DDS Spri **BAPTIST CHURCH** 1662 CR 305 **January 2021**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

I met with the deacons on November 8th to discuss the possibility of re-starting Sunday School classes. We decided to tentatively start the first week in January, as long as there was no significant increase in COVID cases in the area.

We met again this last Sunday, December 20th, to decide whether or not to proceed with Sunday School in January. As you all know, since Thanksgiving the number of COVID cases as increased dramatically, not just in our area, but nationwide. Authorities are also predicting that there will be another increase after Christmas. Due to the current rise in cases and the prediction of the same after Christmas, we will **NOT** begin Sunday School in January, but the deacons and I will meet again around the first of February to re-assess the situation.

We also will dis-continue Sunday night and Wednesday night Bible study for now, and reassess in the same time frame.

We also discussed whether nor not to discontinue Sunday morning worship services, but decided to continue an in-person Sunday morning worship service. We have been fortunate to have had very few exposures in our church family, and if we all continue to observe the safety measures that we have put in place, I pray that we will continue to be safe. We continue to respect the concerns of those who have decided not to worship in person at this time. And for those who do come, **please** remember to wear your mask when you come, observe the 6' social distancing requirement, and if you're not feeling well, please stay home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any of the deacons.

Thanks and God bless,

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JANUARY INFORMATION

11:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Sunday School WILL NOT MEET Sunday Evening Service WILL NOT MEET Wed. Night Service WILL NOT MEET

We will continue with current protocols in place for Sunday Morning Worship (listed in the last several newsletters). Due to continued social distancing requirements, Sunday School classes and nursery will not be available. We will let you know whenever we have changes to the schedule or requirements.



As we begin a new year, probably the main thought that is on everyone's mind is, <u>"Thank</u> <u>goodness 2020 is over"</u>. There are several things that we might think of when reflecting on the year we just experienced.

- 1) We might tend to think of all of those who became sick and all of those who died, due to covid-19.
- 2) We might tend to think of how much more of 2020 we are going to have to endure in 2021.
- 3) We might tend to think of all of the "once in a lifetime" changes that were required for all of us.
- 4) We might just decide to forget the whole year and go on with our lives.
- 5) Or, we just <u>might</u> go to God's Word to see what He has to say to us about what is behind us, and what is ahead.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do; forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus".

Philippians 3:12-14

<u>Tribulation is part of life; Jesus said it would be</u>. But there is nothing in this life that can change our goal; eternity with Christ Jesus. What is past is past, and what is ahead this year is the same thing that was ahead last year; the promise of <u>John 3:16</u>.

We can choose to dwell on the past, or strain toward what is ahead, to press on.

I choose to believe that 2021 will be another good year, because I know who holds my hand, and I know what the goal is. I pray that you feel the same way. Please continue to pray for our church family, our community, and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ; especially for those whose needs are more than ours.

God bless you and Happy New Year,

Davíd L. Atwood

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Kathy Bartz
3	 ✔ Tyler & Sara Brown 	5 Cherilyn Wilson	6	7 Sam & Christine McManus	8	9 Cody Ruthven
10	11	12	13 Dena Ruthven	14 Earline Burns Garlyn Radford	15	16
17	18	19 Dale Bostic	20	21	22	23
24	25 Alyssa Edwards	26 Hugo Breithaupt	27 Corbit Fisher Brenda Williams	28 Thelma Lawrence	29	30 Wesley McManus
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- Our World pray for healing & that the lost will turn to God for salvation
- Our Nation & Our Nation's Leaders
- Our State & Local Leaders
- Our Pastor & Church Family
- Those who are now battling Covid-19
- Those who have lost loved ones due to Covid-19
- Those who have lost jobs due to Covid-19
- Pray that we all grow closer to God and experience the peace that only He can give. "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 NIV