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“WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST”

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross **W**alk,

Happy New Year! With the coming of a new year many think in terms of resolutions; ways in which they may improve their quality of life or perhaps considering how they may shed unwanted habits while establishing constructive more beneficial patterns for living.

Some will rely on their own determination and conviction only to find their initial enthusiasm waning and old habits creeping back in while their good intentions remain simply that...intentions.

Daniel Schreiner of Portland, Oregon received a promotional flyer from a local fitness gym which was calling for people to declare the new year, “The Year of You!” It read: *“The New Year is just around the corner and you’re either going to own the year OR the year is going to own you. It’s 100% your choice. It’s in your hands. That’s the first thing. Simply by taking all of the responsibility and putting it on your shoulders you become empowered.”*

“Next, you take that feeling of empowerment...of invincibility...the feeling that you can run through a brick wall, and you take action. You take action like you’ve never taken action before. You become prolific. You become consistent. And you let no obstacle stand in your way...no matter what. No more pity parties. No more whining about anything. YOU are in control! You!”

I have but one thing to say in response to that: **Hogwash!** You are not in control. While attitude is certainly important, our attitude is to be one of gratitude to God. He is in control and we look to Him to direct our paths and lead us in the way we should go.

Psalm 90 is a prayer of Moses — described in the heading of the psalm as “a man of God.” And what does this man of God advise us to consider? **“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”** (v. 12).

This is not the year of you...it is the year of our Lord. May we live each day for what it is...a gift from God. We rely on Him for His wisdom that we may live rightly and in a way that pleases our Maker. To God be the glory!



*Your brother and fellow Servant
in the Lord,*

Kirk



Messages for the Month

January 07, 2018 - *Matthew 3:13 - 17* "The Baptism of the Son of Man" Baptism of the Lord - Communion

January 14, 2018 - *1 Samuel 3:1 - 10* - "Samuel's Revelation" - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2018 - *Psalms 62:5 - 12* - "Famous Last Words" - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2018 - *Mark 1:21 - 28* - "The Holy One of God" - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

Child Care Director: Linda Odle

Music Director: Joshua Jordan

Director of Children's Ministries:
Anna Baker

Class of 2018:

Donna Carter, Matt Peterson &
Greg Waldrop

Class of 2019:

John Carson, Dale Lutton &
Courtney Scollard

Class of 2020:

Carol Jordan, Jim Slyman &
Maurice Brier



BIRTHDAYS



John Wilkerson - 3rd
Ricardo Gracia - 6th
Elliott Cecil - 16th
Bobbie Bales - 22nd
Judy Campbell - 30th



Jane & Ricardo Gracia 1st



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Kids Crossing with Jim Odle

January 07: Travis Baker
January 14: Stan Fletcher
January 21: Debbie Lutton
January 28: Jeremy Cecil



Preschool Room with Linda Odle:

January 07: Courtney Scollard
January 14: Lindsay Rosa
January 21: Carol Jordan
January 28: Jeanne Cecil

If you **cannot** work your scheduled time, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. **When you know you can't work in the**

nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to jlodle@comcast.net or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!

Babies/Toddlers & Kids Crossing Children

Come love on the youngest members of our church family. You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose to help with the babies/toddlers/preschool or Kids Crossing children. You can pick-up a FREE CD of the complete service before you leave church.

To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information



Your Prayers are needed for The Good News Club at New Hopewell Elementary



We really need more helpers. If you think you are interested, please talk to *Linda Odle, Carolyn Carson, Laine Donnell, or Pastor Kirk.* Better yet, come visit the GNC (Good News Club)! We meet on Wednesdays, 2:00pm until 4:30pm. We need to have more helpers. Please contact Linda Odle at 690-9358. We can use your help.

The school also needs *breakfast bars, pop tarts* and other quickie breakfast foods to give to the children who are late and haven't had anything to eat. ***School supplies are always needed anytime during the school year.***



**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

CrossWalk Café



Our next Cafe' will be **January 7, 2018**. After the feasting of the holiday season, we'll be enjoying a little *lighter* fare: *soup and salad*. It may be a bit chilly outside but the warmth of good fellowship inside will be a real blessing. Please come and join us around the table as we enjoy being a part of the family of God.

*The approval of the Lord
matters more than the
applause of man.*

THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!

The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you. Please remember that you are NOT responsible for providing breakfast for everyone.* This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure

and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

**The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.*

**SUNDAY MORNING
Refreshment Schedule**

January 2018

Jane & Ricardo Gracia 579-0899
Regina Miller 207-7097

February 2018

Fran & Marshall Mckenna 963-9152
Brenda & Steve Clabo 546-4830

March 2018

Anna & Travis Baker 609-1854
Courtney & Matt Scollard 789-1999
Greg Waldrop 598-0108



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or men's/women's room supplies, **please let us know by;** (1) **noting what is needed on the bulletin board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies and (2) noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms** so that supplies can be replenished **before**

they are completely out. If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!



Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of various activities. There are photos of **JAM** (Jesus and Me children's ministry), church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is www.crosswalkepc.org.



CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE

Jan 03 – Jan 06 – Beth Ferguson w
Cathy Tolbert

Jan 10 – Dec 13 – Brad & Lisa
Brummett

Jan 17 – Jan 20 – Brad & Lisa
Brummett



If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.



Psalm 62



Psalms 62:5

My soul, wait thou only upon God. Compare the opening words of the psalm, which are nearly identical. For my expectation is from him. "Expectation" here takes the place of "salvation" in Psalms 62:1. Otherwise there is no difference. The God who has given salvation in the past is the Being from whom it is expected in the future.

Psalms 62:6

He only is my Rock and my Salvation; he is my Defense; I shall not be moved. Identical with Psalms 62:2, except in the omission of the single word "greatly." The psalmist's confidence has increased. He feels now that, whatever his enemies may attempt, he will not be shaken at all.

Psalms 62:7

In God is my salvation and my glory. The last phrase is new. The psalmist feels that the God who saves him, at the same time sheds on him glory and honour. The Rock of my strength, and my Refuge, is in God (comp. Psalms 9:9; Psalms 57:2; Psalms 94:22, etc.).

Psalms 62:8

Trust in him at all times, ye people. It is characteristic of David to join the "people" with himself in all his fears and in all his hopes. Even at the worst times, God had always some faithful ones in Israel—a "remnant" (Isaiah 1:9); and men of this

sort clung to David through all his perils, and were sufficiently numerous to constitute a "people" (see 2 Samuel 18:1-6). Pour out your heart before him (comp. Psalms 42:4; Psalms 142:2, etc.): God is a Refuge for us (comp. Psalms 62:7).

Psalms 62:9-12

"Here the psalmist becomes didactic" (Professor Cheyne). He encourages the faithful, and warns the wicked, by the declaration that men of every sort "are but vanity"—have no strength, no permanence—while power belongs only to God. Those who "oppress" and "rob" are, consequently, not to be feared—there is no strength in riches—God alone determines the issues of things. Unto him belongs mercy, or loving kindness—a quality which leads him not only to forgive men their transgressions, but to "reward" them, when, by his assisting grace, they have done good works.

Psalms 62:9

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie; rather, only vanity—or, nought but vanity—are men of low degree; common men, as we call them—mere sons of Adam. This is too evident for dispute; but, in the view of the psalmist, this is not the worst. "Men of high degree" (beney ish) are no better—they are "a lie"—an unreality—a fading, false illusion. To be laid in the balance; rather, in the balance, they go up (Hupfeld, Ewald Hitzig, Revised Version). They are altogether lighter than vanity; or, altogether made out of vanity (Kay); i.e. there is no substance, no solidity, in them.

Psalms 62:10

Trust not in oppression (comp. Psalms 62:3). The class that supported Absalom was the class of oppressors in Israel, whom David kept under and

restrained as far as possible. The writer warns them against trusting in their power to oppress, since such strength as they have is not their own, but lent

them by God. And become not vain in robbery; or, rely not vainly on robbery (Kay). Do not suppose that God will allow you to continue oppressing and robbing. Such a belief is a vain illusion. If riches increase, set not your heart upon them. Even when wealth accumulates naturally, and not as the result of ill-doing, it is not a thing to be trusted or set store by.

Psalms 62:11

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this (comp. Job 33:14). When a thing is spoken twice, then assurance is made doubly sure. That power belongeth unto God. God, i.e; is the only ultimate Source of all power.

Psalms 62:12

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy; or, loving kindness. "Of Divine power all nature speaks; the knowledge of God's mercy rests mainly on revelation" (Kay). For thou renderest to every man according to his work. When God rewards well doing, it is Still of his mercy, since no man can claim that he deserves reward.



Happy New Year



Welcome new CrossWalk family members

JOHN & KARIN MORTON AND BEN & BECKY BAKER
JOINED THE CHURCH OCTOBER 8, 2017 BY A REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH.



BEN & BECKY KARIN & JOHN

John and Karin enjoy hiking, biking, reading and playing games. John also has interest in photography and film, while Karin likes gardening and crocheting. The Mortons reside at 4811 Rowan Road #1 Knoxville, TN. 37912.

Ben is a former truck driver who has interests in cooking, fishing and firearms. **Becky** plays piano, is an avid reader and enjoys singing and drama. The Bakers address is 1722 Serene Way Knoxville, TN. 37920.



Please add their names and addresses to your directory.

