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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Youth IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

*"Therefore if anyone
is in Christ, this person
is a new creation;
the old things have
passed away; behold,
new things have come."
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Happy 2023!



FORERUNNER

January 5, 2023

THE TWO LISTS

Resolutions:

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Resolution – a firm decision to do or not to do something. I heard a lady in Houston last week say, she planned to open a new fitness center called "RESOLUTIONS." It would be open the first two weeks of January and then be converted into a fast food restaurant for the remainder of the year!

After the laughter had died down and we were on to a new topic, the word "converted" continued to echo in my thoughts. The dictionary's first definition and use of "converted" is "cause to change in form, character and/or function; a process that converts raw material into useful forms." Isn't that what Jesus does for us? He takes our raw, sinful lives and converts them into useful, spiritual beings for His Kingdom.

As Christians, our goals may not always resemble those of unbelievers. Our list for 2023 may include "Read the Bible more," whereas their #1 item may be to "Win big \$ in Vegas!" Perhaps we resolve to have a more organized prayer life, or to read that inspirational book on Psalms while their #2 may be more pay-per-view channels. We may strive to give more money to missions in the new year, yet the unbeliever may be saving for that Mercedes AMG Project One Sports Car, on the market for a mere 2.7 million dollars. (You would think for almost 3 million dollars, you could purchase a vehicle which seats more than two people!)

Why are the two lists so different? Perhaps because of who we are trying to please; Sovereign God or ourselves? Why do we want to please God? A preacher in Ringgold last Sunday answered that question in the first five words of John 15:22. Jesus, in speaking to His disciples said, "If I had not come. . ."

The minister choked up and tears came as he spoke of our lives if Jesus had not come. No peace, no hope, no perfect friend, and no eternity in heaven. Why do we make resolutions the world does not understand? Because Jesus DID come and converted our form, character and function. I encourage you to make a list of ways your life would be different if Jesus had not come. Oh how blessed we are!

May the Lord be with you in this New Year as you face it as a useful, spiritual child in His Kingdom. **Happy New Year! Claire**

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Dorothy Cleveland

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter	Budget
Mike Asher	Budget
Ron and Diane Denny	Budget
Denise Palmer	TWB

In Memory of R. C. Martin

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter	Budget
Mike Asher	Budget
Denise Palmer	TWB

In Memory of Philip Loyer, Tim Grigsby and Rodney Fletcher

By Rex and Judy Loyer	Lottie Moon
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In Memory of John Curtis McCarty

By John and Virginia McCarty	Lottie Moon
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In Memory of Linda Millican

By Carl and Martha Morgan	Budget
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In Memory of Gary Kennedy

By J.C. and Myrtis Kennedy	Lottie Moon
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In Memory of Kay Asher

By Bob and Karen Johnston	Budget
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Our church family extends our deepest sympathy to the Cleveland family in the homegoing of Dorothy Cleveland. Dorsey and Dorothy Cleveland joined Emmanuel in 1964, 58 years ago, and were beloved members of our congregation.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Thursday, January 5

Genesis 12 – 14, Matthew 4:1-11

Friday, January 6

Genesis 15 – 17, Matthew 4:12-25

Saturday, January 7

Genesis 18 – 19, Matthew 5:1-16

Sunday, January 8

Genesis 20 – 22, Matthew 5:17-48

Monday, January 9

Genesis 23 – 24, Matthew 6:1-18

Tuesday, January 10

Genesis 25 – 27, Matthew 6:19-34

Wednesday, January 11

Genesis 28 – 29, Matthew 7:1-14

Thursday, January 12

Genesis 30 – 31, Matthew 7:15-29

Friday, January 13

Genesis 32 – 33, Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday, January 14

Genesis 34 – 36, Matthew 8:18-34

Sunday, January 15

Genesis 37 – 38, Matthew 9:1-26



Bro. Lane's sermon this Sunday Morning will be found in Ephesians 6:10-18, "Preparing for Spiritual Battle."



We surpassed our \$10,000 Lottie Moon Goal! The total today is \$15,143! Praise the Lord and Spread the Gospel!

Don't forget to pick up your cards in our Lottie Moon Post Office in the hallway.

This coming Sunday, January 8th is the last day for the Lottie Moon Offering.



All 2022 contributions need to be turned into the office by this Sunday, January 8th. Please mark on your envelope if it is for 2022, otherwise it will be posted to 2023.

Our Prime Time Singers will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join the fun!

Thank you for the many ways you demonstrated kindness to me, Jennifer and Greg over the Christmas season. You brought chocolate candy, fruit, banana bread, pound cake, gift baskets and cards galore. We appreciate your love, thoughtfulness and kind words. Looking forward to working together with you throughout the new year at EBC. Claire Pennington



Conscience is when God sends a text to your head.