

# Chronicle

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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday

9:30 Worship  
11:00 Sunday School for all ages  
12:15 Bible Study  
6:00 Bible Studies  
Impact Youth  
6:15 Bible Study

### Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study  
6:15 AWANA

### Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study– G. Wedel

### Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

## Days from leaving, El Salvador Teams makes Specific Prayer Requests

CCEFC's mission team to El Salvador will be leaving on Jan. 5 and returning on Jan. 15. There are still quite a few "unknowns", so we are asking that you pray for us every day!

- The people going are:
  - Katie Rose Clarey
  - Darion Bartholomew
  - Roger Wedel
  - Lynn Coville
  - Stacey Coville
  - Dana Schwartz
  - Terrie Schwartz
- Also joining us from North Carolina is Evangelist Martin DeJong.

Some of our prayer list:

- Pray for enough teachers and translators so we can effectively teach VBS.
- Pray for a car for Pastor Wilfredo – this prayer has already been partially answered. Wilfredo borrowed the money and bought a car. We hope to bring him money so we can pay his loan down.
- Pray that God will use these VBS programs to bring kids to Him
- Pray that we let God work through us
- Pray that God will use this VBS to reach families in the community
- Pray for health and safety in construction, eating food that we're not used to, and in travel
- Pray for unity of the team of United States and El Salvador people
- Pray that all the items we have purchased to take along for the VBS and Carnivals will fit into our suitcase. (It's \$100 to take an extra suitcase!)

*By the way, we don't have this suitcase yet. If you have a LARGE suitcase that we can leave down there, please let one of us on the team know ASAP.*

***"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"***

*Note: Flashback article from 2011*

Today as I was leaving work, at the entrance was a young woman and her three month-old baby waiting for daddy. A couple of the grandkids are within a few months of their second birthday, and having seen them recently-I had not realized how much they had grown since they were born. They have progressed from surviving on mother's milk to eating most anything-some of which most adults would refuse to eat. They are working at walking on their own and learning to talk. They are getting to the stage that they want their independence; they want to feed themselves, walk and not be carried and other symbols exercising they are independent from mommy and daddy.

In Hebrews 5:12, we read about believers who have not spiritually matured as they should. The writer equates the readers in this condition as still desiring spiritual milk. Most scholars agree that here and in 1 Cor 3:2 the writers are using the imagery of a nursing mother providing nutrition to her infant. When we fail to grow spiritually we are like an infant that continues nursing and never matures, never learning to walk on their own, never learning to eat more advanced foods.

While the two year olds eat hamburger, they are not yet ready to eat steak, or appreciate it even if they could eat it. They haven't matured to that point yet. The passages in Hebrews and 1 Corinthians indicate that the immature believers are not ready for the deeper spiritual truths of God's Word. Consequently, immature believers are unable to understand or appreciate these truths.

Some people have been believers for twenty, thirty, forty or more years and continue to remain on spiritual milk. After all of this time, they are still not ready for spiritual meat. Sometimes they have learned to play the game so well, that they fool others into believing that they are more spiritually mature than they really are. Consequently, they are lacking the spiritual wisdom and maturity to make decisions that are wise by God's standards. Still, they are perceived as being spiritual leaders.

Other times we see someone turn to Christ and we can see them grow from spiritual babes to spiritually mature as God intended Christians to do. Spiritual milk is good for a spiritual baby, but just as we wouldn't expect to see a thirty year old man still suckling at his mother's breast, we should not see someone who has been a believer for thirty years to still be living on spiritual milk.

Nutrition experts recommend that babies nurse for about a year for best life-long health prospects. Sometimes we may be in a rush to get a baby away from milk and onto regular food. In the same way we shouldn't rush a new believer to grow too much too soon. In doing so we may do so and risk the long term spiritual health of the young believer. Many young believers have been pushed too hard to become spiritually mature, only to fall into despair and fall away.


How is your spiritual growth? Are you growing spiritually on a regular basis? If you compared where you were a year ago to where you are today; would you see measurable progress? Are you encouraging young believers (and maybe older immature believers) to grow spiritually? Make a plan for the coming year to grow spiritually and encourage others to do so as well.

