

PRAYERS

Deb – Having some issues with her eyes

Butch and Chris (Anita’s son and daughter in law) – Chris was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and they are waiting to talk with doctors

Please remember all holiday travelers

Congregation News

The Brookings church of Christ will hold a 1st Sunday singing on January 7th at 4 PM. There will be potluck after the singing. A poster is in the foyer.

Class and Assembly Duties:

Sunday Morning Service:

12/31/17

1/07/18

Bible Class	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Announcements	Colby Crawford	Colby Crawford
Song Leader	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Opening Prayer	Colby Crawford	Colby Crawford
Lord's Supper	Paul Darling	Colby Crawford
Scripture Reading	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Sermon	Paul Darling	Tom Bright

Bible Classes	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Adult	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries	Building Cleanup
	Darling

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Bulletin Submissions
If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: tlbj@sbcglobal.net

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December 31, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

There is no greater feeling in this life than to know that we are heaven-bound and our sinful slate has been wiped clean (**Isaiah 1:18**). It is easy to see the connection between the fresh start a new Christian or penitent Christian has and the beginning of a new year. We all have set up these great “resolutions” that are going to improve our lives and make life just grand. Then January 2, 2018 comes around the corner and the realization that this isn’t going to be as easy as you thought sets in. Another year comes around the bend and another list of “failures” mark the beginning of your new year. Can you relate?

Nothing worth having or doing will ever be easy to come by. Maybe we have forgotten what an accomplishment felt like or maybe we feel like we aren’t worthy of said accomplishments, and it’s just easier to stick with not changing and just settling for much less. Maybe it was some tragic event in your life that got you into the rut you’ve found yourself in or maybe it was just a string of bad choices; but there was some reason that brought you to make those resolutions. **It takes “RESOLVE” to accomplish “Resolutions.”**

One of the greatest things about being part of the family of God is being able to look through the **Bible** and see all the adversity. So many people in the Bible have faced impossible circumstances and yet through God’s love and providence, He has helped them. The psalmist writes: **Psalms 147:3-5 NKJV “He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds. (4) He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. (5) Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.”**

There’s just something special about knowing that our God can help us in times of trouble and failures. He knows just what we are going through and exactly what we need. Peter says this: **1 Peter 5:6-7 NKJV “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, (7) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”**

What more could a person possibly need to hear to reassure them? God wants you to meet your potential and believes that you are able to do such. **Genesis 1:31 NKJV “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”**

We are so excited that we have been blessed to work with such a caring and loving congregation. As we enter into this New Year together, it is our prayer that we can grow in the love and admonition of our Lord and one another. May we all be so encouraging to one another that the love of God is found in our hearts (1st John 5:3). When times of struggle and defeat rear their ugly heads we must remember: **Philippians 4:13 NKJV “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”**

Sometimes it's more about stopping what you're doing rather than starting a new list of things to do. Thomas Jefferson said, “Never put off tomorrow what you can do today.”

Slow Down

1. Slow down; God is still in heaven. You are not responsible for doing it all yourself, right now.
2. Remember a happy, peaceful time in your past. Rest there.
3. Set your own pace. When people push you, it's okay to tell them.
4. Don't take simple things for granted: watch water flow, corn grow, leaves blow, and your neighbor mow.
5. Taste your food. God gives it to delight as well as to nourish.
6. Notice the sun and the moon as they rise and set. They are remarkable for their steady pattern of movement, not their speed.
7. Talk and play with children. It will bring out the unhurried little person inside you.
8. Create a place in your home...at your work...in your heart...where you can go for quiet and recollection.
9. Allow yourself time to be unproductive. Rest is a necessity, too.
10. Talk slower. Talk less. Don't talk. Communication isn't necessarily measured by words.
11. Give yourself permission to be late sometimes. Life is for living, not scheduling.
12. Listen to the song of a bird—the complete song.
13. Learn to stand back and let others take their turn as leaders. There will always be new opportunities for you to step out in front again.
14. Divide big jobs into little jobs. God took six days to create the universe.

15. When you find yourself being anxious, stop and ask “Why?” The best musician is one who plays with expression and meaning, not the one who finishes first.

16. Take time to read the Bible. Thoughtful reading is enriching reading.

17. Take a day off alone; make a retreat.

18. Pet a furry friend. You will give and get the gift of now.

19. Once in a while, turn down the lights, the volume, the throttle, the invitations. Sit in the dark. It will teach you to see and hear, taste and smell.

20. Take a walk—but don't go anywhere. Journey is often better than destination.

21. Count your friends. If you have one true friend, you are unusual. If you have more, you are blessed. Bless them in return.

“Be still, and know that I am God.” PSALM 46:10

The Day After Time

Lord help me to walk by the word of thy grace
On the glorious blood sprinkled road
That leads to the gates of that beautiful place
That will be my eternal abode.
I know life on earth is a limited stay
Neither riches nor strength can extend
Oh Lord grant that righteousness be my array
When my pilgrimage comes to an end.
While now the sweet flower of life is in bloom
Bless my soul to discern Heaven's charms
And Lord when I hark to the call of the tomb
Let me sleep in thy comforting arms.
To dream of the splendors that yonder await
Till the dawn of that morning sublime
When dreams will come true as I enter the gate
Into Heaven the day after time.