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Attendance
December 3, 2017
Sunday School: 197
Worship Services:
10:40– 461

Contributions
December 3, 2017
General Budget:
\$40,862.81
Poinsettias & Beans:
\$355.00
Total Designated:
\$16,855.00

Attendance
December 10, 2017
Sunday School: 168
Worship Services:
10:40– 239

Contributions
December 10, 2017
General Budget:
\$25,350.80
Poinsettias & Beans:
\$1,020.00
Total Designated:
\$48,670.00

Attendance
December 17, 2017
Sunday School: 175
Worship Services:
10:40– 279

Contributions
December 17, 2017
General Budget:
\$27,586.90
Poinsettias & Beans:
\$640.00
Juliette Fowler: \$100.00
Total Designated:
\$21,740.00

This issue covers news
for the month of
January 2018



December has been a beautiful month filled with hope, peace, joy, love, and the presence of God. What a tremendous blessing it has been to celebrate the season of Advent and the birth of Christ together! Not only have we worshiped together each Sunday, but we worshiped one special Friday evening alongside the Child Development Center for the **Children's Christmas Night**. The children, ages 18 months- 4 years old, had prepared Christmas songs centered on the gift of Jesus to the world and were joined by our very own FCC Children's Ministry. After worship, all gathered in Kuykendall Hall to enjoy cookies & punch, and to have a special visit with Santa Claus. It was a blessed night for God's church. May He continue to receive all the glory.

New Year & New Semester Prayers at Bean Elementary!!

Let's help Bean kick off the Spring semester! If your schedule permits, we encourage anyone who can come, to meet at Bean Elementary (3001 Avenue N, Lubbock 79411) on Monday, January 8th at 3:45 p.m. This is the day that the teachers, staff, & students return from Christmas break. We will pray with the teachers—for them, the staff, and the children who attend Bean. **It won't last long, but we feel this is an amazing opportunity to support the teachers and connect with the entire staff at Bean.**

Bibles Babes Women's Bible Study in January **"Entrusted" by Beth Moore**



We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves.

In this 7-session Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness.

Join us in the Chapel Parlor on Monday nights at 7:00pm beginning on Monday, January 15th. Study books will be available to purchase for \$13.00.



Rev. Paul Carpenter
Senior Minister
paul@fclubbock.org

A Message From Rev. Carpenter

Join me as we reflect on 2017 and pray for 2018. I share in our gratitude for our church family. I cannot imagine life without a people who share faith in the **same Lord and a consistent concern for God’s work in Lubbock.** I don’t say this enough, but I love our church. Faith, hope, and love flow at FCC, and our roots are strong. Mercy and justice thrive here as well, and the outreach of the Church alone is something to be grateful for.

I also appreciate the diversity of the Church while enjoying the strength of our unity in the Holy Spirit. One sign of health is the ability to be generous with people who approach life differently. This year I saw this generosity flow where matters of taste meshed well with differing opinions. The joining of our worship body for the month of December shows the joy of our unity and the generosity of our more contemporary families to gather on tradition. Thank you.

2017 did not see the increase of membership that we’d seen in 2015 and 2016. We’re still a growing church, but our numeric growth slowed early in the year. 2017 was marked by two different moves in addition to growth: (1) The launching of small groups and an effort to add membership for our Sunday school classes; (2) A clarity on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that the God of the Bible is gracious, glorious, and demanding – He demands and provides perfection. Anyone who has faith in the **perfect work and person of Jesus Christ is counted as if we’ve never sinned.**

I believe 2018 will be marked by two primary additions. The FIRST is an evangelistic focus. As the year begins I will share more of my recent experiences with sharing the Gospel with an international student who was drawn to enter our church in December. I was embarrassed by how rarely I am involved in this, and simultaneously ignited to jump into a life of evangelism. Many of us are overwhelmed at the thought of sharing the basics of our God and His Gospel. 2018 will be marked with equipping and encouraging our membership to share our treasure with the diversity of people who are drawn to Lubbock from all over the world.

