

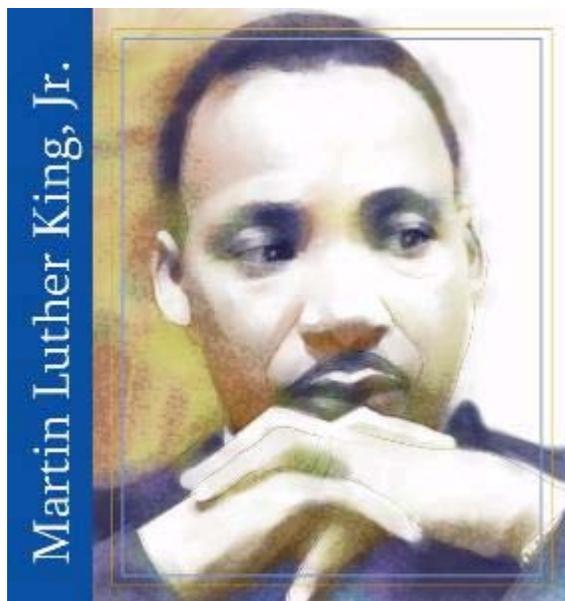
The Family Table Talk

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Facing injustice as the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., approaches, many cities and many churches will recall the courage and challenge of the civil rights leader who suffered and died for his beliefs.

When he confronted those who dealt out injustice, he and his followers were stopped, jailed, sometimes beaten, ridiculed and threatened. They were called rabble-rousers, Communists, disturbers of the peace and worse. Many people stood by and did nothing.

It is no wonder that Dr. King said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Whatever else we remember about Dr. King, we should recall that he chose not to remain silent in the face of injustice. Can we say the same about ourselves?

When anyone is treated without respect, without fair play, without kindness or Christian love, we must not remain mute. We should follow the suggestion of Dr. King: "With our faith, we will transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

Happy Birthday, MLK!

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Come Worship With Us

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Services @ 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Prayer Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: Youth Fellowship @ 8:00 p.m.

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Pastor's Message

Let us give thanks with a grateful heart to God who has landed us safe into a new year. We did prove His grace amidst the many and mounting challenges of the past year. Here we are now breathing the fresh air of a new year. Having before us another opportunity to reset our goals, renew our commitments and resolve to rely more on the unchanging Lord of Life.

Speaking of life, yet again we are proving that it does not take many days, for us to be blown from the shelter of the crossing into a new year, smack into the middle of the challenging highway of another year. Thankfully that is not the only constant feature of life, God is still the same yesterday, today and forever. His grace and mercy which has brought us thus far will lead us on. Glory to His Name!

How then should we face this year? I hear a call for us to be "People After God's Own Heart: Saluting the Pioneers Seeing the Path Speaking in the Present & Securing for Posterity".

This which is our emphasis for the first month of the year, is informed by the theme for Baptist Men's Day, "Men After God's Own Heart" and the theme for the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Remember, Celebrate, Act - A Day On Not A Day Off". These two observances are held on the third Sunday and third Monday of January respectively.

Ours then is the task to get in step early with the purpose of God for our lives individually and as a congregation.

Time matters and it is a gift from God. How shall we treat this opportunity to be counted worthy of the calling of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Then those of us who have not yet answered this call, "why tarry another year?"

Now is the time for us to surge forward for the course is set, our Captain sends us forth and weary souls are perishing.

I wish for all, a year of proving God in ways we have been longing for, as we make a more determined effort to be The People After God's Own Heart. I wish you a Happy, Prosperous and Meaningful New Year!

God's Peace
Donald R. Lawrence (Rev.)
Pastor



Happy New Year !



May the Lord open up the windows of heaven and pour you a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it all.
May the Lord bless you exceedingly and abundantly, above all you could ever hope for.
May the Lord bless you that you may walk in a financial overflow.
May you fall in love with Jesus our Lord for the rest of your days.



