

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor

The year 2021 is now a thing in the past, and 2022 is about to begin. If you are like me I hope 2022 will be a much better year. I don't know what will happen during the new year, however, I do know where true hope is found. Real hope is not found in the calendar, vaccines, elections or medical professionals. Hope is found in Jesus Christ.

January will kick off with "Men of the Kingdom." Too many men are living on the sidelines. We live in a day and age where disorder and chaos abound because of the countless number of males who refuse to become the men that God made them to be.

In Men of the Kingdom, you'll discover the true meaning of masculinity and the ultimate purpose of a Biblical man from the perspective of God's original design. We will address the cultural consequences of male passivity

and challenges men to stand up and declare, "No more excuses."

New Year's Day is always a day of resolutions to make positive changes in life. A great way to



begin 2022 is by setting aside a few moments each day to read the word of God and mediate on what He is saying to you through it. In an effort to help you in this wonderful task, you will find a daily Bible reading guide printed

in this newsletter. Place it in your Bible or tablet to have available for this special time. Another reading plan is to read a section of the Bible each day for entire month. That's right, you will begin the month of January by reading the book of James each day. It takes 10 to 15 minutes to read through this wonderful book.

In February, a new reading will be shared for you to enjoy. This plan focuses on a smaller amount of content that allows the reader to more internalize the word rather than covering a lot of content.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our wonderful church family for your generous Christmas gift. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family that ministers to us and makes sure our needs are met. I praise God for you all!



Are You Ready for 2022?



First of all, what an amazing month of remembering our Savior's birth, we just had! I just have to thank the Drama team for their hard work on the Nativity Drama. What a beautiful job they did presenting our Savior's birth!



This last month was a struggle for Brad and me to get everything accomplished for the month of December, but we had so many that stepped up to help get it done — and I want to thank each and every one of you. You were such a blessing and it would not have been done without you.

As I am planning for the 2022 worship for Oak Grove, some of the top songs that I think of are: Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Is He Worthy? It Is Well With My Soul and Way Maker. As I read through the book of James (as requested by our Pastor for the month of January) these promises float to the top.

- Faith produces steadfastness.”
- “God cannot be tempted.”
- “Every good and perfect gift comes from above.”
- “Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”
- “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.”
- “Even the demons believe—and shudder!”
- “Faith apart from works is dead.”
- “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

I know a lot of us has had a hard 2021, but our Lord has not returned yet so that means our task that has been given from Him for our lives is not finished. We have a GREAT task ahead of us and it will take the church family to accomplish. Together we can accomplish A LOT. So, like the old song says, let's get up and look for opportunity to reach the lost and hurting. Sowing means to scatter seed over, not sitting on the couch ha ha.

1 Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves; Bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

2 Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze; By and by the harvest, and the labor ended, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

3 Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master, Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves; When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

January 2022

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2	3	4	5	6 Brittaney Day bday	7 Adult Game Day 11am	8
9 Business Meeting to approve budget	10	11	12 Cindy Johnson & Frances Orndorff bdays	13 Crafty Ladies 10am	14 Mindy Taylor bday	15
16	17 Mary Ann Walker bday	18 Jeana Drew bday	19	20 Adult Movie Day 1pm	21	22 Virginia Brannon & Ron Whitelock bdays
23	24 Brandon Drew & Kathleen Henry bdays	25	26	27 Crafty Ladies 10am	28	29 Geraldine Higgins bday
30	31 Deby Nottingham bday					

January Bible Reading Plan

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day. The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year. The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year. To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

January	Jan. 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 7	Jan. 23 ----- Reflection -----
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genesis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psalm	
Jan. 1 ----- Reflection -----	Jan. 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-23 <input type="checkbox"/> 8	Jan. 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 47-50 <input type="checkbox"/> 16
Jan. 2 ----- Reflection -----	Jan. 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 24-26 <input type="checkbox"/> 9	Mark
Jan. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Jan. 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 27-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 10	Jan. 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> 17
Jan. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Jan. 15 ----- Reflection -----	Jan. 26 <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6 <input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-24
Jan. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Jan. 16 ----- Reflection -----	Jan. 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 7- <input type="checkbox"/> 18:25-50
Jan. 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Jan. 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-32 <input type="checkbox"/> 11	Jan. 28 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-12 <input type="checkbox"/> 19
Jan. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 12-14 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Jan. 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 33-36 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Jan. 29 ----- Reflection -----
Jan. 8 ----- Reflection -----	Jan. 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 37-39 <input type="checkbox"/> 13	Jan. 30 ----- Reflection -----
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	Jan. 22 ----- Reflection -----	



LOLs recently visited the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore.

Pictured are, left to right, Bernice Robertson, Carlette Binam, Charlene Goodwin, Mary Fritchey, Denice Jackson and Sharon Lee.

Volunteers Needed

Many members and guests enjoy OGBC's coffee shop. To keep it running efficiently, volunteers are needed. A volunteer is needed to open the Coffee Stop occasionally. This volunteer needs to be there at 9 a.m. If interested, see Donna Foster.

An adult volunteer is also needed for Children's

Church once a month.

It has also been requested, if you see a visitor with a 6 - 11-year-old who might be interested in Children's Church, please direct them to register the child at the Welcome Center Desk. This will help Donna Foster tremendously.

January Sermon Calendar

Jan. 2 — Men Covered By God

Jan. 9 — The Dominion of a Man

Jan. 16 — The Story of Two Men

Jan. 23 — The Legacy of a Man

Jan. 30 — Lame Man Walking

Van Schedule

Jan. 5 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Sharon Lee, Brittaney Day and Michelle Hill

Jan. 12 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Sharon Lee, Mike and Gail Mayfield

Jan. 19 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Sharon Lee, Toney Robbins and Michelle Hill

Jan. 26 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Sharon Lee, Mike and Gail Mayfield

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