The SECOND move in 2018 is not a program, but the work of the Spirit of Christ. Elijah set an altar in 1 Kings 18 so that the fire of the Lord would have a place to land. Along with many other churches in Lubbock, I believe we are to take the things of God (Gospel, Bible, Sacraments, our Fellowship) and call out to the Lord to bring revival in our city. We prepare the altar and God alone can bring the quickening Spirit. One city-wide event is on March 25, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Jones Stadium. Pastors and church leaders are gathering the Church of Lubbock (50,000 is our goal) for a **night of prayer and singing. Spirit revival most notably includes the “normal” operations of the Holy Spirit: an increase in conversions, conviction of sin, assurance of our salvation, and a maturing toward holiness.**

Given these two additions, I’m asking the Church to take January 14 through February 3, 2018 as a time of fasting and praying. Our fast does not move God into action, but it does build a greater hunger in the Church so that we can feast when **God acts. It’s like skipping breakfast on Thanksgiving Day – it’s a smart move! As we remember 2017 and lean into 2018, may we do so with the assurance of God’s grace and glory that we know in Jesus Christ.**

Happy New Year!

“THE LIGHT” is published monthly January—December
Managing Editor: Crystal Vinson.
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“The Light” is mailed.
“The Light” informs members of congregational news/activities.

IS YOUR “LIGHT” LATE?
If this issue is not delivered to you by Saturday, call Crystal at the church, 763-1995 or e-mail her at crystal@fclubbock.org

Next Issue:
January 25, 2018 (February Issue)
Next Deadline:
Thursday, January 18th

Hurricane Harvey Response

SPRING 2018



When Hurricane Harvey came ashore, the Category 4 storm hit Rockport first and caused considerable damage.

As the storm moved inland torrential rains continued for days and flooded many areas in Houston and Pearland.

We will begin putting together a team of volunteers to take to Houston and help rebuild as well as love on the people and families who have been

affected by this storm. Dates and information are still being put together but if you feel your heart being pulled to help please contact Jonna Russell, 325.374.4004.

Overseas Mission Opportunities

In the heart of the Caribbean, there are a number of islands which conjure up images of majestic skies, towering mountains, golden beaches, blue water and flocks of tourists. However, one island is much different and has been in serious peril for decades. With a population of over ten million people, Haiti is one of the least developed countries in the world and is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Because of the widespread poverty, many cannot afford to send their children to primary school. Only 73% will complete the six years of primary school and will do it in an average of sixteen years. Only 15% of the children will complete secondary school. The adult literacy rate is only 60%.



The people of Haiti desperately need your help to overcome the challenges of both physical and spiritual poverty. **Through the work of the Haiti Bible Mission and Mission of Hope, the lives of many Haitian's are renewed, and the burden of the Haitian people is lightened by the love of Jesus Christ.**

There are 2 opportunities for you to help:

PHYSICAL POVERTY:

Haiti Construction Mission Work

FEBRUARY 2018

Lal Williams will be putting together a short-term mission team that will work alongside Haitian pastors and Haitian construction teams through construction projects needed in the Haitian villages. Must be 18 or older to participate in this trip.

SPIRITUAL POVERTY:

Haiti Evangelism Mission Trip

SUMMER 2018

Every year, Mission of Hope hosts thousands of mission trip participants from around the world. Teams participate by serving in one of the 12 villages where we partner with the local Haitian churches. In seeking to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the villages, two primary strategies have been developed to reach every man, woman, and child – Strategic Village Time and Church Advancement Projects.

ALL ages welcome but children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian.

FMI regarding either of these trips please contact Lal Williams, 806.283.0339

Upcoming January Gatherings & Meetings...

