

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

1/1/2022

Travel Lighter

Letting Go of Your Past

At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. Luke 22:61-62

WHAT YOUR ENEMY SAYS ABOUT YOUR PAST

1. YOU ARE _____.
2. YOU ARE _____.
3. YOU ARE _____.

If you can't **let go** of your past, you can't **take hold** of your future.

Just think about Peter... John 21:15-17

Although you can't change your **past**, God can change your **future**.

HOW TO LET GO OF YOUR PAST

1. CLOSE THE _____ TO YOUR PAST.

God's _____ is bigger than your _____.

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9

Your standing with God is determined by _____ not _____.

◇ *John 1:12-13*

2. STEP INTO YOUR _____.

God _____ you from your past so you can _____ into your future.

◇ *Philippians 3:12-14*

Your story is not a story about your _____, but about God's _____.

Think About It: Pastor Steve listed three lies about your past: You are unforgivable, unlovable, and useless. Which lie have you dealt with the most?

What are some of the most important components to finding healing from your past? How have you seen these play out?

Read Philippians 3:12-14. What are some actions you could take to start "forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead"?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE drop your connection cards in the buckets on your way out of the Sanctuary.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP | 1/3

The Towns County Alzheimer's & Dementia Monthly Support Group, facilitated by Shannon Larsen, will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd at 1:30 pm in room #219-FLC. For more info Call Shannon at: 706-885-4643.

WMU | 1/5

The Nannie Rose Tatham/WMU monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 5th** at 10:00 am in the Choir Suite Room LL-042. **All are welcome!!!** This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our specific mission efforts in different areas of the world, and meet new friends.

AWANA ZIP LINE | 1/8

Join us on Sunday, January 8th in the Family Life Center from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a fun-filled evening as we kick off our 2023 Awana Clubs with the Zip Line! All Kids ages pre-k to 5th grade are invited with their parents (no drop-offs). You don't want to miss this fun evening! A light supper will be served.

NEW! BOOK STUDY | 1/19

A new book study, *Escape the Coming Night* (The Book of Revelation) by Dr. David Jeremiah is coming in January! This study, facilitated by Ed Dearborn, will meet on Thursdays, beginning on January 19, 2023, from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Choir Suite LL-042. This class is open to co-ed adults & teens. Call or text Ed at (863) 610-8155 or email wyr.mr.ed@gmail.com. **Deadline is January 8th. There will be an informational meeting about the study in the cry room immediately following**

NEW 13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE SESSION BEGINS | 1/26

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. The next 13-week session of GriefShare will begin on Thursday, January 26th, from 10:00 am - 12 noon, in room #219-FLC. If you need more information, please contact the church office.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2023 Offering Envelopes - There may be delays in printing of the offering envelopes again this year. We'll keep you posted on this. If the offering envelopes are not available by January 1st, we will have blank offering envelopes available at the Welcome Center. There are also *My Offering* envelopes in the pew pockets which can be used until you receive your envelopes.

Annual contribution statements will be emailed to those who have an email address on file in mid-January. Watch your email for this important message! For those without an email address, you may pick up your statement in church office after mid January or we will mail at the end of the month.

Quarterly Financial Reports will be available on Sunday, 1/22/2023, at the Welcome Desk.

Quarterly Church Conference will be Wednesday, 2/1/2023, 6:00 pm, in the Worship Center.

Weekly Activities 1/1 - 1/7

SUNDAY	8:15 a.m.	Band Rehearsal, Worship Center
	8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Library Open (also before & after Worship Svc)
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	9:00 -11:30 a.m.	PEAK Kids Sunday School & Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship
MONDAY	Closed	Office Closed
TUESDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Mary's Southern Grill
	10:00 a.m.	Churchwide Prayer Group, #026-LL
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet
	1:30 p.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group, #219-FLC
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Community Quilting Group, #219-FLC
	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Summit Students - The Lodge
	5:15 - 5:45 p.m.	EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept.
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parents Small Group w/Pastor Danny, #233-FLC
	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Center
	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Classrooms
	6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Worship Center
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Nannie Rose Tatham/WMU - Choir Suite
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet



Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor - *Rev. Steven Taylor*

Associate Pastor - *Rev. Danny Byers*

Associate Pastor/Children & Discipleship - *Rev. Steve Awtrey*

Associate Pastor of Students/Young Adults - *Rev. Jeremy Pearson*

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12/18/2022	Budget		Moving Mountains	
	Weekly	YTD	Weekly	Since last pmt.
Required	\$27,535.19	\$1,404,294.69	\$7,286.43	\$21,859.29
				To Date
Received	\$47,687.00	\$1,619,221.11	\$16,407.00	\$543,202.70
Lottie Moon Offering to date: \$26, 875.00				

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