

Starting Anew

by Jay Launius Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas

As we come to the end of another year, it's time to look ahead and set goals for the New Year. Remember that the Apostle Paul said, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14). We can't ride the wave of past successes nor dwell on past failures. Christians must always look ahead, planning for spiritual growth, growth of the kingdom and looking towards our final heavenly reward. So what would be some worthy goals for the coming year?

Here are a few suggestions:

Increase Your Faith – Luke 17:5-10

Read the Bible Every Day – Acts 17:11

Make Church Attendance a Priority – Hebrews 10:24-25

Be More Constant in Prayer – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Improve Your Example – 1 Timothy 4:12

Make Godly Living a Family Priority – Ephesians 6:1-4

Tame Your Anger – Ephesians 4:26

Practice Pure & Undeiled Religion – James 1:27



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium.

There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Condolences to family, friends, and loved ones of Lula Elder. She passed away Dec. 17, 2021 at the age of 81. She is the mother of Jeffrey Elder. Visitation and services were held this past week. Please see the posted obituary in the back.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Barb Oliver Let's keep her in our prayers and also Mark & Audrey as they minister to her.

Marjorie Reed Let's pray that she continues to recover well.

Bill Kinney continues to recover from a heart procedure. Let's pray for him and also Kris as she ministers to him.

Maria Swindlehurst had an MRI for her kidney recently and it came back negative, no tumors. The next step is a bladder cystoscopy some time this week and if negative on to the GI work up. She would like to thank everyone for the prayers and to please continue to pray as the doctors figure things out.

Sherry Carter is recuperating from recent surgeries.

Darlene Reed Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Linda Stine is on antibiotics as she deals with a foot infection.

Ray & Bev McArthur are back to work after dealing with Covid.

Anna Brink was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital Sunday Dec. 19 dealing with pneumonia.

Louella Hopkins requests our prayers as she ministers to Jean and family members.

Pat Hazlett Let's pray for her for encouragement.

Frances Elston, Frank Marsden's 80 yr old sister in Louisville fell recently and is in serious condition. She suffered head injuries and the family is asking for prayers to regain her memory and motor skills.

Marvis Garrett has been dealing with health issues.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

Becky Rose, Erin Orton's mother, had gallbladder surgery Dec. 7.

Richard Boyle, Maria Swindlehurst's nephew, was in Millard Fillmore Suburban recently dealing with numbness from the waist down.

Chris Nitto He has been in and out of the hospital dealing with chest pains. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Dan Calleri is dealing with health issues. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Jim Zachery was scheduled for tests at the Cleveland Clinic Dec. 21-22 but canceled because of the high Covid rates in Ohio. He will call sometime in January to reschedule. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Bob Ammerman is dealing with health issues. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Jan. 01 New Year's Day

Jan. 16 Men's Business Meeting

Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00
Contribution Last Sunday \$1,355.00

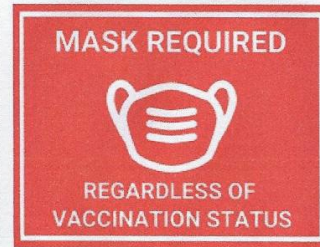
Attendance Last Sunday 38

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.

The **2022 Budget Proposal** is posted in the back.

REMINDER

Because of a recent mandate from the governor of NY for the time being and until further notice



Please comply
Thank You

BE STILL

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. — PSALM 46:10 KJV

Ladies

The Ladies Tuesday morning Bible class has been postponed until after the holidays. More info to follow later.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

Please check the "**Mission Board**" in the back of the auditorium.

Card

Please see the card from Sherry Carter posted in the back.

January Birthdays

06 Fran Fees	17 Pat Hazlett
11 Phyllis Blakelock	23 Jean Cameron
12 Richard Wheeler	24 Rodney Jones
14 Wayne Carter	27 Bruce Brink
15 Seth Alcorn	

January Anniversaries

24 Rodney & Carol Jones

Missing the Boat by Glen Elliott Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, Arkansas

The story is told about a preacher who had to rush one Sunday morning in order to make it on time for a preaching appointment. His trip involved catching a ferryboat and he was running late. So, he hurried out the front door and jumped into his car only to realize that he had forgotten his keys. When he finally arrived at the dock, the ferryboat was only a short distance away. Thinking he had missed the boat, he ran as fast as he could and jumped onto it.

"Out of breath?" asked a stranger.

"Yes," the preacher replied. "I had to rush to catch this ferry."

"Why?" asked the stranger "This ferry is coming into shore, not going out."

Upon closer examination, our worries often make us look silly. Anxieties about what may happen in the future frequently have no substance in reality. Regardless of its substance, in the end, our worries often make us look as foolish as the preacher rushing to catch the incoming ferry.

Remember that God holds the future in His hands and that Jesus is "the same yesterday, and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:10). If we will focus on God and His kingdom, the worries and anxieties of life will no longer occupy an exaggerated place of importance (Matthew 6:33). Spend time in prayer and allow the Lord to help you with your pressing burdens. Otherwise, you may, indeed, miss the boat.