- ◇ **Bible Babes Women's Bible Study**, Every Monday Evening (Beginning January 15th), 7:00pm, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ **CMF Weekly Men's Breakfast**, Every Tuesday Morning, 7:00am, Cast Iron Grill, 620 19th St
- ◇ College & Career Bible Study & Dinner, Every Tuesday Evening (Beginning January 23rd), 6:30pm, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ Noon Bible Study, Every Wednesday Afternoon, 12:10-12:50pm, Family Life Center (No Study December 27th)
- ◇ Oasis Book Club, Thursday, January 4th, 7:00pm, Contact Church Office for Location
- ◇ God Fathers, Friday, January 5th, 6:30am, Cast Iron Grill, 620 19th St
- ◇ Keenagers Program & Luncheon, Friday, January 5th, 10:30am, Kuykendall Hall
- ◇ Finance Committee, Monday, January 8th, 11:45am, Conference Room
- ◇ Mary/Martha CWF, Tuesday, January 9th, 9:30am, Chapel Parlor
- ◇ CWF 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner, **Tuesday, January 9th, 6:00pm, Orlando's on S. Loop 289 & Indiana**
- ◇ Deborah CWF, Thursday, January 11th, 7:00pm
- ◇ Foundation, Tuesday, January 16th, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- ◇ South Plains Food Bank Food Vouchers Issued, Wednesday, January 17th, 9am-12pm, Church Office
- ◇ Lubbock Music Club, Friday, January 19th, 9:00am, Chapel/Chapel Parlor



Keenagers in January!

Fellowship for Members & Friends Who Are 50+

Tillie Pierce Alleman was a 15 year old school girl in Gettysburg, PA in 1863. When she heard the frightening news that the Confederate Army was approaching, she was sent home from class only to witness the fearful events of the Battle of Gettysburg as recorded in her 1888 novel.

Join us on Friday, January 5th at 10:30am, in Kuykendall Hall as Tillie **recalls and shares her experiences with us! Really! You won't want to miss this!** Afterwards, we will enjoy a delicious catered lunch for \$10.00/person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or call the church office at 763-1995 no later than Wednesday, January 3rd.

CWF 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Dinner!

All women of FCC are invited to join together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at **Orlando's** Italian Restaurant on the S. Loop & Indiana. The next gathering will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018. This is sure to be a time of delicious food, fabulous fun, & wonderful fellowship!!



God Fathers!

God fathers is a monthly time for Christian men to remember the Gospel as it concerns our marriage and our parenting. Join us on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 a.m. Our next gathering will be Friday, January 5, 2018. We will meet at Cast Iron Grill located at 620 19th Street. Wake up, grab some coffee, and join us!!

CWF Deborah Bible Study Group

The Deborah CWF Bible study group collected and delivered 79 lbs. of non-perishable food items to the South Plains Food Bank. This group collected these items during their last gathering on December 14th. A special thanks goes to Dave and Dawn Bender for delivering the food to the food bank.

Trust and Entrust . . . Marilyn Wragg

Do you wonder what this New Year might bring? Are you looking ahead with hope, anxiety, or some of both?

As we enter 2018, there is no lack of turmoil. Highlighted in the daily news, upheaval pervades all levels of life. With so much uncertainty in our world and personal lives, it is tempting to let worry overcome our hearts—especially when specific uncertainties directly impact people we love.

To counteract these dangers, toils, and snares, consider adopting two watchwords for 2018: *trust* and *entrust*. By *trust*, I mean actively placing our faith in God. By *entrust*, I mean releasing those we love into **God's care. The order of these two actions is critical, because we must absolutely trust God before we will entrust to Him our loved ones.**

The question becomes: how can we more consistently trust and entrust?

It is essential to reaffirm our trust in God every single day, and as often throughout each day as worries surface. First and foremost, ask your Heavenly Father every day for faith to trust and entrust. Then, be intentional to focus on things that build trust in God; the scriptures shown are good examples. Make sure you more than balance secular **input that breeds anxiety with reminders of God's love and faithfulness**, which build peace. When anxiety does strike, take a deep breath and pray, *"This alarms me because... But God, my trust is in You."* When worries over a loved one surface, tell God how you feel and entrust that loved one to Him; *"God, I am so worried about ___; I know you love him. Help me entrust her to You."*

We cannot control most circumstances that cause anxiety. Nor do we possess power to protect our loved ones from all of life's snares. But we do have a Father Who reigns over everything (Psalm 47:8), for Whom nothing is too hard (Jeremiah 32:17), and with Whom all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

It would seem the wisest thing God's children can do is intentionally to choose in all things to trust and entrust. Then, pray daily that God will enable us to do so.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. *Psalm 20:7*

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. *Isaiah 26:3*

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that thrusts its roots to the stream. When the heat comes, it feels no alarm; its leaves stay green. It has no worries in a season of drought and never ceases to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

A copy of the January 2018 Prayer Calendar can be picked up in the church office. You can also find it online on our website at: www.fcclubbock.org.



