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Thoughts To Consider

I recently watched a program that looked back at the events of 2007. The entire program showed the bad news that happened last year, with very little good news shown. I think sometimes we pay so much attention to the bad things in our life that we don't stop and consider all the good things.

We all have bad days in our life that bring us sorrow, pain or worry. Some very big, like the loss of a loved one, illness, financial trouble, etc., to small ones, like a flat tire, a bad day at work, your favorite team losing or just the kids acting up.

But we also have good days that bring joy and comfort to our lives. Some very good days like marrying that special person, the birth of a child or grandchild, a promotion at work or watching your children succeed and make you proud. Also days with small joys that we take for granted. Like having a good day fishing or hunting, hearing a good joke, the taste of your favorite dessert or the smiles on the children's faces on Christmas morning.

I think that if last January we had started marking our calendars each day as either a good day or a bad one, most of us would find that we had many more good days than bad last year.

I think God allows some pain and sorrow in our lives so that we appreciate the good things more. If we had no sorrow in our lives, the happiness would have no meaning. For instance, think about the death of a loved one; the greater the sorrow and pain we feel when they pass, we often find the greater the joy and happiness they brought to our lives & in most cases, we had that joy & happiness for a long time compared to the days of sorrow we feel when they pass. In some ways, sorrow

can be a reminder of the blessings from God.

So in the year ahead I pray that your calendar is filled with an abundance of good days, and a minimum of pain and sorrow, and that God blesses you and yours in many ways.

....Deacon Nick Landowski

Day of Prayer. Pastor would like to thank all involved with our 24 hours of prayer held on January 6th as part of the 366 days of prayer for Arkansas and our nation in 2008. Several people joined pastor at the church during the 24 hours it was open for prayer, fellowship and communion. Pastor would like to encourage **everyone** to **continue** to pray for Arkansas and our nation all through 2008 and expect God to do mighty things through our church all throughout 2008.

Pastor will make available a monthly list of the churches as he receives them that are involved with the 366 days of prayer and strongly encourages each one to pick up a copy of the list located on both tables and pray for these churches. Also be sure and pick up a copy of the list (also located on both tables) of prayer topics. Please feel free to give pastor any others you may have so he can pass them on to have all the churches add them to their lists.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Please begin to pray about the upcoming National Day of Prayer. This year it will be May 1st. More details will be available closer to time. If you have internet access you may find some information at one of the following websites:

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org>

<http://www.ndptf.org>

Please take a moment to read 2 Chronicles 7:14 and entreat God for our nation.

Diana & I would like to thank the Church for their generous gift last month. It was appreciated very much. You mean so much to us and you somehow always know just what we need.

....Pastor Charlie

Church Service Times

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Thursday 7:00 PM

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Prayer List



James 5:14-16

Jason Newman Jo Boen Earl Boen Gary Morrow
Clorine Mills Jerry Reed Carla The Escue Family
Claudia Cabrejos and Christy Hathcock who are
Missonaries to El Salvador. Please remember to pray
for the Pastors and Christians in the Congo. Pick up a
Euro Up-date from one of the tables for the latest on
the ministries we support in Africa and their prayer
needs. 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Remember to pick up a Voice Of The Martyrs
Prayer list from the tables every week and pray
for their requests. ...Hebrews 13:3



Bring
Canned
Goods

Don't forget to bring non-perishable
items (food, toliet paper, etc.) for our
food outreach.

If anyone knows of a family that needs help contact Pastor,
Deacon Nick Landowski or Deacon Wesley Wilkerson.

Proverbs 22:9, 28:27

Accounting For December 2007

Starting Balance: 2,494.51

Date	Category	Amount	Balance
12/02	Sunday School Supplies	119.74	2,274.77
12/02	Church Cleaning	50.00	2,324.77
12/02	Charity Help - Water Bill	65.00	2,259.77
12/13	Heating Gas	62.15	2,197.62
12/15	Water & Sewer	20.42	2,177.20
12/17	Electricity	15.43	2,161.77
12/18	Interest	1.36	2,163.13
12/21	Church Gift to Pastor	350.00	1,813.13
12/27	Church Repairs	21.02	1,792.11
12/27	Cookson Hills	150.00	1,642.11
12/27	Adult Dev Center	100.00	1,542.11
12/25	Congo Ministries	100.00	1,442.11
12/31	Income	1,106.02	2,548.13
Ending Totals:		1,053.76	2,548.13

Announcements



The children had their Christmas play on
December 23rd. They served hot coca and
cookies at the community building after
the play. They would like to thank everyone for their
kind support and attendance which made the time of
fellowship a resounding success. Thanks to all!!



**Birthdays
This Month**

Diana Newman (Charlie's Diana)
Diana Newman (Kenny's Diana)
Vickie Weatherford

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed
here, please give them to Pastor or Diana.

Watch This Space for information coming in the near
future about the Deacon Ordination ceremonies we are
planning to hold very soon!!

ELECTION COMING ! Don't forget to exercise your
freedom and opportunity to have a voice in our
governmental process. Vote in the up-coming primary
election on Feburary 5, 2008.

NOTICE: I am making the materials used in the Sunday
School Class I am teaching available to anyone who might
want them regardless of what Sunday School Class you
attend in case you wish to receive teaching from more than
one Sunday School Class at a time. These materials will be
available on the tables where we keep all our materials.
We hope to have folders to put the materials in sometime
in the next few weeks. ...*Pastor Charlie*

WANTED

Your News
Your Input
Your Articles
Your Prayer Requests

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