

January Activities

(See online calendar for complete list.)

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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 17th – Clothes & More giveaway of clothing, food, and other items. Location is Park next to 8616 Progress Blvd. Contact Sis. Betty Dixon.

January 19th – **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Parade.** All Ministries read email of instructions and check table in lobby to confirm attendance. Contact Bro. DeLaney Pittman or Sis. Gale Perry.

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

January 24th & 31st – 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.

Looking Ahead:

February is **Black History Month**. Participants displaying arts & crafts in Gallery/Museum begin gathering items to bring. Sign up in lobby 3rd Sunday January for Ministry Fair and Black Business Expo in Feb. Contact Bro. DeLaney Pittman or Sis. Gale Perry.

WOW Spring Tea will be in April off campus at larger venue. Interested hostesses stop by lobby table before or after worship service. Contact Sis. Dedra Jones.

First Baptist Church of Progress Village

“Stop Living Like I Want A Divorce”

Scripture: Malachi 2:10-16

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I. God loves _____ and God Loves _____.

_____ : A sacred, binding agreement or relationship initiated by God, establishing His commitment to a person or people and outlining mutual responsibilities.

Malachi 2:5-7 (KJV) *My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.*

A. **Husbands** ought to be full of love for their spouses and children and all _____ ought to be full of love for God and Others.

The covenant was to

- 1) Be **Peaceful** 2) Be **Respectful**
- 3) Be **Truthful** 4) Don't Be **Harmful**
- 4) Be **Helpful** 6) Be **Worshipful**

Luke 22:19-20 (NASB) *And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.*

B. The new covenant is to maintain the _____ of God with the indwelling of His Spirit in us as individual worshippers.

Ephesians 5:24-25 (KJV) *Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

C. The new covenant is to model the **strength** of marriage by the _____ of Jesus.

_____ : means to behave deceitfully, offensively, and unfaithfully.

II. God hates _____ and God hates _____.

Malachi 2:10-11 (KJV) *Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.*

A. God has said that your _____ worship leads to **IDOL** worship.

Exodus 34:15-16 (NLT2) *"You must not make a treaty of any kind with the people living in the land. They lust after their gods, offering sacrifices to them. They will invite you to join them in their sacrificial meals, and you will go with them. Then you will accept their daughters, who sacrifice to other gods, as wives for your sons. And they will seduce your sons to commit adultery against me by worshipping other gods.*

B. _____ is a form of **idolatry**.

For the Husband and wife, idle relationship leads to seeking things outside of the marriage.

Matthew 5:27-28 (KJV) *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

C. _____ adultery is just as treacherous as **Physical** adultery.

Malachi 2:13-14 (KJV) *And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.*

D. _____ are left unanswered when worshippers leave God, _____ are destroyed when husbands leave their wives.

Malachi 2:16 (KJV) *For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

E. Divorce is domestic _____.

PRAYER—God forgive me for the times when I am being passive, and half-hearted about my worship and love towards you. Help me to be more intentional about the time and devotion I have to you. If I am married, help me to remember the relationship I have with my spouse is supposed to mirror yours with the church. In every way that I need to improve, give me clarity and give me strength. In Jesus' name, Amen.