

LIVING FOR JESUS

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year!

Our churchwide emphasis for 2021 is "Living for Jesus." This theme represents a vision and goal for every believer in Christ. Living for Jesus is not a new concept, but it is one of which we need to be reminded.

The apostle Paul was living for Jesus when he was inspired by the Holy Spirit of God to pen these words:

"For through the law I have died to the law, so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:19-20, HCSB)

Thomas O. Chisholm was born in Franklin, Kentucky in 1866. His boyhood was spent on a farm and in district schools. He spent five years as editor of the local paper at Franklin. He was converted to Christianity at the age of 26 and soon after was business manager and office editor of a newspaper in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1903 he entered the gospel ministry. His aim in writing was to incorporate as much Scripture as possible and to avoid flippant or sentimental themes. (Excerpted from "The Singers and Their Songs: Sketches of Living Gospel Hymn Writers" by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel)

Chisholm wrote the words to "Living for Jesus," a favorite Christian hymn of many:

1. Living for Jesus, a life that is true, Striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

2. Living for Jesus Who died in my place, Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call, Follow His leading and give Him my all.

3. Living for Jesus through earth's little while, My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

Living for Jesus is a worthy goal for us as disciples of Christ. It does not happen by accident – we must purpose in our hearts to do so by His enabling grace. Who are you living for?

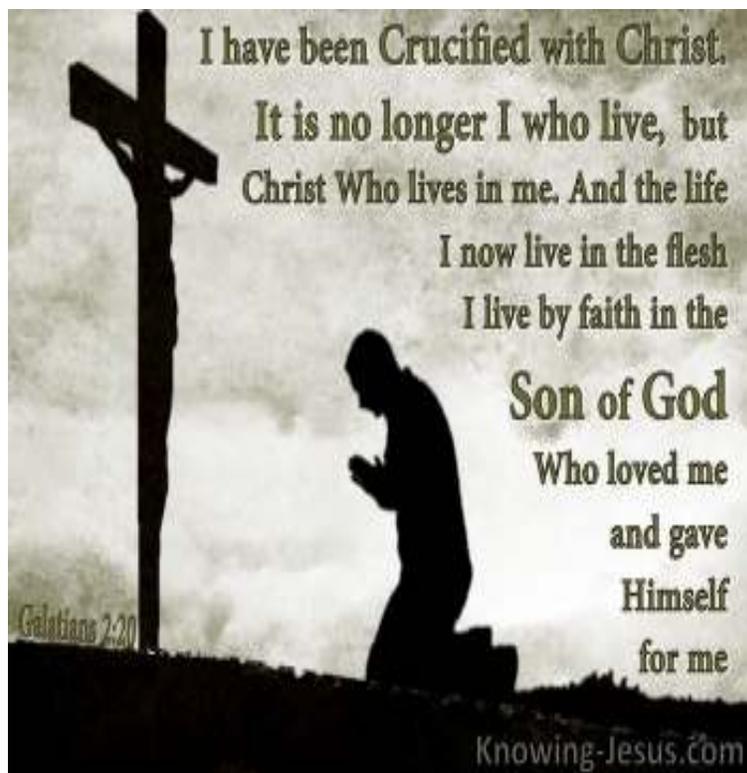
In Christ,
Pastor Calvin

Andrews First Baptist Church



2021 VISION: Living for Jesus

Galatians 2: 19-20



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JANUARY 2021 NEWS

Another year has dawned, and what prospects lay ahead of us. We can either look at the new year in a positive light or a negative one. I must confess-I tend to lean to the negative. But, as a Christian, I must stop that way of thinking and realize that above all, we have a God who gives us a hope and a positive outlook that rises above the negative noise we are subjected to every day.

Therefore, I resolve to do the following: 1. Pray more; 2. Read God's Word more; 3. Be kinder to those I am around; 4. Smile and laugh more even behind a mask; and 5. Be more like my Savior which can be accomplished through the Holy Spirit who indwells each born-again believer. I refuse to let Satan steal my witness, my contentment, my joy which comes from God, not my circumstances. After all, with God "all things are possible".

Lottie's Post Office closes this Sunday. I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas cards from your church family. Please check the boxes and collect any card addressed to you. Remember, all stamp money goes to help reach our Lottie Moon goal of \$6000. I believe we will make it again this year.

January is the special offering for our Baptist Retirement Homes. Our goal is a modest \$200; I know we can meet that and exceed it as well.

