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January Newsletter

Emmanuel Church

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Memorizing Scripture

A while back I had a message devoted to “Bible Literacy Sunday.” One of the things suggested in the sermon was to develop a habit of memorizing verses. As a follow up to that, the theme of the pastor’s newsletter messages for this year is Scripture memorization. To start out, let’s have something easy. The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35. It says, “Jesus wept.” Just two words, and yet a lot of meaning. When we memorize, we should also take to heart what the verse tells us.

“Jesus”. The name means “God’s salvation”. Another source says the name means “Jehovah is Salvation.” His name signifies His earthly mission. He came to bring salvation.

“Wept”. That word tells us that God is not a robot, nor is He uncaring. God has emotion. The scene is the tomb of His friend Lazarus, who just died. Did He weep because of Lazarus’s sisters lack of faith? If so, let us learn that we can at times disappoint Him. Did He weep because His friend suffered illness and died. If so, let us learn that God is compassionate and loving. Those nearby remarked, “See how He loved him.” (John 11:36). He then raised Lazarus from the dead.

There is a lot of spiritual gold for us to mine, so let’s dig in.

Suggested memory verse for January: John 11:35

Pastor Dean

A NEW YEAR

A new year hath dawned, and what shall it be,
A year lived for God, or a year lived for “me”?
A year with hours wasted in foolish regretting
O’er all the mistakes I have made,
Or a year, like a garment, made useful by mending
That the rents may no further be frayed?

The past year is gone, it can never return,
Opportunities gone, with my chances to learn~
But shall I sit grieving, my eyes fully blinded
To visions of service ahead?
There are numberless folk needing food of soul—comfort
From God’s store of the true Living Bread.

No! Forgetting those things which today lie behind,
I shall reach forth to new things with heart and with
mind.

Grasping new opportunities lying before me,
I shall run in true patience the race,
Pressing on toward the mark for the prize in Christ
Jesus,
Till BY HIM, I’m made perfect through grace.

Grace B. Renflow

SNOWFLAKES

Sometime if this winter you go
Abroad to see the falling snow —
You will find to your surprise
That a trillion flakes will greet your eyes.

Swirling, dancing in the day,
Who could make them quite this way?
Each one new, six sides on all,
Each reflects light as they fall.

No two ever found alike
With lace and rays and sculptured spike.
Here one moment, then they melt,
But what a silent scene is felt!

Discern in those dear tiny flakes
The face of God who nature makes
To please His children and show His love
To all the world from heaven above.

Christine Fitzgerald

Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 12-16-17): Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribbsen Sr, Vivian Hutchinson, Ed Cromwell, Jeanette Cook, Cathy Coldwell, Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, Edith Dyne, Mason Pierri, David Hackett, Rene Majia, Joshua & Becky Pentecost; Jaffeth Saucedo; Nora Storer, Jay Johnson, Ellen McClurg, Gloria Shearer, Vicki Page, Matt and Emily Webb; Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki; Ray Carroll; Sue Sloane; Ann Conrad, LeeAnne Johnson; Skinner family; Karen Mejia; Smith family — Amy K's mom, Amy K's brother; Virginia Donahue; Jay S.; Paul Conrad; Allie; Sue Timbrook; Kim Walker, Harper Knecht; Shirley Gooch; Charlotte Paugh; Matt & Trish; Gareth Snyder; Faye Tyler; LeeAnne's son; John Pierce; Josephine; Suzy E; Steve Logan's family; Maxine's cousin Jackie; Shelly Paul; Becky's brother; Bill Pentecost; family of Karen Reynolds; Janelle Ingram.

Church Council:

January 21st, just after the service we will linger for a carry-in lunch and the business meeting of the church. Bring a covered dish to share.



Bible Study:

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Wednesdays of the month (3rd, 17th, 31st), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in**. **Call the pastor for the location!**

Coming up:

February 11th, Valentine Pizza after church.
March 4th, Bring a Friend carry-in at church.
March 18th, Church Board after church.

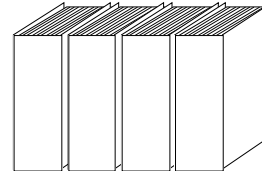
Local News:

Pastor Dean Garrett's contract has been renewed for another year! We think he's doing a great job.

Our new Pastor:

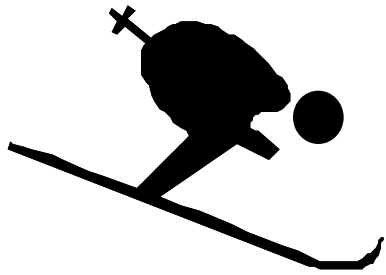
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Brethren Heritage Center

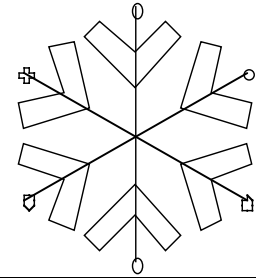


The center is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays, usually 10:00am to 4:00pm. Contact them at 937-833-5222 or email

amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org to schedule a visit.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Years Day	1	Daryl Douple 2	3 Bible Study 6:00pm	Mary Jo Pierce 4	5	6
7	8	Dana Deardorff 9	10	11	Nora Storer 12	John Pierce 13
14	15	16	Byrl Shaver 17 Bible Study 6:00pm	18	Roger Oren 19	20
21 Carry-In Council (Budget)	22	23	24	25	Faye Tyler 26	Daryl Oren 27 Kyle Hope
28	Vivian Hutchinson 29	Craig Horn 30 Wilber Holbrook	31 Bible Study 6:00pm			