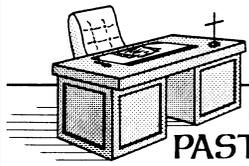


# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of us have resolutions that we make at this time of year. Every time a new year begins, we look at it as a kind of "do-over." Isn't it great that God is the inventor of "do-overs?" He gives us the message of Jesus or the Gospel that Paul says "is the power of salvation for those who believe." In other words, even people who don't know anything about God or even want to know anything about Him can come into a relationship with Him so that they can live with Him in eternity!



The church has been given the special responsibility of reaching others with this great news. In 2 Corinthians 4:7, Paul tells us that this treasure (the Gospel) is contained in earthen vessels so that God's power would be shown. What He is saying there is that it is those of us

(earthen vessels) who have been saved by the Gospel, who possess this treasure and that we need to give this treasure to others through the power of God!



This year we are moving forward with a theme and this theme will be the first series of 2016. The theme is "Winning the World." Through the power of Christ we are moving forward to win others to Jesus. Along with this commission to win others is to teach them so that they can become instruments that God can use for His purpose.

So, along with winning others to Him, we are going to begin more groups that can teach and encourage others to come to Him!

This year is one that will set the pace for many years to come!

In Christ,

**DISCIPLE**  
INTO THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD



## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday  
January 17, 2015  
1:00 p.m.

The meeting will follow a noon, fellowship-covered dish lunch in the Family Center. Please bring your own table service and a meal to share. Beverages will be provided.

### CHAIRMEN

Your reports are due in the church office by the first week of January.

### THE DANIEL PLAN: 40 Days to a Healthier Life By Rick Warren and Dr. Daniel Amen

For those interested, we are starting the Daniel Plan in the Family Center on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Tom or Laurel Neis for more information and the starting time.

### What is The Daniel Plan?

The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on The Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. The program offers an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people get better together by optimizing their health in each of these life areas. Each essential supports and influences the others, offering a practical step-by-step approach for anyone to follow.

The essentials of Faith and Friends are what we call the "secret sauce" that makes The Daniel Plan so effective. The program benefits are accelerated when done in a supportive community of friends because God designed us to thrive in relationships. We have learned that the process of getting healthy and staying healthy relies on the support and encouragement of friends. With the support of God and your group, you have far more than willpower helping you to make positive changes so you can be consistent and sustain your new healthy lifestyle.

The overarching message of The Daniel Plan is about abundance, not deprivation, and this is why the plan is both transformational and sustainable. The Daniel Plan teaches a step-by-step approach and offers simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle. Throughout the program you are encouraged to rely on God's power, and the application of dependable biblical principles.

# Is It Better To Die? Job 1:1-4



*After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. And Job said “Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night which said, ‘A man-child is conceived.’ Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it.*

When we start reading the book of Job, we find everything is going his way. God is blessing him and prospering him in everything he does. Even his family is enjoying God has given. Job is full of appreciation and thanksgiving. But now, circumstances change and Job’s attitude is changing as well. Why? God want to show Job He’s still with him in spite of the changes going on around him.



As we enter a new year and reflect back on 2015, it may seem like a life filled with many troubles and heartaches. We, like Job, may not even want to go on because life has been too difficult to endure. It may even seem better if we should die and get it over with. REALLY!?! I’ve been talking with someone that feels just like Job. He thinks God has quit listening. God has abandoned him, or even worse, maybe God never existed at all.

Job hasn’t spiraled down so far that he is willing to curse God directly, but he has come to a place where he no longer wants to be remembered in his old age. To Job, life has become so miserable he longs for death itself. I do not think anything is harder for us to bear than unexplained trouble. To complicate matters even more, when those closest to us try and explain our trouble is a life that is lived in a way that displeases God, when we know that just isn’t true.



Job is looking back on the day of his birth, although he cannot change it he says, “May the anniversary of it be ignored.” His life has become so miserable that he longs for death. Even all that he has enjoyed in the past has no value. The problem that Job is having here is he has a warped perspective on why he has been placed on this earth. Job now is contemplating the question, why he didn’t just die at birth?

Job has a third question, “Why can’t I just die now? Does my life have any purpose at all? What use is a life that is so filled with misery? If my life only produces pain and suffering, and anguish, then it would be better for it to just end now.” Many people feel that way. You may be one of those people. But we need to see that life can still be full of meaning and purpose, even if we don’t understand some of the circumstances God allows in our lives. Life isn’t only for enjoyment and times of pleasing ourselves. We don’t have any right to demand that we be given a self-centered existence. If the coming of our Savior has taught us anything, we are to live for one another. When we start giving ourselves to someone or something else, then it frees us to have purpose and meaning. The question for us; do we receive life as a gift from God and daily thank Him for what comes our way whether enjoyable or not? The Book of Job teaches us that life still can have meaning even when life looks useless.