Happy New Year, Church Family,

Helen



January 2021 Special Offering

Baptist Retirement Homes
Goal: \$200.00



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
A Baptist Retirement Home

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony" Psalm 133

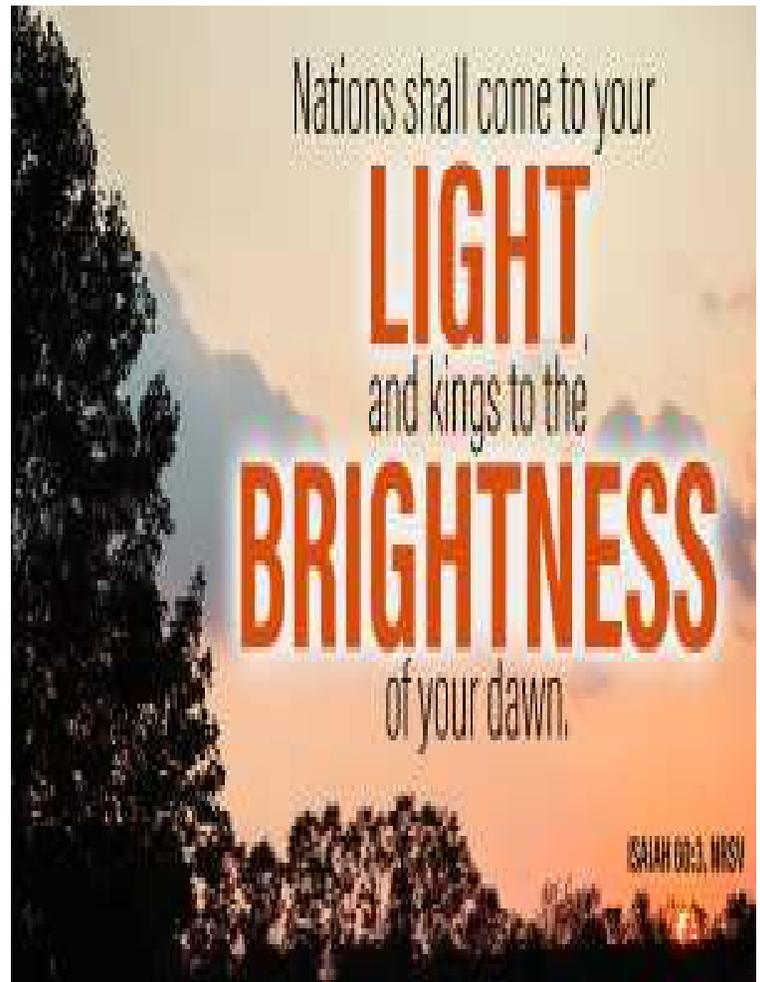
Partnering with Beaver Creek Church, we ministered to five AES families with food, gifts, clothes, shoes & Bibles. Four families came to our site to receive their gifts. Prayers and a Christian witness to show God is love. Thank you to mature sisters in Christ. We helped be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you WMU providing turkeys for each family.

Thank you to the Terry Postell family packing 110 treat bags (apple, orange, cuties, candy & gum) for our Kid's Food Bag Ministry. Thank you to the Bolicks for the Christian Christmas cards for the bags. Thank you Gary Kauffman for taking church credit card & paying for our fruit. Manna, Beth & Joe came for a visit to Robert. They sent school supplies for the new school year.

Truly Jesus is the Reason for the season. We appreciate our close relationship with our sister churches pleasantly serving our Lord.

Thank you church family for providing our site to minister.

Nancy





Happy New Year, a time for new beginnings, ideas, insights and ambitions! It's a bright and fresh start for us all, a time to watch God move through us and in us!

Come Join Our Music Team!

Rehearsal Schedules:

Wednesdays:

Youth Praise Team 5:30 p.m.

Kids Praise Team 6:00 p.m.

M&M's Choir 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Sundays:

Solos & Special Music Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

As we usher in the new year, it is also imperative that we take the time to fervently pray for each other, our church, families, friends, community, leaders, teachers, our country, world, and those that are sick and afflicted. As we strive toward our 2021 Vision, 'Living for Jesus', may others see the light of Jesus shine through us! Let us magnify the Lord through our lives, talents and the beautiful, magnificent gift of music! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:14

Always at His feet, Jennifer

1. To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8



Happy new year! We're kicking it off with our Snowbird ski retreat January 1-4. We're excited to see what the Lord does in the lives of students as we study God's word and enjoy some time on the slopes. 2020 was a

crazy year but our students persevered in an incredible way. We pray 2021 is filled with growth amongst our youth and that they will grow to know and love God more this year.

