

Enon General Baptist Church | Crossroads Newsletter

January 2019



I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. – John 12:46

Jesus has come. Expectant hope and preparation gave birth to a new era of human history. The Messiah has come. The Savior of the World has made a way for humanity to be reconciled with God our Father. The image used to describe the purpose for Jesus' coming is that of a light.

I have confessed, with much self-humiliation and laughter, my fear of the dark. It's not that I have ever been crippled or terrified of darkness, but there has always been an uneasy fear of not being able to see clearly what is in front of me. Walking in darkness seems to leave so many things unseen. Anyone who has ever stubbed their toe on a piece of unseen furniture, stepped on a Lego hidden by darkness, or lost their way to a specific destination has experienced the literal downfalls that come from a lack of light.

The passage found in John is not referring to the physical woes of darkness. Jesus is much more than a solution to stumbling around in the dark trying to avoid toys and furniture. Jesus is the answer to the darkness of the world. Spiritual and moral blindness is cured in the revealing light of Christ Jesus. Walking in the light with Christ is a sure-footed approach to reduce stumbling through life without any direction. Jesus sheds light on who we are and what we are made for. In Him, we can finally cut through the darkness and let our eyes behold the purpose for which we were made. In Him, we can take our rightful spot as children of our loving Heavenly Father.

My prayer is that each of our lives will be filled with light as we turn towards the new year.

Pastor David

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			Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00	<i>GENIE HELDT</i>	Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm	
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Bible Study 6:00			Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 Business Meeting 7:00 <i>EMERSON FOUGNIES</i>	<i>JENNA LOYD</i>	Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm	<i>SANDY BENEFIEL</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Communion Bible Study 6:00	<i>MEGAN DEPOISTER</i> <i>KARSYN McGRAW</i>		Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 River Oaks Service 6:30		Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm <i>JOSH ESTEP</i>	<i>DONNA GOLDAY</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Bible Study 6:00 <i>ELLA REYNOLDS</i>		<i>BONNIE PINKSTON</i>	Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00		Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm	
27	28	29	30	31		
Bible Study 6:00	<i>CHASE ADKINS</i>		Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00			



- January 01** – New Year’s Day
- January 09** – Business Meeting
- January 13** – Communion
- January 16** – River Oaks Evening Service



- February 10** – Communion
- February 10** – Growth Groups Begin
- February 13** – Business Meeting
- February 14** – Valentine’s Day
- February 18** – President’s Day
- February 20** – River Oaks Evening Service

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A Different Kind of Resolution

(The idea of New Year's Resolutions for many is just something to chuckle about. "I bought a treadmill because my New Year's Resolution is to have more things to put my laundry on." People often half-heartedly resolve to do something they wish they could do, but a day or two into the New Year, have totally forgotten about it. I decided to turn to the Bible to see what it says about resolutions, and as I was searching, realized there are many things we can resolve to do. This list doesn't include everything, but it's a sampler of some resolutions you might want to make and KEEP.)

Resolve to do good and no evil.- Romans 7:19

Resolve to do everything in love.- 1 Corinthians 16:14

Resolve not to quench the Spirit.- 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Resolve not to merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourself. Do what it says.- James 1:22

Resolve to be strong and not give up for your work will be rewarded.- 2 Chronicles 15:7

Resolve to listen to God's council and remember you do not have a monopoly on wisdom.- Job 15:8

Resolve not to despise the Lord's discipline nor resent His rebuke.- Proverbs 3:11

(Some of these seem deceitfully easy, but they are really quite difficult to focus on day in and day out for a whole year. I suggest you pick one, and resolve to use it to guide your 2019. Repeat it over and over in your mind and use it to lead you to a better relationship with God.)

Shana Hyneman



Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians of ENON Kids,

Our playground is here at the church! We just need to set a date and get volunteers to help put it together. Our ENON Kids and all our ministries will be so blessed by this playground. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported our efforts to get this playground. It will be great when the weather gets warmer and we can set up and the kids can play on it!

