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A Year Without Fear

Happy New Year to everyone! My thought for this month is based on a Bible study, Bro. Ronnie Sivells, my pastor (even though he claims I'm not there enough to call him my pastor). Anyway, Bro. Ronnie spoke a few Wednesday nights ago about "FEAR." While I was listening to him talk about the angel telling Zacharias "Not to fear" Luke 1:13, Mary "Not to fear" Luke 1:30 and the Shepherds "Not to fear" in Luke 2:10, my mind was taken back to a message from Dr. Adrian Rogers on fear. His title (I think) was "A Year Without Fear."

Could you imagine a year without fear? An entire year, a new year, entered without any fear whatsoever! Paul told Timothy in **1 Tim. 1:7** "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*"

Fear doesn't come from God. We should live every year without fear. Dr. Rogers used (**Hebrews 13:5-6**) "*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*"

Most of us are afraid of the unknown and none of us have any clue as to what this NEW year is going to bring. We really do not. Dr. Rogers told the story of some men who were on a leaky old ship, in the middle of a rough and stormy sea. And they were fearful for their lives. They didn't know whether they were going to sink or not. So, one of them went in to see the captain and said, "*Captain, are we safe?*" He said, "Well, I'll put it to you this way." He said, "*The boilers on this ship are very weak and may explode at any moment.*" He said, "*Also, the ship is very old, and she's taking on water.*" So, he said, "*To be very honest with you, we may have an explosion, or we may sink.*" He said, "*We may go up, or we may go down, but at any rate, we are going on.*" And that's the way we are as we face this new year dear friend. Jesus may come, we may go up. We may die, and go down and then up, but at any rate we are going on. Isn't that true. We're going on. We're facing a brand-new year, and we don't know what it's going to bring.

Some folks make resolutions about weight or something health-wise for the new year. I read the other day a truth that I need to learn, "*People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.*" Henry Ward Beecher said, "*Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past.*"

Hebrews 13:5 has been a "truth" I have held to for many years. Learning to be content with such as I have and knowing that my LORD will never leave me or forsake me. However, may verse 6 be a truth we hold to for this new year... "*The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear*"

I don't know what Tomorrow Holds, but I know Who holds Tomorrow.

In Christ,
Bro. Bobby





January Calendar of Events

- 1– New Year’s Day (Office Closed)
- 8– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15– Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
- 22– Revelation Study with Dr. Don Mathis, 6:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,094.01	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	861.96	
Canton	853.44	250.00
Cerulean	0	
Crossroads	100.00	
Delmont	0	
Donaldson Creek	675.24	
East Cadiz	773.10	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	770.66	
Locust Grove	936.00	
Maple Grove	350.00	
New Hope	173.29	
New Jerusalem	561.11	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	180.00	
Ponderosa	560.40	
Rock Front	0	
Rocky Ridge	450.00	
South Union	365.85	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	200.00	
Total	<u>10,355.06</u>	<u>250.00</u>
		10,605.06
Interest NOW Acc.	<u>3.22</u>	
Deaf Ministry		250.00

Subtotals	10,358.28	<u>250.00</u>
Total income		<u>\$10,608.28</u>
Monthly expense		<u>\$13,235.38</u>

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	29,629.93
Interest Received	3.22
Gifts	10,536.25
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(13,539.73)
Ending Balance	\$26,429.67
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 1/25/23	

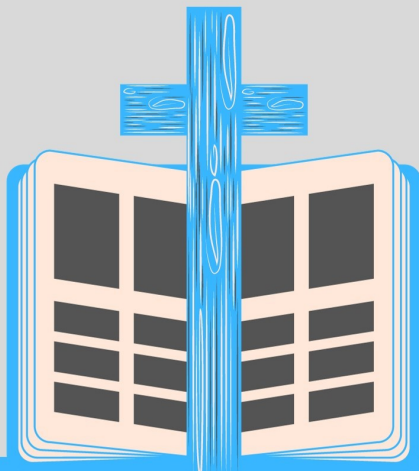
Please RSVP by Jan.8th

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***Revelation:
Things Hereafter***

Taught by Dr. Don Mathis
All are welcome!

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024
MEAL @6PM | STUDY 6:30-8:30PM



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Pam Mitchell– 3
Chris Downing– 15
Daniel Colley– 19