Sis. Hortense Lewis-Sunday School Superintendent for 21 years

At the end of the last church year Sis. Hortense Lewis completed 21 years as the Sunday School Superintendent of this church; an extraordinary feat. It meant that she witnessed many 'gurgly' dependent babies quickly grow into toddlers, become shy preteens, adolescents and emerge as independent responsible adults. No doubt having had the opportunity to help mold these many lives, she taught them, celebrated birthdays, graduations, marriages and showers of many of her students.

It was hard to tell her no when she asked us to volunteer to teach Sunday School and VBS, or attend the many workshops, prepare awards for promotions, or help make an idea for a rally become a reality. Her responsibilities affected every age group and ministry of the church.

During the Sunday School's general assembly in October 2006, after a brief devotion the rest of the time was used to honor Sis. Lewis for her dedicated and faithful leadership from 1985 –2006; a role she carried out with great enthusiasm. Sis Lewis sat quietly as these tributes were expressed and a slide show of present and past students and herself in Sunday school related activities was shown. The tributes given, especially by those who have known her for a long time all attested to her hard work, vibrant energy, persistence and belief in the importance of the Sunday School for nurturing Christian values in preparation for a life dedicated to serving Christ. Tributes were also sent by past students who have moved away and have clearly remembered Sis. Lewis. She loves pictures, and so pictures and these tributes were included in an album with a copy of the slide show before being presented to her.

Later during the worship service Sis. Ester Humes the new Sunday School superintendent presented Sis. Lewis with a plaque from the Church. In her response Sis. Lewis thanked God for enabling her to carry out her role for so many years and then she encouraged us to continue to serve Him faithfully, and continue to mold the lives of those entrusted to us.

Submitted by Sis.C.Clarke
Asst. Sunday School Supt.

Can Everything Be A Miracle?

... Miracles are not always those unusual experiences that are so obvious to us , such as healings. So then, where else can we find miracles?

Everywhere! Albert Einstein is reported to have observed that we can choose to live life as though everything is a miracle, or as though nothing is. Miracles, then, are the results of our choices. Whether or not we perceive that miracles are happening in our lives is really up to you and me.

The word, Miracle comes from a Latin verb that means "to look at."

When we look at the most ordinary things, events and people with the intention of finding God in them, we are sure to experience miracles - lots of them.

God, after all, is everywhere, waiting to be discovered. One way to become more open to miracles is to recognize when a chosen belief is no longer working for us. For example, a belief that "people cannot be trusted" may be keeping us from experiencing fulfilling relationships. Once we've recognized a belief that's no longer serving us, we release that

belief and replace it with a more positive thought. Using this same example, we can decide instead to look for and respond to the presence of God in the people we meet.

Recognize. Release. Replace. By practicing these three steps, we strengthen our awareness of our power of choice and gain greater control over our life experiences. We discover miracles in / around us every day ... everywhere. Creation in itself, is a miracle; Since God created everything and everyone, He is in all creation. What a miraculous thought!

Submitted by Sis. D. Richardson

Rev. Tom Thorpe

Beginning a New Year

As we begin a new year, we should look forward to the future and be mindful of what we have learned from our past. The Bible tells us, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has gone, the new has come(2Corinthians 5:17). These comforting and inspirational words remind us that with Christ a person can become new inside. With God's help we can begin the new year with confidence that God's healing power can restore marriages and relationships, as well as our bodies and vocations. God cares about us and He

wants us to be the best that we can be. He created each of us and has gifted us with various skills and talents that we should use for our benefit and the benefit of others. Only God knows what the future holds of each of us, but we should resolve that for the new year we will always try to do what is pleasing to our lord. Our future reward for doing God's will is to hear Him say some day "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master."

