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**From the Pastor
Jeremy Tennery
"Happy New Year"**



Hello Friends, and Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new year is so exciting. As we have finished out 2022 and now enter into 2023, everyone is looking forward to the possibilities of what the new year will bring. People are setting new goals to achieve. There is a sense of a new hope, of a new job, or a renewed relationship. Some may be looking to begin a new hobby or start an exercise routine (don't sign me up for that one). Whatever "new" it is that excites you for the coming year, I am excited for you.

A new year also brings excitement for new beginnings for our church. New objectives and goals, a new start for our members at Stone Creek Fellowship. What do we want to accomplish this year as a church? More importantly, what does God want us to accomplish this year? How does God want us to grow in relationships with each other and with Him? How can we reach the lost? How does God want you to serve and get involved? That's a lot of questions, huh?

I know God has huge plans for SCF this year. I truly believe God is calling SCF to look at 2023 through this challenge "Give God a Year - See What He Can Do!" Are you willing to give God this year? Are we as a church willing to give God this year? You may ask, "What does that mean?" Well, first it means as we enter into this exciting new year, to please begin praying for our church. Pray for God's direction. Where and how does He want to use you to change your world and the world of those around you? Where does He want to use you in Stone Creek Fellowship? Pray for the church leaders. Pray for the lost that God has called us to seek out and tell them about Jesus Christ.

"Give God a Year - See What He Can Do!" Personally, I can't wait to see what God does this year. We serve an exciting God that is always working and always moving. So God, I want to see what you can do this year!

In His Name!

Pastor Jeremy

New Years Christian Resolutions

- Commit to an act of kindness every day
- Read the Bible in one year
- Find roots in a community—Matthew 11:18
- Be a peacemaker—Matthew 5:9
- Always do the work of the Lord—1 Corinthians 15:57-58
- Only do things that are pleasing to God—John 8:30
- Walk by faith—2 Corinthians 5:5-7
- Give thanks for everything—Ephesians 5:19-21

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Bible Verse of the Month

Psalms 119:105

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path"**

True or False

1. Angels sleep.
2. Angels are called the god of this age.
3. The angels will bring peace among men on earth when Christ returns.
4. God Himself, will separate the wicked from among the just at the end of the age.
5. The angels will gather the elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

(Answers on page 4)





SCF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

At Stone Creek Fellowship, our children's program is one of the most important ministries we can do for God's Church. Children and Youth are the future of our world, our country, our community and our faith. We are blessed to have **Amanda Tennerly** and **Barbara Lewis** as the primary force behind our ministry. Along with their helpers they lead Sunday school, children's church, plan special projects and create a fun learning environment to motivate our children to learn about God, his Son, Jesus Christ., salvation and ministering to others.

God, faith, serving and family are the cornerstones of their ministry. Stone Creek Kidz and Family

Matters are important outreach programs that are popular with the children and youth of the church. We urge you to learn more about our children's ministry and those who are involved with educating our young people about God, Jesus, salvation and faith.

Matthew 19: 14 But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." Kids have access to Jesus. Jesus intentionally loved on and blessed kids. He didn't take time out of his work to love kids, it was his work.



BIBLE TRIVIA

(Answers on page 4)

1. When Daniel prayed to God after it was not allowed, where was he thrown into?
2. Which book did David write most of?
3. Who else was in prison with Joseph?
4. Who eventually came from the lineage of David?
5. How many lepers did Jesus heal?
6. Who were Noah's three sons?
7. After they took over the Promised Land and Joshua died, who ruled Israel?
8. Who was the judge who took a Nazarite vow from birth and fought against the Philistines?
9. Where did David spare Saul's life the second time?
10. When Bathsheba and David had another child, what did they name him?

Dr. B.L. Worsham, Th.D. Power of Prayer

It's the start of a new year and one resolution you should strive to practice and keep is prayers of faith. While the world appears to be falling apart, God has promised that he will love us, protect us and give us strength to weather any storm. We are saved by grace and by Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

"But we (the twelve apostles), will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6: 2 & 4).

Oh, that men would do that today --- "give (themselves) continually to prayer"! What a work of God we would see. If the heart cry of men would rise in unity, and beseech the Lord Jesus Christ for, "peace on earth, good will to men." If "prayer without ceasing", would sound in the throne room of our heavenly Father; "forgive us Lord, we have sinned". How quickly the conflicts of humanity would be settled!

