

January Activities

(See online calendar for complete list.)

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January 1st – New Year's Day

January 4th – Communion and New Members Welcome

January 10th – Retirement Seminar – Guest Clinician and financial advisor. In person in dining room @ 9:00am. Contact Sis. Merrie Allen.

January 10th & 17th – Wellness & Fitness @ 8:00am. Contact Sis. Marlene Carter.

January 17th – Faith Bible Institute (FBI) Next semester begins. Open to everyone. Registration and fees apply for course materials. Contact Sis. Marie Cherry.

January 19th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Parade. All Ministries watch for email of instructions for participation.

January 20th – Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Contact Min. David Hill or Dea. Ed Leonard.

January 24th – Caregiver Connection Series. 11am in the Choir Room. Contact Sis. Stacia Hammond.

January 31st – Triumph Movie Screening @ 6pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Bro. Delaney Pittman.



First Baptist Church of Progress Village

“Check In With God First”

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

I. **PASSION** without _____ is _____ **-LESS.**

Acts 8:2-3 (KJV) *And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.*

A. Be sure what I am wanting to do, is _____ not harming others.

James 1:16-17 (KJV) *Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

Galatians 1:13-14 (NLT2) *You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors.*

B. God's promises are for those who faithfully follow **Jesus**, not man made _____.

II. **PLAN** without _____ is _____ **-LESS.**

Acts 9:8-9 (KJV) *And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.*

And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

- A. Reaction without **reflection** will cause **retreat**.
Make no mistake saints.

Acts 9:13-14 (KJV) *Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.*

- B. We pause to _____ God's plan, not play into our **fears**.

1 John 4:4 (KJV) *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

- C. Pausing allows us the time to **remember** the reasons we have to _____ God.

III. **PURSUIT** without _____ is _____ **-LESS**.

Acts 9:3-6 (KJV) *And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

- A. Before you _____ God what you want, _____ what God wants you to do.

Acts 9:10-17 (KJV) *And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:...*

- B. When God reveals His plan for you, _____ !

MESSAGE REFLECTIONS:

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

WHY, WHY, WHY?

WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT WHAT I WANT TO DO? HOW DOES IT ALIGN WITH MY PURPOSE. (IF I DON'T KNOW MY PURPOSE, WHERE SHOULD I GO TO FIND IT?)

PRAYER—God thank you for allowing me to live to experience an new year. Help me to go through it with confidence, hope, faith, and trust in you. Guide me to the things you have specifically designed for me to do and accomplish this year. Help me hear your voice calling my name and telling me what you would have me do. In Jesus' name, Amen.