

January / February 2019

the Proclaimer

It's that Time of Year Again

We're going to lose weight, exercise more, get out of debt, stick to a budget, and spend more time with family.

We make resolutions to improve ourselves and our lives. Usually our resolutions tend to revolve around the same three poles: money, health and family.

Here is a different idea. Invest in your spiritual health and chances are the three poles of money, health, and family will improve also.

Consider the following resolutions and the bible verses that will help you focus on them:

Pray more: So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'" says the Lord Almighty.

(Zechariah 4:6, NIV)

Invest in your spiritual gift(s): Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

(I Timothy 4:14-15, NIV)

Care for yourself spiritually: Not that I have already obtained all this, or have

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already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

(Philippians 3:12, NIV)

Confront debilitating patterns of sin: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

(Hebrews 12:1, NIV)

Do the hard work needed to build community around you: If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. (Matthew 18:15, NIV)

Just love everyone around you: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does

not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong doing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For, now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (ESV).

Pastor Ernie



Faith
Hope
Love



Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake Supper

Followed by "Bingo with Baskets"

Tuesday, March 5 ~ 6 PM

*Needed: donations of items to fill Bingo prize baskets:
Garden, Game Night, Chocolate, Spa Day, Movie Night,
Car Care, Kitchen, etc.*

~ Proceeds to benefit a local charity ~

Put basket items in labeled box in Fellowship Hall. Stage area

Deadline: March 3 ~ Thank you!

Contact Melody Neely with questions.



Thursday
February 14
6:30 PM
Greg's BBQ

2018 Finances

General Fund

2018 Income: 184,496

2018 Expenses: 181,355

Building Fund

2018 Income: 27,570

Monthly payment: 2,262



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January/February

March deadline: February 25

Happy Birthday!

January 1	Frank Hager	February 1	Gloria Mitchell
January 10	Terry Barnes	February 2	Janice Mull
January 11	Anita Johnson	February 4	Scott Neely
January 15	Brenda Estes	February 6	Betty Jo Litaker
January 20	Keri Pavelock	February 7	Daniel Dunn
January 24	Larry Wiegman	February 11	Buddy Bolt
January 25	Karen Miller	February 14	Valarie Valois
	Kelly Hutchinson	February 16	Deleta Hager
January 29	Emily Alkire	February 18	Bob Doucette
		February 19	Sue Hinson
		February 25	Jerry Trostle