We are granted the power -- prayer! Do you believe this, brother -- man? Then will you use the divine means, Christian -- brother? If you are reading this article, will you pray and redeem our society: the family, the home, the church, the county, the state the nation, the world? Let every man lift his heart to God in prayer! The greatest ministry in the world! And the only one God says, will work!

God has promised -- "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

God has promised! God does not lie or fail! The one thing standing in front of His fulfillment is, "If"! I beseech you to get passed the "If" and pray with us!

God further says; "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place"! (2 Chronicles 7:15)

My friend, I submit that our world is not yet fully ablaze -- but the fuse is lit in every corner, race, and people! "We will give ourselves continually to prayer"! (Acts 6:4)



"Bring the full 10 percent into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way", says the Lord of Hosts. "See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure" - Malachi 3:10

January Recipes

Best Creamy Homemade Alfredo Sauce Recipe



Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp butter
- 1 Cup heavy cream
- 4 Cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste

Directions:

- Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add cream and bring to a simmer. Cook, whisking often, for 5 minutes.
- Then add garlic, cook for 60 seconds. Add cheese and whisk until melted. Add salt and pepper, to taste.
- Toss in your favorite pasta and dinner is served!

NOTES:

This sauce will make enough to thoroughly coat 8 oz of fettuccine. Double the recipe if you are making 16 oz (1 pound) of pasta!

NUTRITION INFORMATION:

Amount Per Serving: CALORIES: 442 TOTAL FAT: 41g SATURATED FAT: 25g TRANS FAT: 1g UNSATURATED FAT: 12g CHOLESTEROL: 122mg SODIUM: 907mg

Chicken n' Dumplins



Ingredients:

- 2 cups of flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 tbsp butter melted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 chicken—cooked and cubed
- 3-4 ribs finely diced celery
- 4-5 finely diced carrots
- 1 onion—chopped
- 1 can corn—drained
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp basil
- 1/4 cup parsley—finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp oregano

Directions:

- Cook chicken in seasoned water—cool and dice
- In the water the chicken was cooked in, add garlic, bay leaf, basil, salt, pepper, parsley, oregano and bring to simmer
- Add carrots, celery and onion
- In large bowl, mix together flour, baking powder, melted butter, salt and mix well
- Add milk, a little at a time until a thick dense dough is made
- On a floured board, roll out dough until about 1/8 inch thick. Cut into strips using a pizza cutter
- Add chicken to broth and test seasonings
- When carrots and celery are done, add dumplings and cook about 10 more minutes
- If too thin, make a slurry of cold water and corn starch and add to broth to thicken

The Easiest Peach Dumplings



Ingredients:

- 2 each 15 oz canned peaches, drained
- 2 each 8 ounce refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 3 tsp cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups sprite or citrus soda

Directions:

- Vanilla ice cream for serving
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and thoroughly grease a 9x13 baking dish.
- Open crescent dough and separate into triangles.
- Place one or two peach slices (depending on size) at the wide end of the dough triangle. Sprinkle with a pinch of cinnamon and roll dough around peach.
- Once dough is secure, move dumpling to the baking dish. Repeat with the rest of the dough.
- Melt the two sticks of butter in a large bowl and combine with the white sugar, brown sugar, and the remaining cinnamon until smooth.
- Using a large spoon, pour the butter mixture over the dumplings.
- Pour the Sprite around the dough avoiding the tops for a crispy crust to the dumplings.
- Bake for 30-35 minutes or until the dough is just browning on top.
- Serve warm with Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream.

World's Best Honey Garlic Pork Chops



Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 2/3 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 6 (4 oz—1-inch thick) pork chops

Directions:

- Preheat grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate
- Whisk ketchup, honey, soy sauce, and garlic together in a bowl to make a glaze
- Sear the pork chops on both sides on the preheated grill. Lightly brush glaze onto each side of the chops as they cook; grill until no longer pink in the center, about 7-9 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted in the center should read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C).

Alternate cooking method: Can be cooked in an oven or air-fry cooker. Set temperature to 325-350 degrees F

We are always on the lookout for awesome recipes for our newsletters. If you have a favorite comfort food recipe you would like to share, we invite you to send them to us by email to bparker@stonecreekfellowship.org or you can give a copy to either Emmett Williams or Bill Parker and we will add them to the list for future newsletters.