Paul handled a bad conscience in Acts by submitting himself to the Spirit of God. **So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward God and toward men. Acts 24:16 (RSV)**

We all can praise our Heavenly Father for sending us His Son so we can experience life-giving purpose all year long. May this New Year 2016 bring a sense of purpose and peace that passes all understanding. As a maturing Christian, we no longer define ourselves by our sin or the sin committed against us, but by who God declares us to be. **Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing . . . (Jude 24 ESV)**

Live life as a gift,

Ted Buckley

Let us love one another



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Robert Courter – following his passing  
Don & Carol Nitzsche & family – following her father's passing  
Family of Dennis Warner – Dawn Schnoor's father – following his passing  
Family of Bobbie Johnson – following her passing  
Family of Cal Knapp – following his passing  
Marilyn Swafford Bennett – Pastor Tom's cousin – following the loss of her husband  
Tina Rossi & Family – following the loss of her brother



## CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Lorna Wicher – Betty LaRue's neighbor – back pain  
Deb Burchett – Bev Knapp's daughter – cancer diagnosis  
Fred Schnoke – segmental colitis w/associated diverticulitis  
Betty Lawrenz – recovering from cataract surgery  
Patsy Shields – recovering from shoulder surgery  
Mildred Whitney – health concerns  
Megan – Belinda Brown's friend – health concerns  
Terry Messenger's mom – health concerns  
Lynnedra – Lesley Breithaupt's sister – bleeding ulcer  
Ann Unruh – undergoing chemotherapy  
LaDema Higbie – health concerns  
Barbara Ott – health concerns  
Neita Robbs – health concerns  
Bettie Phares – health concerns  
Amanda Dunaway – COPD & emphysema  
Dave Lowe – health concerns  
Roger Rockers – Penny Anderson's friend – pancreatic cancer  
Jill Murray – Jim & Pat Campbell's daughter – health concerns  
Sara Goodyeon – Pam Kichler's friend – undergoing chemotherapy & radiation for throat and tongue cancer  
Kathy Perricone – Lawrence & Sue Burbank's daughter – breast cancer treatment  
Jimmy Gibson – Leonard & Vesta's brother-in-law – cancer  
Jack Nitzsche – Don Nitzsche's brother – severe nerve pain  
Sawyer & Karter – friends of Belinda Brown – with genetic heart defects – awaiting transplant & on meds



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and let us know.

### **Anniversaries**

10-Daniel Beuthien & Amber Hall  
27-Trent & Donna Burkdoll



### **Birthdays**

1-Diane Moss  
3-Garrett Oshel  
7-Matthew Swafford, Mercedes Thompson  
8-Justin Altic, Jesse Courter  
9-Libby Swafford  
13-Truyn Mosher  
14-Norma Kerr  
15-Rose Coffman, Craig Moore  
16-Larry Averill  
17-Oscar West, Rev. Kevin Inglehart, John Robbs  
20-David Schnoor  
21-Ken Robbs  
25-Pat McAuley  
26-Tiffany McIlvain  
27-Ann Averill  
28-Dunreath West  
29-Becca Swafford  
30-Lori Rogers  
31-Jacob Lee



## **QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

In the New year, are you willing ...

- ♦ To close your book of complaints and to open the Book of Praise?
- ♦ To ignore what life owes you and to think about what you owe life?
- ♦ To stop looking for friendship and to start being friendly?
- ♦ To be content with such things as you have and to stop whining for things you have not?
- ♦ To enjoy the simple blessings of life and to cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day?
- ♦ To forget what you have accomplished and to meditate on what others have done for you?
- ♦ To cease looking for someone to help you and to devote yourself to helping others?
- ♦ To consecrate your life to the service of an imperfect church and to remember that Christ chose twelve imperfect followers to be His disciples?

# January, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service, 4:45 P.M.. Worship Team, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Campfire</p> <p>**Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study</p>					<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<b>2</b>
<p><b>3*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, &amp; 11:00 a Worship Services, 9:50 a Sunday School, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:30 a Robert Courter Celebration of Life Service, 7:00 p 4-H in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<b>5</b>	<p><b>6**</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study, 8:00 p Board of Deacons</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center</p>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<p><b>10*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, &amp; 11:00 a Worship Services, 9:50 a Sunday School, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00 a Staff meeting</p> <p>The Daniel Plan meetings start</p>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13**</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:30 a Bible study at Wellsville Retirement Center, 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center</p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<p><b>17*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, &amp; 11:00 a Worship, 9:50 a Sunday School, 1:00 p Business mtg, 3:00 p WRC Service, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 a Staff meeting, 7:00 p Board of Trustees</p>	<b>19</b>	<p><b>20**</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center</p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<p><b>24*</b> 8:30 a, 9:45 a, &amp; 11:00 a Worship Services, 9:50 a Sunday School, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p youth group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00 a Staff meeting</p>	<b>26</b>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:30 a Bible Study at Wellsville Retirement Center</p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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