

Gloster Baptist Church

January 2014

“Reaching families to equip them to serve, to go and to glorify God.”

Walking with God in 2014!

2014 has arrived and the year ahead promises to be filled with opportunities in service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our January Bible Study has begun with two great meetings where many have enjoyed great fellowship and good food. The study of Colossians has been a good reminder that Christ is all we need!

Colossians 1:9-11 reminds us that we are to *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*. Paul said:

“We have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; “

Whenever I see that word walk I am reminded of a very simple sermon that I heard in the beginning of my pastoral ministry. The text of the message is found in three simple verses tucked away in Genesis 5:21-24 where we read:

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Mark Your Calendar

January Bible Study
Every Sunday
Night at 5:15 p.m.

1.21

N.G.O

1.22

Church Council Mtg.

1.25

Parent's Night Out

1.26

Child Protection Training



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Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ***Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.***

“Enoch walked with God.” This simple sentence can have a profound impact on those who choose to practice walking with God. The sermon outline is one I have never forgotten. If we are going to walk with God first we must make it a personal priority, second we must follow the pace that Jesus sets for us, and third we must persevere up the hills and through the valleys.

God has set before us a new year and He will make the pathway clear for us. This doesn't mean life will be easy if we choose to walk with God but it does assure us that our lives will be meaningful. Remember, one day Enoch walked with God and he was no more because God took him. Took him where? God took Enoch to Heaven where all those followers of Christ go to join many others who have gone before us!

A Pastor intent on Walking with God,
Ron McLellan

Worship Choir Notes

Fantastic Job during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, Choir!!

Choir Practice Resumes

**Sunday, January 12th
4:15 pm***

Join us as we begin preparation for Easter and winter service music.

****Earlier time due to January Bible Study on Sunday nights***





Children's Church:

Knowledge-discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do. The monthly memory verse is: "God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right," 2 Timothy 3:16, NIV.

Children's Activities:

"Parents Night Out" is January 25, 5pm-9pm.

The Children will have a pajama party. They will eat pizza, play games, and watch a movie. Parents drop off your children at the fellowship hall on January 25 @ 5pm and enjoy four hours of freedom.

Children bring a pillow and blanket and wear your favorite PJs for a fun party. We will eat pizza, play games, and watch a movie. Hope to see you there!



The book of Joshua 1:1—9 is a great passage for a believer to read anytime they are beginning something new whether it be a new job or a new year. In verses 1-2 we read that there is a new beginning. God's servant Moses is dead (2013 is over) and God encourages Joshua to arise take the people of Israel to the promise land. God continues to promise Joshua the land that his foot treads upon (3-5). God outlines for Joshua and the children of Israel the boundaries of the land He is giving to them and in verse 5 He promises never to forsake them or leave them. Jesus would later make that same promise in Matthew 28:18-20 and elsewhere. I am one who likes directions. I like to have a schedule. I like to know where I am going and how I am going to get there. I may not write it all down (to my fault) but I have a mental map that helps me to navigate my day, week, month and year. In the same way God gave Joshua and the children of Israel a road map for taking the New Land, The Promise Land. The Road Map has three points that all focus around being strong and courageous. First, we can be strong and courageous because God is our guide. He has left us a map, guide book, a book of mass instruction.

The Bible teaches us how to live as well as shows us how to love. We can be strong because God is our Leader. Secondly, we can be strong and courageous by staying in the Word of God. A Christian that does not read their Bible is like a person who does not eat. Reading the Bible is the greatest thing a believer can do for their own spiritual health. Jesus states that He is the Way, Truth and Life. Staying on path with Christ will help believers to become strong and courageous. In verse 7-8 God told Joshua to be strong and courageous for the second time. Not only did He say to stay with the Law, the Word of God but He also said to meditate on it. It is in our heart that we hide the Word of God so that we might not sin against Him. The second greatest thing a believer can do for their spiritual growth and health is to meditate on Scripture. Some would say that meditation helps them in prayer and even leads them into prayer. Meditation helps one to reflect on the scripture you read.

Finally, one can be strong and courageous because God is with you. As a believer you have been given the Holy Spirit which lives within you. He guides you in righteousness, convicts of sin, and intercedes on your behalf.

Upcoming Events

Feb 8 - The Road Show Concert

Feb 14 - Super Hero, Super Party (dress up like your favorite super hero, guys bring drinks, gals bring snacks, and your favorite super hero movie. we will watch a movie and have a bible study. if you are dating someone come as a duo)

Feb 21 God's princesses

I wish you all a Happy New Year!!!

Chad Reister