A Special Thank You...

A special thank you goes to all who donated money, all who wrapped books, and all who distributed the books to the students at Bean Elementary on Friday, December 15th. Through your generosity, we were able to bring a smile and a little bit of Christmas cheer to over 550 children in our community. Without you, none of this would be possible. The words "Thank you" can't express our appreciation enough!

Joys & Concerns of our Church Family & Friends...

Military News & Concerns

Lt. Brant Brock- Japan
son-in-law of
Brenda Hendricks
Currently deployed on a ship

Lt Heath Brown
Millington, TN- grandson of
Flo Brown

Christopher Colgrove
nephew of Laurie Williams

Lieutenant Colonel
Ethan Diven
Anchorage, AK
husband & father of
Sabrina, Jacob & Kendall
and son-in-law of
Jerry & Brenda Stanfield

Ryan Mansell
grandson of Jim Bales

1st Lt Nicholas Swanson
USAF, Tinker AFB,
Oklahoma City, OK
grandson of
Virginia Myers Dorman

Capt. Nathaniel Swanson
USMC, Oceana Naval Station,
Virginia Beach, VA
grandson of
Virginia Myers Dorman

*If you desire to add one of
your family members to our
military list, please contact
the church office at 763-1995.*

*We unite with you in your happiness, comfort you in sorrow, and pray for your concerns.
NOTE: If you do not wish for your name to be in our hospital list or prayer concerns,
notify the church office.*

Bill Dean- *Covenant Heart Center*
Margaret Merrell-*Crown Point*

We lift up in prayer our friends and family struggling with ongoing medical issues:

Members: Robbie Bedker, Bud Reeds, Sandra Foster, Bob Lawless, Randell Resneder,
Jan Sanders

Friends: Jeff Adkins, Paul Bush, Bear Bock, Katelyn Harlow, Delmon Hilton, Al Horton,
Ron King, Frank Limon, Chris Mackey, Leroy Montoya, Michelle Vega

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers:

Jim Bales, JoAnn Brown, Tom Chavez, Al Crossland, Kenneth Davis, Tommy Davis,
Frances Evans, Carolyn Gunter, Margaret Ingraham, Cara Irvin, Margaret Kennedy,
Jerry McKinney, Ruby Power, Herbie Vannoy, Virginia Vincent, Marty Wells

It is a joy to report those dismissed from the hospital throughout the past month.
We continue to pray for them as they recover at home:

Kay Greer, Margaret Kennedy

Our Deepest Sympathy...

We lift up Sherilyn Toelle in the passing of her father, Harry Garrison. Harry passed from this life on December 11, 2017. Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 15th in Shamrock, TX.

We lift up Gordon Blome in the passing of his brother, Gary Blome. Gary passed from this life on December 20, 2017 in Lockhart, TX.



Baby Bundles

*Samuel Desmond Dulaney was born on December 5th.
He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. The proud parents are
Cole and Suzanne Dulaney from Dallas, Texas. The proud
Grandparents are Brian & Claire Dulaney and Anne Sweazy.*



Baby Dedication

A Baby Dedication is a time of joy and commitment. Parents dedicate their babies during worship and personally commit themselves to nurture their children in a Christian home and to raise their children in this manner. The Sihaloho Family along with the family at First Christian Church, made this commitment to Annika Sihaloho on Sunday, December 3, 2017.



Granting wishes to kids with life-threatening medical conditions and giving them more than an amazing experience. A wish come true has the power to make kids feel stronger, more courageous, and more determined to overcome their illnesses. Many families and healthcare providers believe the wish experience is the turning point in a wish kid's battle against their illness.

Lubbock is in desperate need of volunteers for the Make-A-Wish. Make-A-Wish staff is reaching out to FCC to help recruit community members to become involved and help grant a local child's wish. A *Wish Granter* will meet with the child and his/her family to help determine the child's most heartfelt wish, while planning special enhancements throughout the wish process. *Wish Granters* work in teams of two alongside Make-A-Wish staff to ensure every eligible child's wish comes true.

