

**JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER** 

# From The Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

# Prepare for 2021

I don't have to regurgitate what we have been through in 2020. You have heard it one hundred times. I just want us to pay attention to three verses of scripture in Eph. 5:15-17. These verses can help us live for our Lord in 2021.

## 1. Watch Your Step.

"Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise." Ephesians 5:15 To "be careful" means to walk accurately or precisely. It has the idea of walking on a narrow path along the side of a steep mountain. Keep your eyes open lest you take a wrong step and plunge to your death. The answer lies in those ancient words of the Psalmist. "Be still and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10. When we slow down enough to get God involved, we discover that he can do more through us than we can ever accomplish on our own.

# **Church Events**

- Jan 03 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Jan 03 Take down the Christmas Greens
- Jan 10 Board Meeting
- Jan 11 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Jan 12 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Jan 17 Elders Meeting
- Jan 25 Missions Meeting
- Jan 06, 13, 20, 27 Youth Groups

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#### 2. Redeem the Time.

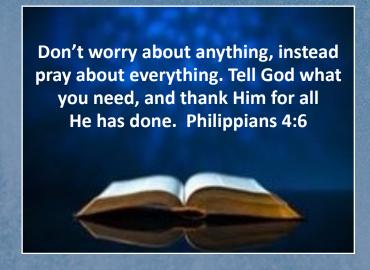
"Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil," Ephesians 5:16. Paul says there is a particular reason we must "redeem the time. Check that little phrase at the end. "Because the days are evil." As Christians, we need to take advantage of these days. When the world around us seems to be going haywire, we have an incredible opportunity to display the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. The darker the night, the brighter we need to let our light shine.

#### 3. Do God's Will.

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:17. In these days challenges abound on every hand. We deal with Covid, depression, stress, and a lot more. But in Christ we have the answer: PRAY without ceasing, BE A LIGHT for those who are suffering,. SEEK GOD'S WILL and DO IT! SHARE THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST! He alone is the answer no matter what the days' look like.

Noted radio personality Paul Harvey said, "IN TIMES LIKE THESE, IT HELPS TO RECALL THAT THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TIMES LIKE THESE". Very true! And no matter what happens today, the promises of God will still be true tomorrow: Believe and live them!

Love ya, Pastor Herder





## A Super Huge THANK YOU!

Sue Miller has served as Treasurer of the church for 27 years! That is a mil\stone. Now she is ready for a break. We agree! It is quite a task to pay all the bills, keep all the books, make regular Treasurer's Reports plus all the other stuff which Sue has so graciously taken care of. A huge THANK YOU is hardly enough, but we do want to let Sue know we greatly appreciate all you have done. We pray God's richest blessings in whatever avenues of service the Lord has for you!



# January Birthdays

02 Clay Thomas 14 Corey Imm

03 Amy McCartney 14 Tony Imm

03 Shirley Olliff 15 Mark Coomes

05 Ronnie Boeve, Jr. 17 Zane Hopson

05 Royce Turner 24 Denis Miller

07 Zaylee Geldenhuys 28 Deb Thomas

09 Floy Bruning 29 Tim Skipworth

10 Thomas Olliff 29 Deveoney Coomes

13 Jett James



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# **December Offering**

06 \$5,449.76 13 \$1,305.00 20 \$1,930.00 27 \$1,442.50

Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget. Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

# Cook Mission Offering

# December Attendance

December 6 - **79** December 20 - **75** 

December 13 - **73** December 27 - **55** 

January 2021

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#### **ELDERS**

03 Tony Imm

10 Clark Hopson

17 Duane Harris

24 Stuart Jarvis

31 Pastor Herder

**Shut-in Communion: TBA** 

### **DEACONS**

**Becky Lanier** 

**Lois Runion** 

Terry Babcock

### **DEACONESS**

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