

Chronicle

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Dear Church Family:

Thank you so much! The Hallelujah Party, our Halloween alternative, was a great time! All who attended enjoyed many game booths, prizes, snacks, candy, and the door prizes. It was a wonderful opportunity to minister to our community!

Your donation helped to make this free, family event an enormous success. About 250 children, along with families and friends, participated in this year's annual Hallelujah Party.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

For the sake of the Gospel in our community,



The Hallelujah Party Committee

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



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

The first of the year is viewed as a blank slate. Many use this as an opportunity to set new goals to accomplish in the coming year. Many times the goals are lofty desires but forgotten in a very short period of time. Others set goals that are difficult or even impossible to meet. Goal setting is a worthwhile endeavor, not just at the first of the year.

Unfortunately, most goals focus on this life and leave out goals for eternity. Pastor Adrian Rogers in preaching on goals said that when setting goals make sure they are goals you can pray over.

The business world often talks about setting SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time –a deadline when the goal will be reached). To make them real, people are encouraged to write them down, this helps make them real.

The apostle Paul set some goals, one was to stop in Rome on his way to Spain, but God had another plan. In Philippians 3 he writes “¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Jesus spoke of the goal of becoming like Himself in Luke 6:40. There are other examples of goals in the Bible. It is important that we strive for something. Paul strove to be like Christ, an example to those who saw his life.

How would life be different if more people took on goals like those of Paul. Be an example of Christ to those around us. Forgetting what has passed and striving for the high calling of God.

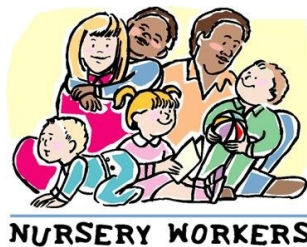
What goals would help you be like Paul, or better yet, to be more like Christ? If you are one for setting goals at the start of the year, be mindful of setting spiritual goals.

We don't know what the new year holds forth, but we know who holds the future. This past year had many unexpected twists and turns for each of us. Some were smaller unexpected changes, others were pretty significant. Still, set as a goal to keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Jim Hawkins—editor

Nursery Help

Jan 2020
5-Andra Truax & Charlize Gibbs
12-Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp
19-Terrie Schwartz, Jennifer & Ruby McKelvey
26-Leann Fritz & Jamie Morrison




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Bible Quiz

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According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples



Answer: A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17.)

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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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<p>5</p> <p>Communion 12:15 Providence Meal Cross Conference in Louisville, KY concludes</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Weekly: 8:00 College and Career Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 Elder's Mtg.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All weekly events cancelled for today Weekly: 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWWANA 6:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cross Conference in Louisville, KY begins Weekly: Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Weekly: 5:45 AM Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ei Salvador Team Leaves</p>																																																	
<p>12</p> <p>Ei Salvador Team Returns Camp Barakal retreat concludes</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>8</p> <p>AWANA resumes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 CE Board Mtg. 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Camp Barakal retreat begins</p>	<p>11</p>																																																	
<p>19</p> <p>Deadline for February Chronicle</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>																																																	
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January 2020



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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

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;

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.

"Our hope is not in the new year,
 but in the One who makes all
 things new."

—Unknown

Church Directory and On-line TV services:

There is a flyer under the TV mon-
 itor in the back of auditorium



6--Eli Drallette
 6--Brad & Lisa Gibbs
 10--Karen Wedel
 12--Greg Willis
 13--Lyndsay Juday
 14--Jo Johnson
 15--Jonathan Vincent
 16--Kay Landrum
 17--Ken Evensen
 18--Ken Dykstra
 23--Meghan Clarey
 25--Larry Fleck
 25--Addyson Steele
 25--Dylan Truax
 27--Michael Branch
 29--Raezi Colvin
 31--George & Joyce Wedel



THEY KILLED HIM BY HANGING
 HIM ON A CROSS,
 BUT GOD RAISED HIM FROM
 THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY.

ACTS 10:39-40, NIV

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 can-
 celled. 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 encour-
 aged to use your best judgement
 before venturing out.