Evan & Cassie

YOUNG AT HEARTS

Wow, another year has ended ~ and what a year it has been!! But with all the emphasis on the negatives, let's not forget to count our many blessings. God has still been faithful and has met our needs. He is not surprised by any event but has promised to be with us "through it all." He never changes ~ the same yesterday, today, and forever! Hallelujah!!

There were 21 Young At Hearts who shared lunch at Julie's in Peachtree for our Christmas gathering on December 3. Cookies and ornaments were exchanged, and everyone had a wonderful time. Virginia Adams shared a sweet devotional on God's prophecies and shared a sheet of them with all present. It was delightful to be reminded of so many fulfillments in the New Testament from things foretold in the Old Testament. God is truly a God of love and mercy. Praise Him!

Please Note: There will be no Young At Heart gathering in January.

This year of curtailed activities has provided more opportunity to spend time in prayer. We are thankful for this privilege that is ours, and it reminds us to pray for the persecuted church around the world, especially as it is creeping more and more into our own country. May we be found faithful! Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, as well as those who have ongoing needs. These include Burke and Dianne West, Faye Parker and her sister Nancy, Winnie Dozier, and Robert and Nancy Taylor.

Many suffer from chronic issues, including Dana Jones, Mack and Jeannie Huscusson, Bill and Nancy Huffines, Ralph and Charlotte Clutton, Joel and Betty Franks, Neil and Modean McKeehan, June Brooks, Cricket Gray, and Gay West.

As school will be starting again soon, may our staff and students be well. And may they let their lights continue to shine for Jesus. We rejoice with the families of four young ladies who have recently trusted in Jesus as their Savior: Addie Waldroup, Lily Gibson, Madilyn Brooks, Taylor Postell and one young gentleman, Payton Brooks. May we encourage these children to walk with Jesus by our examples.

Let's continue to pray for our town, county, state, and country leaders. Pray for those protecting us in the military, as well as first responders ~ police, fire, and medical professionals. And thanks to our postal workers for their faithfulness to their jobs. Pray for the health of Christian family relationships, that God may be the center of our homes; pray for Pastor Calvin and his family and rejoice in the arrival of Millie into the home of Evan and Cassie Nixon. Pray for the deacons and their families, those working with the youth, Jennifer Farr and musicians, teachers and leaders in the various Sunday ministries and Wednesday evening classes. Pray for each one who has a unique part in making Andrews First Baptist Church a lighthouse for Jesus!

I'm so thankful for Immanuel ~ God with us!

The Young At Hearts Committee

Ronney Craig, Jean Higdon, Dana Jones, Jim and Pat Lancaster, Faye Parker, Louise Phillips, and Jeanette Wilson

Sunday Services & Classes:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Services & Classes:

Youth Praise Team Practice 5:30 p.m.
Kids Praise Team 6:00 p.m.
M&M's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study for All Ages 6:30 p.m.
Disciples in Training 6:30 p.m.
Kids Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY



January Birthdays

1. Dolly Rice 3. Walter Raxter 3. Sam Webb
8. Wanda Beck
13. Gloria Mays
18. Jim Wilson
20. Jackson Waldroup
21. Gary Kauffman
23. Joel Mclelland
23. Dianne West

25. Kathryn Hunsucker 27. Marilyn Raxter
28. Nancy Allen 28. Lindsey Cope
28. Mitch Waldroup 30. Lincoln Gibson

January Anniversaries

4. Rance & Mackenzie Rogers
16. Bill & Nancy Huffines
19. Brad & Sherrie Hammond
25. Wendell & Bettie Barfield
31. Eddie & Rebecca Wood

JANUARY 2021 EVENTS

Fri 1/1 New Year's Day
Wed 1/6 WMU Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Sun 1/17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed 1/20 Quarterly Church Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Deacons On Call/January



Michael Higdon-828.361.1919
Steve Johnson-828.557.5918
Joel Mclelland-828.557.5143

Home Delivered Meals (Meals On Wheels)

10:00a.m. -12 Noon

Tues. January 5 Joe Gibson, Volunteer Needed
Tues. January 12 Lane Raxter, Volunteer Needed
Tues. January 19 Sandra Marr, Lane & Marilyn Raxter
Tues. January 26 Volunteer Needed

"... MY PEOPLE
WILL BE FILLED
WITH
MY BOUNTY."
DECLARES
THE LORD.

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For you were
bought with
a price.

PAID

1 CORINTHIANS 6:20