If this sounds like a ministry you, you and your family, or you and a friend would be interested in, please contact Jonna for more information. 325.374.4004

"Together we can help grant the true heartfelt wish of every eligible child."

Thank you...

"Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, kind words and hugs received at the passing of my Daddy, Cullen Bobo. Steve & I are so blessed to have such a loving church family and especially to have the Seeker's Sunday School in our lives!! God bless! Peggy DeHay

December 3, 2017 "Dear First Christian Church Family,

I wanted to write a personal note to you expressing my gratitude for the love extended to me and to my family during the death of my beloved husband, H.V. It is at times like this that one can see the love of Christ in action and in each of you. The visits, hugs, encouragement, meals, notes, and prayers of this church family have given me confidence that we can and will move forward. My family is so grateful for your kindness. Love and Blessings, Jo Ann and The H.V. Newman, Jr. Family."

December 8, 2017 "Dear Staff and Members of First Christian Church, Lubbock, Texas, Please forgive the lateness of this note. It has been a busy time for our family. We wish to thank all of you deeply for all of the love and support you have shown to Truett, and to us, his family, in his final years in Texas. Thanks to you, he found a home and family away from his immediate relatives, whom he left behind in California when he moved to Wolfforth in 2004. You have supported and sustained him, and given him the priceless gift of a place to be himself. The beautiful memorial service that was held for him at your church in late September was one that would have made him very proud to have been one of you during his years there. We do not have the words to fully express our appreciation. Wishing the best of everything to you and yours, and to First Christian Church. We are gratefully yours, The Jeff, Michael, & Dan Tyler Families.

Welcome New Members!!

We joyfully welcome the newest members of our family of faith
at First Christian Church.

Hendra, Sophia and Annika Sihaloho placed their membership through Profession of Faith and Derek Jerezano placed his membership through Transfer of Membership on Sunday, December 3rd.

WELCOME!!

KID-VENTURE AT FCC!

January 4th and 5th

9am to 2pm

Do the kids need something to do during Christmas break?

We will go to the Science Spectrum Thursday and the movies Friday. We will have games and lots of fun in store for these two days of KID- VENTURE. Ages 5 and up. RSVP to Holly at holly@fcclubbock.org by January 1st. Have your child bring a sack lunch both days! Suggested donation is \$20.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wordsearch

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.



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| FIREWORKS | GATHERING | INVITATION |
| JANUARY | MIDNIGHT | NOISEMAKER |
| PARTY | RESOLUTION | TRADITION |





Golden Calves?

by Derek Jerezano

Christmas, a beautiful season. A season that is filled with service, joy, cheer, **gratefulness, giving, kindness, warmness, and last but not least... Golden Calves?** Yes, you read it right. Golden Calves, as in Idols, have distracted us from what the true meaning in Christmas is. So often I find myself falling victim to unintentional idolatry by thinking I am honoring God by being filled with all the good feelings. Notice I said good; that is because these things are good. These are not bad emotions, but when we choose to not permit these tendencies and behaviors to be built on God and His wishes, we corrupt the true meaning of Christmas and all associated with it. This Christmas season, let us restore the meaning of advent and give glory to the One we have to thank for it all.

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SPRING CALENDAR 2017

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- 4th-5th: Winter Hangouts
- 24th: Faith In Action
Service project TBA
6pm-7:30pm
- 31st: Experience!
Popcorn, drinks, a movie, and Gospel discussion.

- 5th: LISD Lunch Out
Join us for lunch at Chick-fil-a on Slide @ 12pm. Bring \$10. Transportation available upon request.
- 28th: Faith in Action
Service project TBA
6pm-7:30pm

- 15th-17th: Spring Retreat!
Details pending - \$75
- 28th: Faith in Action
Service project TBA
6pm-7:30pm
- 30th: Southcrest/New Deal/
Frenship Lunch Out