**INFORMATION YOU CAN USE
ARE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER?**

More than 50% of Americans think that estate planning is at least somewhat important, but only 33% have a will or living trust. When asked why they don't have a will, 1 out of 3 respondents believes they don't have enough assets to leave behind. Here are some facts about estate planning that may surprise you:

- 55% of Americans die without a will or estate plan
- 71.6% of Americans do not have an up-to-date will
- 15% of Americans earning more than \$150,000 have an up-to-date will
- 29% of people think they "don't have enough assets to leave to anyone"
- 3-8% of assets in an estate go toward the cost of probate, on average (personal representative fees, attorney fees, accounting fees, appraisal and business valuation fees, bond fees and more)
- 6 months to 2 years: The amount of time an average modest estate can take to get through the probate process
- 74% of Americans said they would be more likely to create an estate plan if it helped lower their families' taxes

Here are some tips and tasks you should consider when estate and will planning.

- **Direct Beneficiaries:** Make sure all bank accounts have direct beneficiaries. The beneficiary need only go to the bank with your death certificate and an ID of their own.
- **TOD = Transfer on Death** deed if you own a home. Completing this document and filing it with your county saves your heirs THOUSANDS. This document allows you to transfer ownership of your home to your designee. All they need to do is take their ID and your death certificate to the county building and the deed is signed over. Doing this will avoid the home having to go through probate.
- **Living Will:** Allows one to put in writing exactly what you want done in the event you cannot speak for yourself when it comes to healthcare decisions as well as other final decisions.
- **Durable Power of Attorney:** Allows one to designate a person to make legal decisions if you are no longer competent to do so.
- **Power of Attorney for Healthcare:** This document allows one to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for them.
- **Last Will and Testament:** Designates to whom personal belongings will go to.
- **Funeral Planning Declaration:** Allows one to say exactly one's wishes as far as disposition of the body and the services.
- **Financial Information:** Make a list of all banks and account numbers, all investment institutions with account numbers, lists of credit cards, utility accounts, etc. Leave clear instructions as to how and when these things are paid.
- **Important Documents:** Make sure heirs know where life insurance policies and other important documents are located.
- **Online Accounts:** Make 100% sure SOMEONE knows or has access to your Apple ID, bank ID and other important account logins and passwords!
- **Titles, Deeds, etc.:** Make sure you have titles for all vehicles, campers, etc.
- **Trusts:** Set up a TRUST for intended beneficiaries, especially those that are too young, and appoint a trustee of said trust.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY!!!!** - Choose an executor and alternate executor and make all your wishes KNOWN by written instructions only to them. Talk to those whom you've designated, as well as those close to you whom you did not designate. - Do this to explain why your decisions were made and to avoid any lingering questions or hurt feelings.

Estate Planning and an up to date will is important, no matter your age or wealth. Below are some reasons to consider an estate plan and will.

- Allows you to decide how your wealth will be distributed to your loved ones and organizations you care about – not the courts.
- Maximizes the wealth transferred to your beneficiaries by avoiding probate and transfer taxes.
- Incorporates your values and charitable giving goals into your plan.
- Gives you the power to decide who has Power of Attorney and your healthcare directives.

Fortunately, it's never too late to create or update an estate plan and will. With the help of a financial adviser and an estate planning attorney, you can ensure that the needs of your family and your wishes are met.

HUMOR FOR THE SOUL

A teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by a boy's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. 'The flight to Egypt,' he replied. 'I see...And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus,' she said. 'But who's the fourth person?' 'Oh, that's Pontius – the Pilot!'

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested.
Then God created Man and rested.
Then God created Woman.
Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.



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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Children's Church 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Praise Team Practice 5:30 PM

Trivia Answers:

1. The lion's den
2. Psalms
3. The Pharaoh's cupbearer and chief baker.
4. Jesus
5. Ten
6. Shem, Ham, Japheth
7. Judges
8. Samson
9. In a campsite, where Saul was sleeping
10. Solomon

True/False Answers:

1. False—Revelation 4:8
2. True—Job 2:1
3. True—2 Corinthians 4:4
4. False—2 Thessalonians 1:7
5. False—Matthew 13:49
6. True—Mark 13:27