Calendar 2020**January**

- 2nd-5th Cross Conference Louisville, Ky.
- 5 Communion & Potluck
- 7 Elders 7:00 P.M.
- 8 Awana Resumes
- 9 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
- 9 Deacons 7:00 P. M.
- 10-12 Camp Barakel

February

- 2 Communion & Potluck
- 5-7 EFCA Theology Conference Trinity
- 8 Valentine Dinner
- 10 Elders 7:00 P.M
- 12 AWANA Valentine Party
- 13 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 13 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 26 Ash Wednesday

March

- 1 Communion & Potluck
- 3 Elders 7:00 P.M
- 8 Day Light Saving Time STARTS
- 12 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 12 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 13-14 Theology Conference.
- 19 Spring Starts

April

- 5 & Communion & Palm Sunday
- 7 Elders 7:00 P.M.
- 8 Spring Vacation NO AWANA
- 9 Deacons 7:00 P.M
- 9 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 10 Good Friday/Galesburg THERE 7:00P.M
- 12 TWO SERVICES Easter Sunday
- 8:30 BRUNCH 11:00
- 14-16 Gospel Conference Louisville, KY
- 26 Fire in Woods 5:00 P.M.

May

- 3 Communion & Potluck
- 5 Elections
- 6 AWANA Jungle Joes
- 7 Nat. Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Elders 7:00 P.M
- 13 AWANA Awards Night
- 14 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 14 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 17 Graduation Sunday
- 24/25 Memorial Day

June

- 7 Communion
- 9 Elders 7:00 P.M
- 11 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 11 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 20 Summer Starts
- 21 Father's Day
- TBA Craig's Cruisers

July

- 5 Communion
- 7 Elders 7:00 P.M
- 15 VBS Training Meeting
- 16 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 16 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 20 Scotts Parade-VBS Set-Up & Float
- 20-24 VBS 6:00-8:30
- 24 VBS Meal for All
- TBA Youth Beach Outing(Ang)

August

- 2 Communion
- 2 Nominaton Ballots Available
- 3-8 Kal County Fair
- 11 Elders 7:00 P.M.
- 13 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 13 CE Board -6:30 P.M.
- 16 Picnic
- 28-30 Civil War Muster-Jackson
- 26 Awana Leaders Meeting
- 26 Meeting Youth Group-2019-20
- 30- Nominaton Ballots DUPE

September

- 7 11 Elders 7:00 P.M
- 1 6 Communion
- 9 AWANA- Kirk Off
- 10 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 10 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 13 Jr.-Sr. High Starts
- 13 Teacher Dedication
- 24 Jr. Board Meeting
- 24 See You at the Pole
- 27 Fire in Woods 5:00 P.M

October

- 4 Communion & Pastor Appreciation Pot Luck
- 6 Elders 7:00 P.M.
- 8 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 8 CE Board 6:30 P.M.
- 14 AWANA Hay Ride /Pumpkin Carving
- 14-15 Great Lakes Dist. Annual Conf. Trinity
- 28 No AWANA
- 31 Hallehujah Party 6:00-8:00

November

- 1 Communion/Day Light Saving Ends
- 7 Shoe Box Filling 6:30
- 12 Deacons 7:00 P.M.
- 12 CE Board 6:30 P.M
- 17 Annual Meeting
- 22 Thanksgiving Service THERE W/Galesburg 6:00
- 25 No AWANA
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 6 Communion/ Advent Begins
- 5/12 Ladies Dessert 6:00 P.M
- 8 Elders 7:00 P.M.
- 10 Deacons 7:00
- 10 CE Board 6:30
- 13 Children's Christmas Program 6:00 P.M.
- 16 AWANA Caroling Family Night
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 P.M
- 23 & 30 No Awana

Pat Answers

What is the Good News for 2020?

In uncertain days, we may worry about the future. We do not know what lies ahead for 2020, but we know WHO does – our Sovereign God. The good news for 2020 never changes: Jesus reigns as Lord over all. The gospel has not changed since Jesus came the first time: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus – 1 Corinthians 15:3-5. Jesus rules over all of history and will be with us in 2020 as He has been with His people always – Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5.

So we can go into this New Year knowing God is in control and He is good. We know His sweet goodness because of His greatest gift Jesus. We also know Jesus is with us especially in fulfilling His mis-

sion for the church – making disciples – Matthew 28:19. So let us not be afraid, or worried, but trust fully in Him who holds our lives and our church in His hands.

In response to His sovereign goodness, let us surrender every day of this New Year to Him and His glory. Let us seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – 2 Peter 3:18. Let me challenge you to spend time in the Bible every day in 2020. You will see more of His good news. Resolve to say “No” to yourself more and “Yes” to Jesus – Titus 2:12. Savoring Jesus with you,

Pastor Pat

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Dated material—Please do not delay

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