

Yesterdays

Why think back?

I came across that question in my reading recently. Why should we look back at things? Why should we look back at the way things used to be? Doesn't the Bible tell us to forget the former things? Yes, it does.

Paul told the folks in Philippi that as believers we need to work a little at forgetting what lies behind and strain **forward** to what lies ahead (Phil. 3:13).

Does that mean it is <u>always</u> wrong to look back? No.

The Bible tells us to look back and remember lots of things, but not <u>our</u> things. Not what we have done - not our accomplishments or our good and noble deeds.

We look back to see what God has done. We remember the ways that God has worked. We enjoy spiritual markers, but we don't worship them. We might look back on the sin that we have been saved from, but we don't worship it by hanging on to it with sentimental affection or guilt.

We look back and remember and worship the One who was and is and is to come.

Paul goes on to say in verse 14 that we need "to press on toward the goal for the prize of the **upward** call of God in Christ Jesus."

What lies ahead is not backward and in a sense it is not forward. It is upward...where Christ is.

In this dark and bleak world, why is that kind of looking back good for your life right now? Because the upward is always defined by Jesus. Pastor Jonathan Parnell writes:

"In him we are inseparable from the Father's love and we can rest assured - no matter what distress may come - he is never letting us go. Past, present, and future. Our tomorrow is profoundly secure, and one of the best ways to remember this today is to think about our yesterdays."

Looking upward with you,

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March Birthdays

| 1 Mike Penn | 14 Johnny McGee | 22 Rick Whidden Jr | 27 Paula Keen |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Gavin Goff | 15 Ella Jennings Marcum | 23 Debbie Gordon | 28 Bethany Crawford |
| 5 Carter Hulion | 15 Henry Ward | 23 Matthew Hinson | 28 Caitlyn Koon |
| 5 Deborah Rea | 15 Bailey Welsh | 23 Judy Williams | 29 Trey Day |
| 5 Sam Roland | 16 Ruth Lloyd | 24 Marie Pound | 29 Janie Driggers |
| 6 John Hanson | 18 Robert Diaz | 24 Cube Whidden | 29 Will Sharpe |
| 6 Carole Roddy | 19 Robin Burrell | 25 Kaitlyn Byrum | 29 Judy Twitty |
| 8 Dylan Langston | 19 Ursula Keen | 25 Preston Derrick | 30 Alex Sharpe |
| 9 Noah Hamm | 19 Katie Nunnery | 26 Darrell Feaster | 30 Charlene Young |
| 10 Heather Clayton | 21 Brittany Hamm | 26 Julie Robertson | 31 Shirley Neal |
| 12 Connor Shupe | 22 Angela Diaz | 27 Norma Byrd | |

Welcome New Members!

We joyfully welcome the following people into our church family and look forward to worshipping and serving with them and making much of Christ...together!

Mary Creech (baptism) Debra Hendrix (letter) Stephanie Hendrix (letter) Kaye Johnson (letter)

Super Souper Sundae Sunday

We had a fantastic joint worship service with The Church at West Vista and the honor of celebrating the first baptisms in their church. Also, \$850.27 was collected for God's Helping Hands with the Souper Bowl of Caring, so a great Lord's Day all the way around!

Extended Session

Nursery Volunteers

March 5 - Team 1

March 12 - Team 2

March 19 - Team 3

March 26 - Team 4

Wee Worship - Lindsay Shupe

Kids Worship - Tammy Adams

Thank you!

Just a note of gospel appreciation to Steve and Wanda Ford and their volunteers with the Second Chance group. They are investing the mercy of Jesus to families who are waiting for an organ donation or those who have already experienced an organ transplant and we are thankful for their faithful love to so many in our community!

January Information

Attendance

Average Sunday School 199 Average Worship

268 **Budget**

Budget Offering \$49,857.65 Bridge of Faith \$345.00 Other Designated \$6,433.73 **Total Offering** \$56,636.38 Weekly Requirement \$12,561.73

Due to another Sunday before print/mail, the information for February will be posted in the next newsletter. Thank you!

CHURCH STAFF

Every Church Member

Children's Discipleship Minister

Tammy Adams

Organist

Stacey Arnold

Office Administrator

Joanna Ayers

Pianist

Emily Lipscombe

Musical Worship Minister

O'neta Poovey

Next Steps Pastor

Jody Ratcliffe

Custodian

Ricky Roddy

Children's Minister & Weekday

Preschool Director

Lindsay Shupe

Student Minister

Brad Siedschlaa

Financial Administrator

Gayle Smith

Pastor

Dow Welsh

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

March

SUNDAYS

9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship

4TH SUNDAYS

9:15 AM

Prayer Time (room 105)

9:30 AM

Bible Study

10:30 AM

Worship

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 PM

Prayer Group (ALL WELCOME)

5:00 PM

Church-wide Supper

6:00 PM

Adult Bible Study

The Gathering (STUDENTS)

Children's Choir

Preschool Choir

Childcare (BIRTH - 2)

6:45 pm

Celebration Choir (ADULT)

RA's (BOYS)

GA's (GIRLS)

Mission Friends (preschool)

Childcare (BIRTH - 2)



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | Regular Activities | School- Time Bible | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Regular Schedule | | | Regular Activities | School- Time Bible | | |

| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| Homecoming Lunch follows | g | | Regular Activities | Metallic Club & School- Time Bible | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Regular Schedule | | Second Chance | Regular Activities | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Regular Schedule | | | Regular Activities | | | |