

Berean Baptist Church

Berean Banner

Volume 13

Number 13

January 2021

Pastor's Perspective: "2021—No Regrets"



In "A Christmas Carol," Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the Ghost of Christmas Past, who against his will, returns him to a time when he was a young man. Scrooge falls in love with a woman, and proposes to her. She accepts and joy fills their faces. Later, Scrooge falls deeper in love with money and she breaks the engagement. Imagine what would have happened if Scrooge had kept his affection on her rather than on money. How different the outcome would have been. Perhaps he

would not have become a bitter money grabbing miser.

Everyone of us has regrets in life. Perhaps you have imagined what your life would be if you had married someone else, or had not divorced, raised your kids differently, had invested or not invested in a stock, business, or real estate? Maybe you have regrets because you ignored God's will, call to ministry, or have been caught up in sin?

We rarely can undo the past. What is done is done. Strained relation-

ships are hard to restore. Proverbs 18:19 declares, "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle."

There is, however, hope for you. II Corinthians 7:10 promises, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." Sorrow which leads to repentance brings restoration and emotional release from guilt. The world's sorrow leads to

continued on page 2.

Inside this issue:

Pastor's Perspective	1
From The Pastor's Desk	1
Memory Verse	2
Poetry Corner	3
Events	3
Service Times	4
Upcoming Events	4

From The Pastor's Desk...

Looking Forward—2021
The New Year should be a time of renewal and the setting forth of new goals and commitments. Certainly we should be thankful for

God's salvation in Jesus Christ and the opportunity to serve Him in the New Year. Some, however, are discouraged because of lockdowns and isolations.

In spite of COVID-19, Christians need not live in fear. Psalm 90:10 declares, "The days of our years are three-score years and ten;

Continued on page 2.

“2021-No Regrets” ...continued from page one.

grief and like all sin, death.

There are many in Scripture that are sorry for the consequences of their sin, but not the sin. Judas, whom betrayed Christ, comes to mind. He was sorry for the consequence of betraying Jesus, not the sin of betraying Jesus. In Joshua 7, a man named Achan stole what was dedicated to God and was executed for his transgression. He was worry that he was caught, not that he stole.

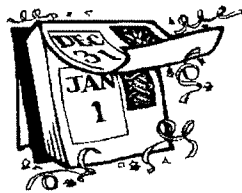
As 2021 comes, why not make this a great year by getting right with God. Begin by confessing your sin to God. He is ready and willing to forgive you. If you never have asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, now is the time to become a child of God. If you are a believer, remember that God is not surprised at your sin. It is time to make things right between you and God.

In John 10:10 Christ said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more

abundantly.” God wants you to have a life worth living.

What does this mean for your life? God can bless you in spite of past mistakes and sins. You don’t have to live with regrets. You are right now able to be restored and used by God to make a difference in your life and others. It begins by renewing your relationship to God and walking in His will.

Scrooge eventually repented of his past sins and changed his behavior toward others. Instead of being one to avoid, he became a kind, caring individual who others sought to be in their company. You too can make a change for the better. Make 2021 the best year in your life. Confess and turn from sin. Walk with God.



November Finances

General Fund	\$5,312.36
Designated	\$ 472.78
TOTAL	\$5,785.14

Designated Accounts

Miscellaneous	\$1,212.99
Washington, D.C.	\$ 1,024.44

Memory Verse

Psalm 100:5

“For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

Please note: Beginning, Wednesday, January 6th we will begin meeting for our Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m. Plan now to join us for this mid-week service to help you get through the week.

The Pastor’s Desk Continued...

and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”

“While some of us will live longer than others, it is God who determines how long we will

live. II Timothy 1:7 says, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” There is no place for fear in a Christian’s life. Recently at my bank I talked to the manager who seemed to be terrified at getting the virus. He was agitated and overly concerned that he would become

Sick, even though most people completely recover from the disease and COVID-19 is less fatal than most flu’s.

God knows where you are. Your life is in His hands. Make plans to serve God in 2021. Don’t let fear override faith.

Poetry Corner

New Year's Wishes

What shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime,
pleasure and mirth?
Flowers on thy pathway,
skies ever clear?
Would this insure thee
a happy new year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found?
Bringing thee sunshine
all the year round?
Where is the treasure,
lasting and dear,
That shall insure thee
a happy new year?

Faith that increaseth,
walking in light,
Hope that aboundeth,
happy and bright.
Love that is perfect,
casting out fear,
These will insure thee
a happy new year!

Peace in the Saviour,
rest at His feet,
Smile on His countenance,
radiant and sweet,
Joy in His presence,
Christ ever near,
These will insure thee
a Happy New Year!

—Unknown

A New Year Prayer

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring;
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing.

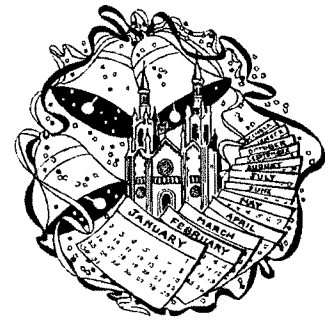
I do not ask to understand
The way thou ledest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To talk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me
swift to hear and ready to obey.

And then the year I now begin
A happy year will be
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

A New Year's Promise

Another year I enter;
it's history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper;
I know I shall be blest;
My presence shall go with thee
And I will give thee rest.
What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
My presence shall go with thee
And I will give thee rest.

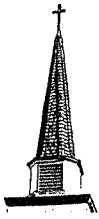


Happy New Year

Instead of making a New Year's resolution, Consider committing to a biblical solution. Your promises are easily broken. Empty words, though earnestly spoken. But God's Word transforms the soul by His Holy Spirit making you whole. As you spend time alone with Him, He will change you from within.



Too often, we interpret Scripture to fit what we already believe rather than adjust what we believe to Scripture.



Berean Baptist Church

Pastor Art Zacher
1147 Broadway Street
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 428-4620

*Searching the Scriptures for
Life's Answers - Acts 17:11*

Address Label Here

We're on the Web!

www.BereanBaptistFairfieldca.com

Welcome To Our Church

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Bible Study & Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
King's Kids.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Daytime Visitation Program10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 2nd, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 3rd, Lord's Supper, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 9th, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 10th, Advisory Council, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 16th, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 23rd, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 30th,, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 31st, Birthday Sunday, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 31st, Finance Committee, 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 31st, Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.