



New Salem Baptist Church

*“In the heart of the community;
with a heart for your family”*

January 1, 2017

A Pastor’s Ponderings

Welcome to the first Sunday of a brand new year! Today, a whole world of endless possibilities lies before us. All the news and information sources tell us what to look for in the New Year. Nationally, many in our country are full of new hopes and ideas. Politically, there is unrest in so many places around the world. Amidst all that, I believe there are some things God would have you know **today** about what you can expect **tomorrow** and the day after that. Now I bring to you today no earth shaking revelations. No stock market predictions. No soothsaying or fortune-telling. Simply, three things I believe we can expect when we resolve to live our life for the glory of God in 2017.

First, we can expect **Opportunity**. Opportunity to grow... to work... to worship... and to learn.

When we decide to live for Jesus, we can also expect and plan for **Opposition**. Opposition from *Satan*... from the *world*... from people we know... and from people we don't know.

But praise be to God, we can also expect the **Overcoming** power of God to be there when we need it. Through the power of God, we can overcome *Satan* and the *world* as well as our fleshly *self* and all its *bad habits*. After all... *In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.* (Romans 8:37)

So you see, with all the world expects this new year to hold, we as Christians can also have great expectations.

May God bless you mightily in this New Year!

Weekly Schedule for January 1 to January 8

Today Sunday School10:00 am
Morning Worship11:00 am
Evening Worship6:00 pm
Birthday/Anniversary Social

Tuesday Men’s Breakfast9:00 am
Ladies’ Prayer Group9:30 am
(at Linda King’s home)
Fellowship of Truth Bible Study.....6:00 pm

Wednesday Group activities begin at 7:00 pm

K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall
The Experience*
Junior High Small Group*
(* meets at The Spot)

Church Business Meeting & Adult Prayer & Bible Study

Next Sunday Sunday School10:00 am
Morning Worship11:00 am
Evening Worship6:00 pm
Choir Practicefollowing evening worship



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY AM - James & Ashley Bailey and Karen Gillis	NEXT SUNDAY AM - Tonya Ward, Dorothy Holley and Haley Curtis
HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Alda KennedyMonday, Jan. 2	None this week...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Join us tonight after church for our monthly birthday and anniversary social.

BUSINESS MEETING

Our regular monthly business meeting will be held this Wednesday night. All members are encouraged to be in attendance.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Our fellowship suppers are taking a holiday break. We will have the next one sometime in January. Watch the bulletin for times and menu. Happy New Year, and many happy meals with your family and friends in the meantime.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

It’s a brand new New Year! What a great time to consider volunteering in the nursery as a New Year’s resolution. Our nursery continues to grow! Volunteers are blessings that will be blessed in return. Sign up today! See Kathy Ferguson for more information.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our goal for this special annual offering in support of foreign missionaries serving all over the world was \$1000. As of last Sunday morning, we had collected \$1,292.79. Thank you for your sacrifice and *To God be ALL the Glory!*

FELLOWSHIP OF TRUTH (Alternate Tuesdays)

The next meeting for this Ladies’ Bible study, *Fellowship Of Truth*, will be **THIS Tuesday, January 3rd** in the fellowship hall at **6:00 p.m.** Contact **Marlene Simpson** at **753-8783** if you have questions.

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)

Sickness & Hospital



Bernice Bailey
Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Lorene Barr
Megan Best
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Bill Carpenter
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Steve Cutshall
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Doug Fox
Kenneth Gray
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Joann Holley
Ray Holtsinger
Phil Jackson
Lisa Justice
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Jim McNamara
Sharon McQueen
Matthew Millsaps
Teresa Monteon
Pastor Kevin Morris
Faye Morrow
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Sherrill Phillips
Glenda Purdue
Peggy Roberts
Jordan St. John
Art Simpson
Larry & Judy Smith
Mildred Snapp
Betty & Elmer Taylor
Bob Tibble
Al Vanderland
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Ray Weaver
Cameron Whitaker

Gene Wilcox
Jack Young

Other Requests

American Military
Radio Ministry
The Spot
The families of our
community
Washington County
Jail Ministry
Issac Cutshall
Unspoken requests
FISH Ministry
The young couples of
our church
Jerrell Elwell
Doug & Barb
Weberg's travels
Job situations for many
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Dorsie Smith
Jenny Nichols
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Jo Bartlet
Jan Pace's family
Phyllis Dimsdale's family

Praise the Lord!

David Barker
Brenda Mowell
Job situations
Good doctor reports
Answered prayer
Salvation reports
from the jail

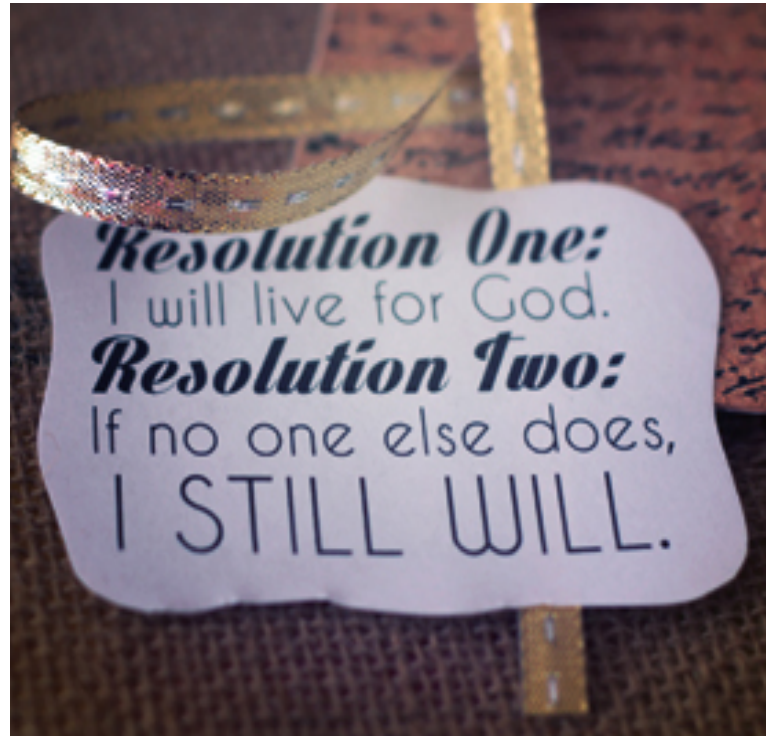
Shut-in & Nursing Home

Rena Hensley
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Christine Kyker
Brownlow Yarbor
Millie Yarbor

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note: If a name
needs to remain on
the prayer list for
longer than one
month, just let
Pastor Craig or
Linda King know.



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