

Ponderings From the Pastor

Walk Worthy

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.-Ephesians 4:1-3

The context of Ephesians 4:1 tells us that as Christians, God is our boss, and he is calling us to perform a task. He is giving us instructions on how to walk as a Christian. And the first instruction is to Walk in Unity. We all want unity. We all want to be at peace with each other and love each other. Paul is going to tell us how.

Now most often, when we are in a conflict with someone, when we are not at peace with someone else, we think it is the responsibility of the other

person to change their ways, so we can get along with them. We point at their faults and what they said, or what they did, and say that if there is going to be peace, they have to change. But Christ tells us in Matthew 7 to do just the opposite. He says there to take the log out of your own eye first.

And, not surprisingly, that is exactly what Paul says here as well. The way to begin walking in unity is to look to your own heart first. Ephesians 4:2-3 reveal the seven attitudes of Unity — the Seven Attitudes of Unity to have in your own heart.

Attitudes of Unity (Ephesians 4:1-3)

1. Lowliness
2. Gentleness
3. Long-suffering

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Happy
New
Year



Revelation 21:5

Submitted by Mindy Taylor



Wow! What a way to end the year 2022!

December was packed with the Drummer Boy presentation; the drive-thru Nativity advertised on Channel 2 news; the Catoosa parade taking BEST display of

Christmas Spirit; the Old Time Family Christmas; and closing out on Christmas Day with an intimate Candlelight Service to celebrate Jesus birth!

I have no idea where the Lord chooses to use us in the new

year of 2023, but I do know we have some really hard working brothers and sisters that love the Lord and people so I'm excited to see what He will have us do next.

Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.



OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

We had a great group of youth at the progressive dinner on Dec. 11. Big shout outs to Paula Shepard and Nicole Zugelder for hosting the appetizers and main course. The kids loved and appreciated your hospitality!

The next event is TBD at the moment! I will let the youth know as soon as we have something set!

If you have any other questions or concerns, please email me at: ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com



Welcome

New Members!

Les and Carol Braden

Curtis Green

Chris and Robin Whitlock

January Sermon Calendar

Jan. 1 — The Providence that Brings Us Together, Ruth 1

Jan. 8 — The Beauty of Godliness, Ruth 2

Jan. 15 — Caring for God's People, Ruth 3

Jan. 22 — What's More Important than a Wedding? Ruth 4

Jan. 29 — Contending for the Faith, Jude 1-4

January Van Schedule

Jan. 4 — Dawn Benson, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

Jan. 11 — Toney Robbins, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike Mayfield, Gail Mayfield

Jan. 18 — Dawn Benson, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Toney Robbins, Michelle Hill

Jan. 25 — Toney Robbins, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Brittaney Day, Michelle Hill

January 2023

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Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Robin Whitlock bday	Adult Game Day 11am; Brittaney Day bday	
8	9	10	11	12 Crafty Christians 10am; Cindy Johnson & Francis Orndorff bdays	13	14 Mindy Taylor bday
15 Nominating Committee meeting 5pm	16	17 Mary Ann Walker bday	18 Jeana Drew bday	19	20	21
22 Business Meeting, noon; Virginia Brannon bday	23	24 Brandon Drew & Kathleen Henry bdays	25	26 Crafty Christians 10am	27	28
29 Geraldine Higgins bday	30	31 Deby Nottingham bday				

Daily Bible Reading Plan To Read The Bible Through In 2023

January Bible Reading Plan

<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 1 - Ezra 1, Acts 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 8 - Ezra 8, Acts 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 16 - Neh 6, Acts 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 24 - Esth 1, Acts 24
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 2 - Ezra 2, Acts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 9 - Ezra 9, Acts 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 17 - Neh 7, Acts 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 25 - Esth 2, Acts 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 3 - Ezra 3, Acts 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 10 - Ezra 10, Acts 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 18 - Neh 8, Acts 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 26 - Esth 3, Acts 26
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 4 - Ezra 4, Acts 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 11 - Neh 1, Acts 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 19 - Neh 9, Acts 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 27 - Esth 4, Acts 27
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 5 - Ezra 5, Acts 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 12 - Neh 2, Acts 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 20 - Neh 10, Acts 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 28 - Esth 5, Acts 28
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 6 - Ezra 6, Acts 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 13 - Neh 3, Acts 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 21 - Neh 11, Acts 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 29 - Esth 6, Rom 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 7 - Ezra 7, Acts 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 14 - Neh 4, Acts 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 22 - Neh 12, Acts 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 30 - Esth 7, Rom 2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 15 - Neh 5, Acts 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 23 - Neh 13, Acts 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 31 - Esth 8, Rom 3

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4. Bearing with one another
5. In love
6. Endeavoring to keep the unity
7. In the bond of peace

Paul has just asked us to do something very difficult. He has said that when you find yourself in a conflict, check your own attitude first. You have the power of God to do what you otherwise could

not do. On your own, you might not be able to be humble and gentle and long-suffering toward that person. On your own, you might not be able to love that person and to be at peace with him or her. But with the power of the Holy Spirit within you, you can do what would be impossible otherwise.

Remember, Paul was writing to a very diverse church in Ephesus. It was made up of Jewish and Gentile believers who

could not get along no matter how hard they tried. In Ephesians 2, Paul called them to be a peace with each other. Now he tells them the first way how. He tells them it begins with their own attitudes. He lists seven of them here. And you know, although Paul is writing to Jewish and Gentile Christians in the 1st Century AD in Ephesus, we can apply this same principle to all of our present-day relationships.

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