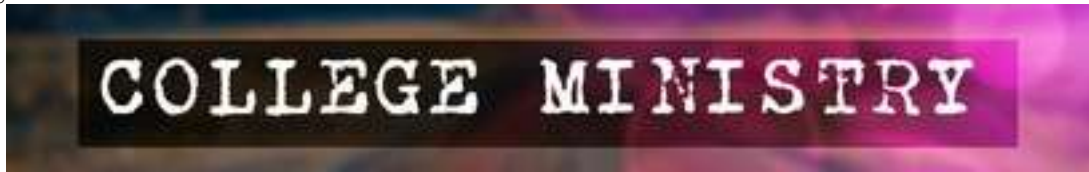
Weekly:
Sunday Youth
Every Sunday in the Youth Room
10:15am-11:15am
Home Church
Every Wednesday; 6-7:30pm

"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." -Ephesians 6:13-17

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Hearing from God

This entire Fall semester we spoke about LOVE. A real forever love that is hard for us to understand today because love has been misused and misguided.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus said these were the two greatest commandments but somehow through out history we began focusing on the 2nd and forgot about the first. Loving your neighbor without loving God becomes forced, fake, and overwhelming.

I have heard many say they are burnt out. Who has ever heard of being burnt out over loving people?! Love is giving and receiving. God gives us mercy, grace, and forgiveness and wants us to receive these gifts; as well as give him our heart, obey him and trust him.

My prayer has and will always be that these students continue to build in their relationship with the Lord. The last weeks leading up to the end of Fall semester we studied some of the greatest teachings of Jesus. In a crowd where a woman was accused of committing adultery and would be stoned to death for her sin, Jesus challenged the crowd to throw the stone if they themselves had never sinned. The crowd dropped their stone **and walked away. Don't judge someone because their sin is different then yours.**

In a crowd Jesus laid his hand upon a woman that had been bent over with disease for 18 years. For those 18 years all she could see was the dirt on the ground. After Jesus embraced her she straightened up and for the **first time this woman could see into Jesus' eyes. She saw the crowd. She saw their pain, hurt, shame, pride, guilt, and sin.** This woman and the crowd were changed that day. They were set free. Freedom is laying your secrets down at the cross.

In a crowded home where people gathered around this man called Jesus, four friends carried their paralyzed friend to Jesus. When there was no room in the house they did not give up; they climbed to the roof of the house carrying their friend and began digging through the roof. They then laid their friend at the feet of Jesus. **Because of their faith this paralyzed man's sins were forgiven and he was able to walk. Would you do what it takes to get someone to Jesus?**

Do you carry a stone? Do you throw stones? Are you so bound by your own sins that you spend your day pointing out the sins of others? Are you willing to let Jesus hold you in order for him to show you God?

In this very church we have people from all over, with different backgrounds, different stories, different interests and dislikes. We have people from divorced families, who have been divorced, single parents, families, and with parents who have been happily married for years; people who have been raised in a church, forced to go to church, those who have been hurt from the church, or some who may just now be stepping foot in a church. We are the crowd! Are you willing to let Jesus show you God?

Hearing from God is not all that difficult. In fact you heard from Him already and that's why you are here!
The problem is not God, it is that we stop listening.

God showed Elijah miracle after miracle but when his life was at risk he ran and hid. We expect God to show up in these huge miraculous ways through signs and storms. But when God showed up to Elijah he did not show **up in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. He spoke to Elijah in a “gentle whisper.”**

This New Year, recognize God, the God that lives within you, the God that loves you, the God that is always **speaking to you, it just may be a gentle whisper. Sit in silence, yes it's uncomfortable or you don't have time,** but do it anyway because God is there and He is speaking to you. Don't trust in your ability to hear Him, trust in **God's ability to speak! “Be still and know that I am God”**

Join me every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Room 208

Food for Thought, college bible study and dinner, will return Tuesday, January 23rd @ 6:30 pm!

WHO
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Jonna Russell

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Scott Hall

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Marlene Hutton

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Crystal Vinson

“Light” News Articles:
Crystal Vinson

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Jonna Russell

Memorials:
Marlene Hutton/
Crystal Vinson

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Brittney Hardin

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January 5

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Mary Jo McGrew

Kathy Perkins

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January 12

Jerry McKinney

Michael Armstrong

January 14

Nan Young

Charlotte Watson

Richard Wilhelm

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January 17

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