*Jim Hawkins*—editor

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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<b>Weekly</b> 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:00 Impact (Youth) 6:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study	<b>Weekly</b> 8:00PM Young Adult Bible Study  <i>** Please Note: some weekly activities may not meet the first week or two of the year, check to confirm meetings.</i>	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> Cross Conference in KY until Jan 5. <b>Weekly:</b> 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA 6:45 Bible Study	<b>3</b> <b>Weekly:</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>4</b> <b>Weekly:</b> 5:45 AM Prayer Time	<b>5</b> El Salvador team leaves																																																	
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**Weekly Bible Studies****Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)  
 at the church. Potluck. Phone  
 649-0656 (every other week)

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church  
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132  
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15  
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T  
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Dana and Terrie Schwartz – 6:00 –  
 8:00 PM at their house -13643  
 East R Ave., call – 929-6242  
 (every other week)

**Mondays:**

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the  
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

**Wednesdays:**

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00  
 AM

**Thursdays:**

George and Joyce Wedel – Every  
 other Thursday night at their  
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call  
 – 626-9764.



6-Eli Drallette  
 6-Brad & Lisa Gibbs  
 10-Karen Wedel  
 12-Greg Willis  
 13-Lyndsay Juday  
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 27-Michael Branch  
 29-Raezi Colvin  
 31-George & Joyce Wedel

RESPECT  
 FOR THE  
 LORD  
 IS GOOD:  
 IT WILL LAST  
 FOREVER.  
 PSALM 19:9, NCV

**Church Directory and On-line TV services:**

There is a flyer under the TV monitor in the back of auditorium

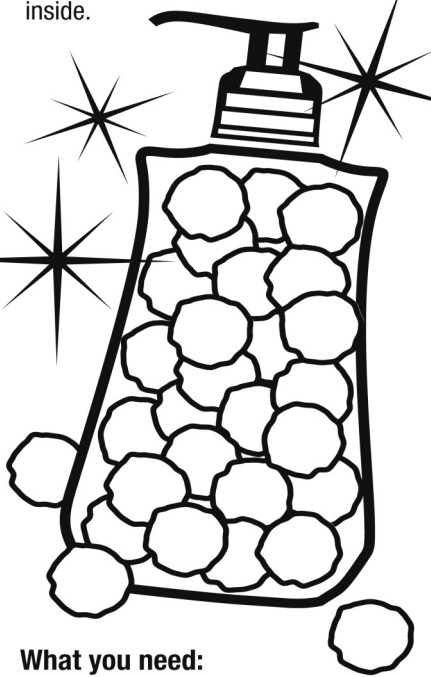
**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



# Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



## What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

## What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

*Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*



We were therefore buried with him  
through baptism into death in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n, n e w l i f e

## Nursery Help

### Jan

- 6 Terrie Schwartz & Jennifer and Ruby McKelvey  
13 Lisa Gibbs & Lyndsay Juday  
20 Abbey and Raezi Colvin & Kim Smith  
27 Andrea Truax & Charlize Gibbs



**NURSERY WORKERS**

## Pat Answers

# What are some Good New Year's Resolutions?

When I think of resolutions, I immediately think of Jonathan Edwards' seventy life resolutions from the early 1700's which he wrote when he was aged 19 to 22. Edwards was a young man totally dedicated to following the Lord. They are an example of commitment and goals for us today. Here is a sampling beginning with his introduction to his resolutions:

*"Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him by His grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake. Remember to read over these resolutions once a week."*

Then Edwards' first resolution:

*"1. Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory, and my own good, profit and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriad's of ages hence. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general. Resolved to do this, whatever difficulties I meet with, how many and how great whatsoever."*

Then some of his resolutions on the subject of time management: *"5. Resolved, never to lose one*

*moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can. 7. Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life. 17. Resolved, that I will live so as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. 18. Resolved, to live so at all times, as I think is best in my devout frames, and when I have clearest notions of things of the gospel, and another world."*

Finally, here are some of Edwards' resolutions on relationships which would be good for all of us to practice as followers of Jesus: *14. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge. 15. Resolved, never to suffer the least motions of anger to irrational beings. 16. Resolved, never to speak evil of anyone, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good. 34. Resolved, in narrations never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity. 36. Resolved, never to speak evil of any, except I have some particular good call for it. Dec. 19, 1722.*

Like Edwards 300 years ago, may we resolve to honor Christ afresh daily in 2019, living for His glory, in dependence on Him and His Word.

**Pastor Pat**

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