude wrote his letter. In these desperate days, people need the LORD! Mosaic magazine tells us "As we look at the nations today, the door is still wide open, even in countries where everything else is shut tight. When you look at the country of Iran, oppressed by a strict Islamic regime and suffering under the weight of sanctions and isolation, you would think nothing could make a difference. What the media is not telling you is thousands are coming to Christ in Iran. How can the message of Christ make such an impact? By people calling on the name of the LORD in faith. Pray more nations would know the same radical change." So, church, let's resolve in the new year to cling to God so closely that we will be glued to His side and His right hand will hold on to us making us spiritually fit to "contend for the faith" as Jude explains to us and "...be His witnesses in Jerusalem (Rochelle), and in all Judea (Georgia) and Samaria (USA) and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Happy New Year! NAMB Prayer Focus-Fraser, Col.: our Lacey Gaines; Ohio: James Haggy planted Green Meadows Baptist Fellowship in London, Ohio. "Pray that God will continue to bless the preaching of His Word, bless the conversion of souls, and add more workers for the harvest. Pray that a Christian family who loves God's Word and His church will decide to become part of this church. Pray God will raise up ministries within this church."

IMB Prayer Focus-American Peoples: Pray for the Bajio (bah-HEE-oh) of Mexico. "For the past several months, we've been reaching people who are searching for spiritual guidance online through advertisements. The ads open dialogues with hundreds of individuals a month, wherein we share the hope of Jesus. With more Christian communicators, those hundreds of gospel conversations could be hundreds of thousands! Ask God to send more workers into this online harvest field."

In Christ's Service,

Sibbie

Men's Ministry

The December meeting was cancelled. We will try to meet January 10th.

The Light of Your World

"To you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2

It is in your woundedness that you may feel the deepest darkness, despair, and confusion. After all, you wouldn't hurt yourself or others on purpose--nor would you allow them to injure you. But it's often the hidden places of the heart that drive you in the wrong direction

Thankfully, at Christmastime, you are reminded of the reason Jesus came – to illuminate the darkness of sin and heal you of it through His provision. And He doesn't merely show you your failings, He is kind enough to reveal what fears, pain, and destructive thought pattern are causing you to commit them.

How does Jesus do so? Through the work of His Holy Spirit and the testimony of His word, the Savior sheds light on the bondage that is causing your brokenness (Hebrews 4:12)

So invite Jesus to shine His light into the profound recess of your heart. And thank God for the great, liberating gift of His radiance, which mends your deepest wounds and helps you experience His glorious freedom.

In His presence...allow Him to heal you .

Donnie Clack

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. Social Hall



**All Men
Are Invited**

Family Night Supper



Wednesday, January 13th

7:00 p.m.

Theme: Compassion International

WMU Groups

Women in the Word
 Hazel Chapman Group
 Tuesday, January 19th
 7:00pm
 At The Church Social Hall



Men's Conference

Live Streamed

February 5th & 6th

Friday begins at 5pm with supper and ends by 10pm

Saturday begins at 7:30 am with continental breakfast and ends by noon.

Registration is \$20

Sign-up by calling 229-365-7286

Food Ministry

Food Packing January 21st
 Food Distribution January 25th

Don't Forget To Tithe



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- Mail P.O. Box 566
- Drop by church or go to • **TITHE.LY** or on our church website scroll down to "GIVE NOW"