

January 4, 2015



Faith Missionary Baptist Church
2243 Burbank Avenue
Nashville TN 37210

***** Sunday School – 10am *** Worship Service – 11am *****

Pastor: Elder Benny Maggart

Calendar & events

Fifth Sunday's to look forward to:

- March 29th
- May 31st
- Aug 30th
- Nov 29th

Daylight Savings Time Changes – Sunday, March 8th

Good Friday – April 3rd

Easter – April 5th

Revival – week of June 21st-28th

God With Us – Women's Group – starts back Tues, Jan 20th

The Eye Of The Beholder

The poor country preacher was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$350 dress she had bought. "How could you do this!" he exclaimed.

"I don't know," she wailed. "I was standing in the store looking at the dress. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the devil was whispering to me, "My, you look good in that dress. You should buy it."

"Well," the pastor persisted, "you know how to deal with him! Just tell him, 'Get behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks great from back here, too.'"



Prayer Requests

- Sister Rhoda Kemp suffering from the Flu and its side effects
- Ian for job safety, and all other police officers.
- Mary Jo as she recovers from her surgery.
- Michelle for a safe journey back to Oregon, pray for her husband that he will be saved.
- Linda Burgess is still having test.
- Susan Coon having heart surgery January 7
- Continue to pray for Bonnie Moore and family.
- Remember Damians request.
- Virgil & Barbaras family and friend.

Pastor's comments

Good Advice For The New Year

If you haven't made your New Year's resolutions yet, how about these fro Paul's letter to the Romans?

Let us have no imitation Christian love. Let us have a genuine break with evil and a real devotion to good. Let us have real warm affection for one another as between brothers, and a willingness to let the other man have the credit.

Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work and let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for God.

Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come, endure them patiently: steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer.

Give freely to fellow Christians in want, never grudging a meal or a bed to those who need them. And as for those who try to make your life a misery, bless them. Don't curse, bless.

Share the happiness of those who are happy, and sorrow of those who are sad. Live in harmony with one another. Don't become snobbish but take a real interest in ordinary people. Don't become set in your own opinions.

Don't pay back a bad turn by a bad turn, to anyone. Don't say, "It doesn't matter what people think," but see that your public behavior is above criticism.

As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone. Never take vengeance into your own hands, my dear friends; stand back and let God punish if he will...

Don't allow yourself to be overpowered with evil. Take the offensive - overpower evil by good! (Romans 12, Phillips Translation)

Pastor's Comments

Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone has started 2015 with high expectations for the blessings of God. No matter what the circumstances in our lives, it's our attitude and the way we handle them that makes the difference. Often we pray for circumstances to change when we ought to pray for a way to properly deal them. Let us examine ourselves and commit to serving God more faithfully this year than ever. Set in your heart to pray more, read the Bible daily, attend church every time you can and be open to follow the leadership of the Spirit.

Elsewhere in the bulletin is advice for the new year. Linda has had this on our refrigerator for several years. It's from a different translation of the Bible than we're used to but it makes clear the way we should conduct ourselves all the time.

Baptist Beliefs

From The New Hampshire Declaration Of Faith, X. Of Sanctification

"We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers in his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means - especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer."

I Thessalonians 4:3 "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

I Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly."

Proverbs 4:18 "The path of the just is a shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

I John 2:29 "If ye know that he (God) is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him."

Romans 8:5 "They that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit."

Philippians 2:12-13 "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do, of his good pleasure."

Spiritual sanctification takes place at the time of regeneration. We are made perfect in our soul to spiritually sin no more. This article is about physical sanctification. It is a progressive work that begins when we are saved. Our journey as a child of God is blessed when the spiritual leadership from within guides our fleshly man to act according to the will of God.

Paul tells of the daily struggle between our inward man and our outward man - spirit vs. flesh. As we follow God, He blesses us and we partake of His holiness. These are the times we find satisfaction in Him and receive His endorsement by good feelings and favor in many aspects of our lives. When we are neglectful of His will, we face unnecessary hardships and chastisement.

Sanctification is the striving to reach perfection in the flesh that is already in our soul. In this life we will not overcome the sin of the flesh, but it is our responsibility to try to perform to the best of our ability for the glory of God. The total fulfillment of sanctification will come when our vile body is resurrected or changed to a glorified form and united with our saved soul to ever be in His presence.