



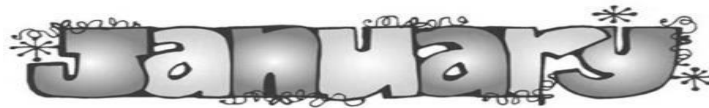
LRBC JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Wondrous Creation

“How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. "Psalms 104:24

It is a joy to see the world through the eyes of a child. Especially when they are babies, children view the world through an innocent lens free of bias, corruption, or distortion. Carter is at the age where he loves to explore and find new experiences. Everything he encounters that is new is wonderful and awe-inspiring to his sweet mind. We went walking to an overlook recently, and Carter loved seeing the view of mountains, forests, and a river. Yet the thing that was most fascinating to him was something most of us adults overlook on a daily basis: tree bark. He stretched out his hand so I would take him to the tree. He scratched around on the bark of this first tree and pointed to a second tree nearby. We did this with three different trees, and then he decided he wanted to go back to the first tree. He looked at those trees with eyes wide and mouth open, scratching his little fingers back and forth over the rough bark. I pass numerous trees daily, but I have never stopped to spend time touching tree bark. Yet to Carter, this tree was the neatest thing he experienced at the overlook. The wonder and amazement Carter displayed to something as simple as tree bark is the way we adults should also look at the world God created. As David pointed out in the Psalms, his works are many, and the world is full of the creation God made in His wisdom. Not only should this realization cause us to take care of His world, but it should make us praise the One who gave us such beauty to enjoy. Life is busy, but we should all take time to pause and appreciate the wondrous creation God gave us.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year Office Closed No Service	2 Prison	3	4
5	6 Prison	7 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	8 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg., DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Deacon Mtg	9 <u>11:30AM</u> SAM's Luncheon <u>7PM</u> Bread of Life Prison	10	11 <u>11:30AM</u> R*E*A*L Ladies Luncheon
12 <u>2PM</u> Nursing Home Ministry	13 Prison	14 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	15 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg., DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Council Mtg	16 Prison	17	18 <u>8AM</u> Men's Breakfast YOUTH ICE SKATING
19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	20 Prison	21 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	22 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg., DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Stewardship Mtg	23 Prison	24 Prison	25
26 Communion	27 Prison	28 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	29 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg., DU Classes	30 Prison	31	

SPOTLIGHT

“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Matt. 4:10 ESV

As we enter cooperate worship each week, there are some vital things we must consider. I have often been asked, “what kind of worship or style of worship do you do at Lantana Road Baptist Church?” You may have been asked the same question. The answer I offer is this, “we practice a ‘blended’ worship at LRBC.” As I have thought about that answer, I find that even though I understand my intention, the answer very well may be insufficient. As we enter a new year together of service and worship to our Lord, I feel it incumbent upon me to define “blended worship” and to ensure that we are indeed fulfilling our role as laid out for us in Matt. 4:10.

Blended worship is, what I believe, the manner of worship set forth by Scripture for the church to follow. Blended worship is not the blending of truth with error. It is not an attempt to join sound doctrine with heresy. Blended worship is not an attempt to “please everyone’s preferences” by mixing things up. It is not an attempt to offer a modern take on things or to entertain. Blended worship is making every attempt to ensure that we include every biblical element of worship into our cooperate worship.

There are five biblical elements; prayer, song, preaching & reading of God’s Word, tithes & offerings, and the ordinances. We are instructed from the Word, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” Col 3:16. What we do in service to our Lord is of far greater importance than catering to every preference and attempting to hold up every tradition of man. In fact, we are not commanded to present any particular “style” of worship, rather, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” Rom. 12:1.

My prayer for the upcoming year, as the Lord allows, is that we will be found reading the Word, preaching the Word, praying the Word, singing the Word and seeing the Word. This, by God’s grace can certainly be accomplished as we continue to practice “blended” worship corporately and as individuals in our day-to-day lives. Heaven forbid that we would be as those of whom the Scripture records, “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me” Is 29:13. God knowing our hearts, please help Your worshipers to arise.
Bro Michael Shinn

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY-JANUARY 19TH

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God’s gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

LEARN SPANISH

Want to speak Spanish? A 12 week class starts January 9th. Sign up in the foyer if interested. More information located on the welcome table.

2020 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

It’s planning time for the 2020 Honduras Mission Trip. It is scheduled for July 24th-July 31st. Sign up in the foyer if you are interested in going.

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Acts 9: 26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

A new year is beginning and I, like many of you, have ideas for things I want to do differently this year. There are things that just need to change. I don’t call it a resolution because my history shows I’m not very “resolved” about these kinds of things :)

New Year’s Day holds a special significance to me though. It was on New Year’s Day 2001 at 2am that I accepted Christ as my Savior and Lord! This year is my 19th Re-Birthday and I got to admit, for a while I felt like the Apostle Paul. God had accomplished such a radical thing in my life that my family and friends doubted that it was genuine, or that it would last. The past is something even I struggled with long after I was saved. All of my sin was covered and forgiven but the earthly messes that I had made were still there waiting on me. People don’t readily believe that I was really changed. I knew that there was a brand new man living in my place but it took a while for the rest of the world to see it.

I’m glad my relationship with God isn’t dependent on how other people see it. I’m glad that from the moment I asked Christ to save me, God has seen me as a perfect son from day 1. Over the last 19 years, by God’s grace, many of the messes have been cleaned up and forgiveness was given. Many of the doubters I had encountered have changed their mind but, glory to God, I have learned that as long as Jesus sees me as a follower, everything else is irrelevant. --Bro. Adam

WELCOME!

By Letter

Jim and Marsha Depoister

By Statement

Arnold Page

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 18th all men and youth boys are invited to have breakfast together in the fellowship hall at 8AM. If you would like to help cook be here at 5:30AM.

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY

Service is Thursday, January 9th, 7PM at the Bread of Life Mission. If you have any questions see Ray Brewer.

SAM’S GROUP LUNCHEON

Everyone 50+ is invited to SAM’s luncheon Thursday, Jan., 9th at 11:30 A.M.
Bring a dish to share.

R*E*A*L LADIES LUNCHEON

For ladies-all ages. The ladies meet the 2nd Saturday of each month. This month they will be meeting on January 11th at 11:30AM.