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Happy Anniversary

Joe & Sherry Hill
January 11, 1974



Jeremiah 33:1-3

1-Moreover the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 2- "Thus says the Lord who made it, the Lord who formed it to establish it (the Lord is His name): 3-'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

To be part of the
"e-mail prayer chain",
call Bill & Nancy Alexander
at 704-537-9313 or e-mail Bill at
CALEX194019@gmail.com

PRAYER

is a boundless, powerful gift from

HIM,

Use it! Pray earnestly for circumstances
and present dilemmas we are facing.

GOD is faithful!

Happy Birthday

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| 3 Ann Reeves | 15 Herb Kelley |
| 9 Gary Potter | 25 Sophie Moore |
| | Sherry Hill |

Call the church office
if you were missed!
704-535-6531



KEEPING YOU Informed

Pastor Mike, (Rev. Michael Wolff),
would like you to know that if you have
a need, an emergency, please feel
free to contact him.
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Thank You

Dear Eastway Family,

Thank you so much for the generous
retirement gift presented to me on our last
Sunday. Your love and thoughtfulness are
very much appreciated. Your gift will
certainly be useful as we travel in the near
future. May God bless you.

- Love, Pastor Johnny and Beverly

So thankful to Charlene Wertz, Debbie
Miller, Carolyn Baxter and Chris Jenks for
decorating the sanctuary, since I was unable
to do so this year. Eastway is blessed to have
people who step up and take care of the
need, whatever it is!

- Love, Nancy Alexander, Social Chairman

The Eastway Encourager



"Therefore, encourage each other with these words. . ." 1 Thessalonians 4:18

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Romans 5:5

5 Now, hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Lamentations 3:22-23

22 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.
23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Revelation 21:5

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."
And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God;
7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Thoughts From Your Pastor

So, here we go again. Another new year and there is no shortage of people telling us how to find success in our life in 2022. But success can mean different things to different people. The success that I need and am looking for in the coming year is probably very different than the success you are looking for. I would imagine that by now most of us have learned that there is no “cookie-cutter” approach to finding success, or happiness, or wealth, or anything else.

The problem with “cookie-cutter” solutions is that we all have different needs. I think the best approach to finding success in any area of life is to first identify the need we have. Then, look for or construct a plan that fits that need.

For instance, I need to lose weight (*I know you were thinking it, so I just went ahead and said it for you*). But I won't lose weight if I follow a plan to have a better-looking lawn this year. If I feed myself as much as I am told to feed my lawn, I will actually gain weight and the results will be the opposite of my need.

So, what is it that we all need in our Christian life in the coming year? Here are some areas I think we all, as Christians, should better develop in our lives. Let's see if you agree with me.

Tips for the New Year

1. Spending time with God

We can all become distracted, and distractions get in the way of the time we could and should be spending with God. I suggest a Bible reading plan that we can mark off the days as we read our daily scripture. If you need a plan, please let me know.

2. Forgiveness

I have heard it said that not forgiving a person is like having a bank account we can never draw money from. When we hold on to grudges, we are the one who is imprisoned. Unforgiveness becomes bitterness. But remember, as difficult as forgiving can be, it is still harder to forget the offense. When

you forgive, remember to forget it too (... as far as the east is to the west).

3. Fasting

Fasting is a powerful way to open channels between us and God. And fasting does not always have to be about giving up food. Identify something in your life that is important to you and choose a time when you are going to intentionally do without it. When was the last time you said “no” to coffee in the morning, or stayed away from social media? Whatever you choose to give up, make sure you spend the time in prayer instead. God will honor your sacrifice.

4. Tithing

If you are not a tither, become one. Remember, God does not need your money. Tithing is not about filling His need; it's about filling yours. You and I need to know that we are living a life that will hold nothing back from Him and His work that needs to be accomplished in the material world.

5. Jump in!

Right now, Eastway Baptist Church needs every shoulder to be against the wheel. I know at the present time there aren't a lot of opportunities, but that will soon change. Decide now to be a helper and supporter in the coming year. God will certainly bless those that do.

There are many more ways to have a more successful and God honoring new year. But the most important thing we can all do is draw closer to Him and join Him in His mighty work.

In his Grip,

Pastor Mike

*God
is in Control
of EVERY year!*



Tuesday, January 11th
at 9 AM
Sunrise Restaurant
You're invited!
Join us!



100% of all gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and International Missions, is used for the training and support of missionaries overseas. This year's emphasis: *Together, we transform lives through prayer.* The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was established in 1888 to enable missionaries to be sent to multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. We have the privilege of being part of this urgent and continuing effort!
Eastway Goal: \$1500
To Date: \$1091



Please remember in your prayer time our **Shut-ins** and **Those** who cannot attend as often as they would like. A card might brighten their day!

Memorial

for
Robert Lytle
by
Tom Lewis



voicemail, which is checked frequently.
Thank You! 704-535-6531

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Call the church office and speak with me or leave a

Love and Sympathy

to
Gary Potter and Family in
the passing of his brother,
Bob Potter



and to
any of our church family who may have lost a cherished family member or friend.
May **HE** comfort the hearts of all.

Bits and Pieces!

A smile is the lighting system of the face and the heating system of the heart.

Behold the turtle; he makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

Let us live as people who are prepared to die, and die as people who are prepared to live.

Why is rabbit farming a terrifying profession?

Every day is a hare-raising experience.

