

FirstNews

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELKTON, MD
JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

From Pastor's Desk...

As we look back over the days, or even just the 365 days of the year now ending, we would have to agree, something new is always upon us. As God says in Isaiah, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

One problem with welcoming a new year is that it comes at a time when nothing feels new. The Christmas decorations look ragged in January's merciless light. Taking them down is a tiresome task. Winter hasn't even gotten out of the gate at Christmastime. By New Year's Day, winter's iciest, coldest two and a half months are still ahead of you, with precious few holidays to break up their tedium.

I know we are all exhausted because of the holiday season. And as I look back over the past year it was difficult for many reasons some of which we all share. There were struggles with health, finance, relationships, bad decisions, spiritual attacks and physical threats etc., the list goes on and on. We could dwell on these things and be depressed, or we could look back at the blessings we experienced this last year. As I look back at 2019 I am very grateful that the Lord has brought us through another year and that He is faithful to fulfill His promises. I know that we can trust Him as we go into this New Year and that whatever He has planned for us is good and that it will bring Him glory as we surrender to Him.

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28 (ESV)

As we begin this New Year, let us ask God to renew the flame of our faith and trust in Him and to give us the desire and courage to obey Him.

May you have a blessed new year!

Pastor Arlen

Preschool News

Happy New Year to all! We at preschool are looking forward to a good 2020.

Our numbers have been low this school year so far and we are hoping to get a few new students for the second half of the year. Many times parents put their children in preschool for the second semester to get them prepared to enter kindergarten.

One of our teachers, Maureen Magaw, is leaving us to watch her grandchildren this semester. We will miss her but wish her well in her new endeavor.

Keep us in your prayers as we teach these children to love our Lord.

Susan Musser
Director

Note these events...

1.12 Church Council meeting: noon

2.2 Refocus Offering

2.2 FBC Business meeting: 11:30 AM

Men's Ministry Breakfast



All men are invited to join Pastor Arlen for a delicious breakfast and fellowship on

Saturday, January 11 @ 8:30 AM.

Hope to see you there!

OCC Shoe Box Destination

We have received word that some of the Operation Christmas Child boxes that we packed are on their way to **Malawi**. Please continue to pray for the children who receive these gifts and their families.



New Ladies Bible Study
Me Myself and Lies
By: Jennifer Rothschild

beginning Tuesday, January 7 @ 6:30 PM

Books are \$10.00
Please sign up on the bulletin board.

See Peggy Holter with any questions.



Ladies Friday Morning Small Group



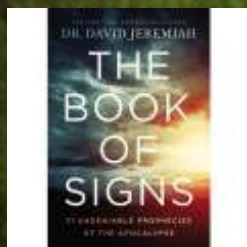
All Ladies are invited to the Friday Morning Ladies Small Group. We will be studying women in the Bible using the Fisherman Bible Studies, ***Women Who Achieved for God* by: Winnie Christensen.**

The first meeting of the new year will be on
Friday, January 24th at 10 AM.

Cost for the materials is **\$8**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
For more information, please contact Merri-Jo Godfrey.

FBC Library Information...

Looking for a way to kick off the new year? Check out the devotional section in the church library!



The church library would like to highlight a new book: ***The Book of Signs, 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse***, a recently published book by **Dr. David Jeremiah**. The book includes a chapter titled, "America". It includes sections on cultural signs, heavenly signs, and end signs. This book is located in the new book section of the library. Books can be checked out of the library by writing your name, title of the book, and the date on the sign out sheet next to the door. **Enjoy!**

Birthdays

- 1.3 Darlene Porter
- 1.4 Shannon Howard, Jackson Pfenninger
- 1.7 Mike Perry
- 1.9 Jacob Phillips
- 1.10 Jon Scott
- 1.13 Lisa Ayers
- 1.15 Cindy Chavis
- 1.17 Maureen Magaw
- 1.18 David Buckland
- 1.20 Kathy Thompson
- 1.21 Janiyah Williams
- 1.26 Lauribeth Smith
- 1.27 Cole McMillan, Vera Whisner

- 2.2 Marquis Edwards
- 2.7 Ted Thomas
- 2.8 Wayne Johnson, Lloyd Ward
- 2.13 Damien Zeron
- 2.14 Pat Nickle
- 2.16 Melinda Schaub, Kelsey Thompson
- 2.18 Norman Scott
- 2.21 Justin Walkup
- 2.25 Eddie Doud

Anniversaries

- 1.11 James & Linda Snyder

- 2.6 Jerry & Belva Potts

FBC Happenings...

- 1.1 Happy New Year!
office closed, no activities
- 1.3 Seasoned Citizens: noon
- 1.7 Preschool Board meeting: 4:30 PM
Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 1.11 Men's Ministry Breakfast: 8:30 AM
- 1.12 Church Council meeting: noon
- 1.14 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 1.20 Preschool closed
- 1.21 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 1.24 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 1.28 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 1.31 Ladies Small group: 10 AM

- 2.2 Refocus Offering
Business Meeting: 11:30 AM
- 2.4 Deacon Meeting: 6:30 PM
Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 2.7 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
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Nursery Schedule

- 1.5 Vera Whisner, Pat Nickle
- 1.12 Linda Snyder, Danielle Scott
- 1.19 Charo Buckland, Sue Musser
- 1.26 Peggy Holter, Cindy Weigel

- 2.2 Justine Johnson, Debbie Dutton
- 2.9 Belinda Porter, Jenn Thompson, Nick Porter
- 2.16 Phyllis Sweetman, Marsha Bowen
- 2.23 June Estock, Robin Barclay