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BETWEEN YOUR CHURCH... AND HOME!



A CHURCH FAMILY DISCOVERING
"NEW BEGINNINGS"



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Staying on Track in 2016

In Stephen Covey's popular book "*7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*," he points out some very interesting observations that easily fit the church, our spiritual family. Covey helps us understand that no family is ever on track 100% of the time. Even the very best of families will have their moments when they stray from the healthy ideal into dangerous or harmful territory. The key is not to expect or demand perfection, but to be careful that enough adjustments are made along the way so that you are always "en route." No church is perfect. When imperfect individuals gather in a group setting, there will be differences of opinion, conflicts, misunderstandings, and hurt feelings. The key is to be careful and sensitive to make the necessary adjustments so family life and the spirit of unity in Christ is not paralyzed or destroyed. Accept the fact that perfection comes later when we no longer look through a glass darkly from a world swimming in sin, self-service, and small mindedness. No one is exempt from falling in the blink of an eye. We are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God, and praise His name, in spite of our sin God has shown His love for us by allowing Christ to die for us!

It takes much self control and discipline to be able to esteem others as better than ourselves and to forgive all manner of evil done against us. About the time you feel you've mastered a particular difficulty, pride or lust will be waiting to show you again just how imperfect you really are.

Recognizing our imperfection doesn't mean we are to hopelessly live there. We look to the author and finisher of our faith to supply what we need to journey through the difficulties and continue to build up the body of Christ. Our ultimate purpose and destination are more important than this day's burden or bump in the road. This bump might be the unruly tongue of an immature believer or the thoughtless un-Christlike action taken by one or more family members. Covey states that effectiveness in a family is a beautiful family culture that has moved from "me" to "we." It is another demonstration of the selflessness and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Be ever so careful to discover what steps may be taken to support, love, and minister to one another.

Determine to pray for those in your church family, but not "*God, change them or make them thus and so.*" Instead pray for the one you know best, that YOU will be teachable in God's hands to be a blessing, encouragement, and help to those around you. With more of us praying in this fashion we are certain to more often be on track than off.



January 2016

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| 3 12:15 Property/ Baptist men 5:30 pm Finance Com | 4 | 5 7 pm Deacons Meeting | 6 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Business Meeting | 7 11 am 3 Score & More 7 pm Pastor Search Com | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Bible Study | 14 7 pm Pastor Search Com | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Cantata | 18 | 19 | 20 6 pm Family Night Dinner 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Service | 21 7 pm Pastor Search Com | 22 | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 6:45 pm Youth 7 pm Bible Study | 28 7 pm Pastor Search Com | 29 | 30 |

Bible Wordsearch

Sermons of Jesus 4

Wordsearch 244

Matt.7:1-12

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

MORE PUZZLES AT:

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Three Score and More

Members and some honored guest of 3 Score and More, traveled to Wytheville on Dec. 15th. The Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre provided us with a wonderful meal and a well produced Christmas musical. There was much fun and laughter coming from everyone that attended. A few members of our group (names withheld) took a short nap after eating but the blame was thrown upon the turkey they had just eaten. We give our thanks and praise to God for all he has done and thanks to him for our safe and wonderful trip.....God is good.

3 Score and More will have their first meeting of the new year, Jan 7th 11a.m (weather permitting), at the church. Details are still being worked out.



Birthdays

- January 9th- Ken Wheeler
Nathan Kenny
- January 15th- Gabe Pugh
- January 17th- Kyndale Board
- January 20th- John Robert Lyle
- January 21st- Bob Boyd
- January 30th- Daniel Creasy

? Bible Quiz?

A New Testament book says God designated Jesus as a 'high priest' and that Jesus was the most perfect mediator between God and humans.

Choose the name of the book below.

- A. Romans
- B. Hebrews
- C. Matthew
- D. Revelation

Answer above the calendar



A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, "Blue Monday" falls in January 25.

Cliff Arnall calculated this date based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken New Year's resolutions and the end of the holiday break. But no matter how bleak things seem- regardless of the time of year- Christians always have reason for hope.

Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."



A Note from the secretary:

If your birthday isn't listed, please let me know, if it doesn't show up, I don't have it, and if you have anything that you would like to announce in the newsletter please let me know, thanks!!
If you want to receive broadcast messages by phone, I need your number.

Church Members

- Debbie Board
- James Board
- Lucille Caniff
- Myrtle Ellis
- Jim Ferrando
- Kenneth Gray
- Herb Grisso
- Collins Leftwich
- Reva Meade
- Agnes McPherson
- Jack & Edna Powers
- Jack Wheeler
- Jimmy & Jerri Wheeler
- Ken & Arlene Wheeler
- Sherman Wheeler