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WELCOME, 2020!

WINTER BIBLE STUDY TO KICKOFF THE NEW YEAR

THE WRITINGS OF PAUL:

EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS & COLOSSIANS

We are ready to welcome the beginning of 2020 – the start of both a new year and a new decade. Among the many resolutions we could make, a wonderful one would be to engage in more serious and in-depth study of Scripture. A wonderful Baptist tradition has been to start off each new year with a Winter Bible Study emphasis. That is how we will start the new year and decade here at ZBC.

Our study will focus on, “The Writings of Paul”. We will take a close look at three of Paul’s epistles, his letters to the Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Winter Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, January 8 and Sunday, January 12 and continue through the remainder of January and February, with the Wednesday study ending February 19 and the Sunday study ending February 23. Here is how we plan to study the three letters of Paul.

First for an in-depth study of Colossians, we invite you to come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday nights from January 12 through February 23 at 5:30 p.m. each evening (with a break for Super Bowl Sunday). We will look at an introduction to Colossians followed by a verse by verse treatment of this letter.

To learn more about Philippians, come to morning worship each week. We will be preaching texts from Philippians for seven consecutive Sundays. The January sermons are:

January 12 – “God Is Not Finished with Us Yet”, Philippians 1:1-11

January 19 – “Anticipating Heaven”, Philippians 1:19-30

January 26 – “The Attitude”, Philippians 2:1-11

Finally, Wednesday night Bible study for adults will be where we go through a verse-by-verse study of Ephesians in January and February. Join us for the first session in Ephesians on January 8. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:50 p.m. and begin our study after a time for prayer.

Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians will give you insight into the theology of Paul and of the early church as well as some of the difficulties the early church faced. And you will find the message of these letters is still relevant for Christians today—start of 2020 studying Scripture. These old and sacred words are indeed “*the word of God for the people of God.*”

Address Service Requested

JANUARY YOUTH NEWS

WINTER RETREAT 2020 — Sign up has concluded for the Winter Retreat. The youth will be going to the Old Greer House in Banner Elk this winter from January 24-26. The total cost of the trip is \$185 for skiers (\$185 remaining amount) and \$85 (\$35 remaining amount) for non-skiers. **PLEASE turn in your remaining amount to Lauren Glasgow or the church office by Wednesday, January 15, to secure your spot.**



YOUTH SUNDAY — Youth Sunday is just around the corner on Sunday, February 2. We will prepare Sunday School lessons and worship from 7:45-8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29. Please plan to participate in this special service that highlights the gifts and talents of our youth.

LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP — We will go out to lunch to McLean’s on Sunday, January 12. Please bring money to enjoy fun, fellowship, and lunch together.

JOURNEYS IN JANUARY — In January Jack will be leading Winter Bible Study with the youth. Please meet in the Blue Room from 7:45-8:45 p.m.

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

In January our Pastor will begin a four-week Winter Bible Study for Youth as we study the letter of Paul to the Philippians. Here is the schedule for the study:

January 8 – Chapter One – “To Live Is Christ” January 22 – Chapter Three – “I Press On”

January 15 – Chapter Two – “Have This Attitude” February 5 – Chapter Four – “Think on These Things”

We will take a break from Winter Bible Study on January 29 for a night of preparation for Youth Sunday on February 2. Our worship service on Youth Sunday will focus on a text from Philippians that we have been studying in our Winter Bible Study.



THE FINAL SUNDAY IN CHRISTMASTIDE

Join us for a great morning and evening on Sunday morning, January 5. It will be our first Sunday of the new year but also our final Sunday celebrating Christmas. In Sunday School we will begin a new unit for all adult classes, "Faithful Witnesses." In morning worship we will conclude our series "Advent and Christmas in Narnia" with the message, "Concerning Edmund." Be sure to make one last look for cards at the Christmas Post Office, and if you have not already picked up your 2020 offering envelopes, please get them right across from the Christmas cards.

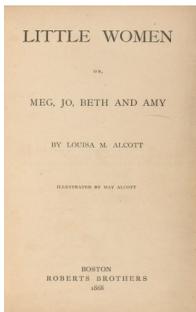
Also, don't forget to pick up your 2020 offering envelopes directly across from the Christmas Card Post Office. If you do not see a box for you and want one, please let June Sanders know in the office.

On Sunday evening we will worship at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate baptism and the Lord's Supper. Join us for this service, encouraging those to be baptized and reminding ourselves of our own baptismal commitment at the onset of the new year. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery will be provided for preschoolers.

Enjoy this one last opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season and to celebrate our new life in Christ!

SENIOR ADULTS TO SEE "LITTLE WOMEN" JANUARY 7

Let's go see an old and classic tale made into a new film as we travel to see "Little Women" on Tuesday, January 7. We will see an early afternoon show, but the exact time we will be leaving will be in the January 5 bulletin. If you want to purchase your seat in advance with the group you need to let Barbara Glasgow or the church office know that you are going to see the movie by Sunday, January 7.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM RESUMES

January 8 we will be back to our regular Wednesday night schedule of activities. Make your reservations for dinner by Tuesday at noon each week and then come and enjoy the delicious meals each week. Mission groups, choirs and discipleship activities for children and youth of all ages take place each week. Adults meet for prayer and Bible study in the Sanctuary. Nursery is provided for our youngest preschoolers. The program ends at 7:45 p.m. with the exception of Youth Journeys that begins at 7:45 p.m. and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.



SPIRITUAL FORMATIONS IN JANUARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FACULTY MEETING — Our first faculty meeting is January 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will explore how our personalities impact our teaching styles. All faculty members are encouraged to attend, and we will enjoy a chili supper so you can eat before attending worship at 6:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP — Join us for meditation in the Church Parlor on January 13 and 27 at 8:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE — Spiritual Formation Breakfast on February 16 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Ladies Bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY IN THE NEW YEAR

We know that prayer is a way to grow spiritually, but sometimes we experience difficulty praying. If that is true for you, please don't worry. This is normal and that is why Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray. A good start in learning to pray is to employ a simple technique that has come to be called the "Daily Examen." It has five steps and is based on the prayer life of Ignatius, a 16th century priest. Here is how it works:

1. Begin your prayer by asking God to join you.
2. Then, having faith that God is with you, review the events of your day.
3. Pay attention to your feelings during this process. In what part of your day were your feelings most apparent?
4. Choose that feature or event of the day and ask God to help you make sense of it, or learn from it; or if it was a blessing, thank God for it!
5. As you end your prayer, consider what you want/need to accomplish and ask God to bless the efforts you will make.

May God strengthen you for this new year.

ZBC TO HOST KING DAY BREAKFAST

Our church will once again host the Zebulon community Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 20. WRAL's David Crabtree will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are limited; if you would like tickets, please contact Barbara Glasgow, the church office, or event chair, Annie Moore.



JUNIORS GOING BOWLING

Juniors will enjoy a morning of bowling on Monday, January 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Schools are out for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will bowl two games and then enjoy lunch at a fast food restaurant. The cost is \$12 for bowling and whatever money they will need for lunch.