This month our kids will be learning about “submission”. It is a very hard concept for humans to accept. God gave us free will, and we mean to use it! Jesus said in Acts 20:35: “It is better to give than to receive.” He wanted us to be servants to others, to serve out of love... with love. Not because we have to, but because we are “so loved”, He gave us His one and only son to die on a cross to take away our sins. Jesus is our great example of submission. He did not want to endure the cross. He chose to submit to God’s will and take on the most painful abuse, humiliation, and death because he loves us and wants us to have a relationship with God. When we submit to God’s ways, when we follow His commands, we can walk closer with Him, and have a more peaceful, joyful life. When we submit to God, we do not allow the devil to trick us. In our verse of the month, we learn our submission to God will make the devil flee. “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7 NIV) With God in our heart, mind, and soul, there is no room for the lies the devil wants us to believe.

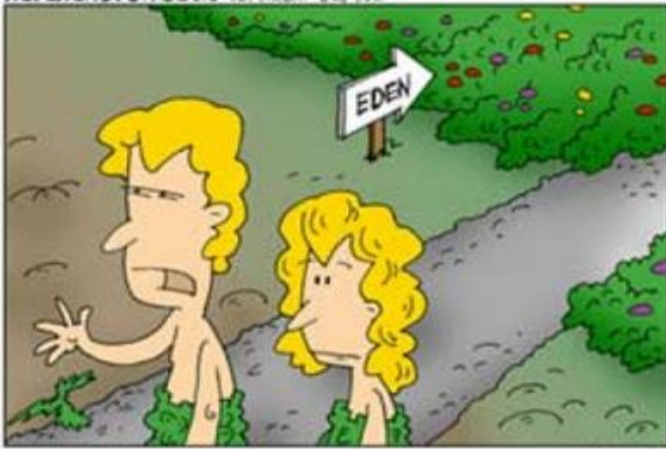
Go out into this year and submit to God’s will. Bask in the joy of living a life meant for God, and remember you are SO LOVED!

It is a new year already! 2019, here we come! Our kids, grandkids, and nieces and nephews are all growing so fast! We now average anywhere from 20-35 kids in our Children’s Church. Our Children’s Ministry is growing! If you would like to help once a month working with our kids, we would love to have you! Please ask for an application at the Welcome Desk.

Parents, when you pick up your kids from Children’s Church, please wait in the yellow lines. If we can keep the traffic back away from the doors it makes it safer and faster for our volunteers to reunite you with your children. Thank you to all my volunteers, families, donors, and prayer warriors! Our ministry could not be possible without you! Have a Happy, Blessed New Year!

With love,

Genie Heldt, Children’s Director



Thanks to Dad Henggevid (See Genesis 3) 01-01-2005

OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST PEOPLE MORE"

Higher Resolutions

I've seen six people post that their New Year's Resolution is to "lose weight." I can think of a lightly more useful resolution for them. *Personal note from Shana. "I love this one and will explain it to you if you need me too!"

Resolution: Don't let someone take up emotional real estate if they aren't paying rent.

Forget to make out your resolutions this year? Just write out everything you did yesterday and at the beginning, add "Stop".

For those of you who have already failed your New Year's Resolutions, as I have, there's always Chinese New Year's to try again.

My New Year's Resolution is to be more assertive, if that's okay with you, everyone.

When tax time comes, don't try these excuses. They don't work:

1. I could not complete my tax returns because my husband left me and took our accountant with him.
2. I haven't had time because a baby magpie flew into my house and I have to stay in to feed it.
3. I suffer from "late-filing" syndrome.
4. A wasp in my car caused me to have an accident and my tax return, which was inside the car, was destroyed.

Money

Save money by just buying bigger pants instead of paying a gym membership fee.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it in your pocket.

I would like to think that money won't change me, but I found \$5 and immediately bought brand-name aluminum foil.

The only exercise I've done this month is run out of money.

I know it's illegal to launder money. So I decided to stop doing laundry entirely, just to be on the safe side.

Ying and Yang

Ying...

I love my husband, but what really motivates me to stay married is how much weight I'd have to lose to date again.

And Yang...

If my wife ever hired a private detective to follow me, it would be to get pictures of me not using the coupons I said I used.

***Humor submitted by Shana Hyneman*