Prayer Calander

Sun	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1 SALVATION Lord, I pray that I will obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <i>2 Timothy 2:10</i></p>	<p>2 GOD'S GRACE I pray that I may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. <i>2 Peter 3:18</i></p>	<p>3 LOVE Father, grant that I will learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who lives in me. <i>Ephesians 5:2</i></p>	<p>4 INTEGRITY Lord, may integrity and uprightness protect me because our hope is in you. <i>Psalms 25:21</i></p>	<p>5 SELF-CONTROL Father, help me to not be like many others, but to be alert and self-controlled in all I do. <i>1 Thess 5:6</i></p>	<p>6 LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD Lord, may I regard your Word as more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. <i>Psalms 19:10</i></p>	<p>7 JUSTICE God, help me to love justice as You do and act justly in all I do. <i>Psalms 11:7 & Micah 6:8</i></p>
<p>8 MERCY Oh Father, grant that I would be full of mercy and compassion as you are Lord. <i>James 5:11</i></p>	<p>9 RESPECT Lord, help me to show proper respect to everyone, as your Word commands. <i>1 Peter 2:17</i></p>	<p>10 SELF-ESTEEM God, help me develop strong self-esteem rooted in the realization that I am YOUR workmanship. <i>Ephesians 2:10</i></p>	<p>11 FAITHFULNESS Let faithfulness never leave me, but bind this virtue around my neck. <i>Proverbs 3:3</i></p>	<p>12 COURAGE Lord, may I always be strong and courageous in my character and their actions. <i>Deuteronomy 31:6</i></p>	<p>13 PURITY Create in me a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in my life. <i>Psalms 51:10</i></p>	<p>14 KINDNESS Father, I pray that I would be kind to others. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:15</i></p>
<p>15 GENEROSITY Lord, I pray I would be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share. <i>1 Timothy 6:18</i></p>	<p>16 PEACE LOVING Father God, help me to make every effort to do what leads to peace. <i>Romans 14:19</i></p>	<p>17 JOY Heavenly Father, grant me a heart filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <i>1 Thessalonians 1:6</i></p>	<p>18 PERSEVERANCE Lord, teach me to persevere in all I do, and help me run with perseverance the race set before me. <i>Hebrews 12:1</i></p>	<p>19 HUMILITY God, please cultivate me the ability to show true humility toward all. <i>Titus 3:2</i></p>	<p>20 COMPASSION Holy Father, I pray that You would clothe me with the virtue of compassion. <i>Colossians 3:12</i></p>	<p>21 RESPONSIBILITY Lord grant me the ability to learn to be responsible, for each one should carry his own load. <i>Galatians 6:5</i></p>
<p>22 CONTENTMENT Father, teach me the secret of being content in every situation, through Him who gives me strength. <i>Phil. 4:12-13</i></p>	<p>23 FAITH Lord, help me to fight the good fight of faith, taking hold of the eternal life to which I am called. <i>1 Timothy 6:12</i></p>	<p>24 A SERVANT'S HEART God, help me to develop a servants' heart, that I may serve wholeheartedly. <i>Ephesians 6:7</i></p>	<p>25 HOPE God of hope, grant my life that it overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit. <i>Romans 15:13</i></p>	<p>26 PATIENCE God, strengthen me with all power, so that I may have great endurance and patience. <i>Galatians 5:22</i></p>	<p>27 PASSION FOR THE LORD Lord, I pray my soul would pant for you as the deer pants for streams of water. <i>Psalms 42:1</i></p>	<p>28 WISDOM Father, I pray that you would generously give wisdom to me as you promised. <i>James 1:5</i></p>
<p>29 PRAYERFULNESS I ask that you keep me committed to prayer, and not faint, lose heart or give up. <i>Luke 18:1</i></p>	<p>30 GRATITUDE Lord, help me to live my life overflowing with thankfulness, always giving thanks to You. <i>Ephesians 5:20</i></p>	<p>31 BOLDNESS I pray that I would fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel of Christ Jesus. <i>Ephesians 6:19</i></p>	<p>Prayer Changes Things!</p> <p>Use this calendar as a guide each month.</p> <p>God Bless you and your family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Submitted by Sis. M. Harriott</i></p>			

New Year Resolutions

1. Forget the past and honor God more.
2. Live for Christ in the world.
3. Trust God with a strong faith.
4. Witness to the lost.
5. Cultivate the talents God has given you for His glory.