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WHAT WE ARE DOING? AND WHAT WE SHOULD DO?

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WELCOME

Welcome to Volume 2 of the FBCN Newsletter or the “current new normal” editions.

Pastor Myers will begin a new sermon series on Sunday, January 3 titled “Wisdom for the way.”

Here’s a brief preview “Many millions of our neighbors will make New Years resolutions very soon to better their lives. Often this wiki be related to food, diet and exercise. And indeed there is something commendable about this goal as God tells us in 1 Timothy 4:8: “Physical training is good,” however, God tells us right after: but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

As we seek to live more wisely under the Lordship of Christ and make the most of every opportunity with the precious time he has granted to us, we will train for godliness and learn of wisdom from God for the journey-the way we are on.

The text of the sermon this week will be from the book of Proverbs, Chapter 1, verses 1-7.

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: ²To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, ³to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

We invite you to Join us for a virtual prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Wednesday Bible Study ([Click Here](#))

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Grace and peace from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord First Baptist church family and warm hello to our friends of First Baptist! We welcomed our precious son Haddon Ray Myers on Christmas Eve Day! He was 8 lbs 4 oz and his mother and he are doing very well praise God! We came back Christmas Day and our daughters and son were very excited to meet him!

Though 2020 is almost over and it was very trying and difficult, there is still so much to be thankful for. I wonder friend, what can you pause and thank God for in your life? If this is a hard exercise, consider what we heard our brother Brian read in church this past Sunday from Psalm 104:

¹³From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth¹⁵ and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. (Psalm 104:13-15)

Did God feed you every meal? Did God sustain the earth? Did God continue to cause the grass to grow and continue to bring forth food for us from the earth? Did he give you far more than you needed? I am going to guess that the answer is a resounding yes and amen! He has given us above and beyond what we need and granted us pleasures and joys that few have ever had in history.

"Pleasure is designed to raise our sense of God's goodness, deepen our gratitude to him, and strengthen our hope of richer pleasures to come." - J.I.Packer

What about your in your own life friend? How has our faithful God

preserved you? How has he provided for you? What temptations has he led you away from? What evil has he strengthened you to flee from?

The Lord tells us in James 1:16-18:

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (James 1:16-18)

How easy it is to deceive ourselves friends! To think that we have earned something more than we have. How easy it is to start believing we are better than we are. Or that are sins are not as evil in our God's sight as they are. Or how stress-free it is to be deceived into thinking that what we have in our lives is a purely result of what we have done and to wrongly thank we and not God should rightly receive the thanks!

As you look back on 2020 though it was difficult, though there were trials, though loved ones may have been lost to death or though their health or your health failed, God has been faithful. If you doubt that God has been faithful look at James 1:16-18 again:

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Of God's own will he brought us forth. Do not miss this friends—in 2020 especially we must remember that it pleased the Lord in accordance with His perfect and holy will to bring us

forth by the word of truth—he made us His people through His Word. As we heard his gospel, he worked in our hearts—he gets the glory and we are his!

"It is the will of God to make the children of God in the grace of God, conform to the image of the Son of God, by the Word of God, through the Spirit of God, to the glory of God."

-H.B. Charles, Jr.

Never forget you are His dear Christian—press on and hold on to his perfect promises and rejoice in and thank God for for His Work and all the good gifts he gave you in 2020!

Kaiti and I thank God for you friends and are so excited to see what he has in store for his glory and our good! Soli Deo Gloria!

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Pastor Brandon

P.S. Very soon in 2021 we will have a church membership class. This is available for anyone—current members and those interested in joining the church as a member! We will go over the beliefs, history, values, and vision of First Baptist and I encourage everyone to join us! More details coming very soon and it should be very encouraging to your faith in Christ!

Remember to pray for our upcoming sermon series and consider inviting friends and neighbors as we look into the book of Proverbs in our series: Wisdom for the Way



PRAYER LIST

- ✓ Continuing Prayers for comfort for the families that have lost loved ones this past year.
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for physical needs: Gloria-Lynn Fernandez, Kaiti and Haddon Myers
- ✓ Pray for our shut-ins Betty Matson, Rita McManus, Maria Hatfield, Nancy Yatabe
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for our Ministry Needs: Pastor Brandon Kaiti, Eva, Audrey, Patrick and Haddon Myers, Our Deacons, Continued Financial support
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for our Sister Ministries: BIEM Ministries, Orchard Church, Pastors Davis, Billow, Eddy, Vitel, Ebi and Esther Perinbaraj, Gaetano and Krista Paolino
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for Spiritual Needs: Leonard Hatfield, Carol Pelfrey's family, Daniel Ruhlman, George Bizadellis
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for: The spread of the Gospel, Our Government, Our Nation, Our Community, Our Neighbors, Our Families, Pray for our members that have lost employment and for those who still have jobs and need to interact with others on a daily basis. Pray for those still working that God will protect. Pray for safety for those who are attending schools during the Pandemic. Lift up all our health professionals and their families who are on the front line of this pandemic. Erwin and Elizabeth Lickmann pray for successful adjustment in their recent move to a new Senior Living and memory care facility. George Sargis.

"Hi Pastor. Please share the news with the church that my mom got discharged today after 20 days of hospitalization. She would still need oxygen and medications at home but she's feeling better. She and my brother will continue their recovery together. Thank you to everyone that's been praying for us. Praise God for answered prayers!" -Mylin

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY HADDON RAY MYERS



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