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THE SONSHINE NEWS

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."
-1 Thessalonians 5:24

FROM PREACHER JEFF

¹⁶I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Psalm 119:16

¹⁵...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15

People are searching for hope. Real hope is found in Jesus. The Word of God is clear that we must be ready to share with others the visible hope that we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Why sit and worry over Covid-19 (or anything else for that matter) when God has promised that through "tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword" (Romans 8:35) that "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"? (v.37) Sharing His love will bring hope to a weary world. How can we better share the love of Christ?

First, read The Word. I want to challenge EVERY MEMBER to read the *Bible* through in 2021. Go to www.sullivanbaptist.org and print the plan to read The Bible through using daily passages from both the Old and New Testaments, Psalms, and Proverbs. Be determined and dedicated. Use an uninterrupted morning time to pray, and then read the daily passage. Do not allow anything or anyone to distract you. Find someone to help you stay accountable to daily *Bible* reading. Delight in The Word as you read!

Next, reach the weary. Memorize God's salvation plan so that you will "be ready always to give an answer to every man." Listen and learn The Gospel Presentation from the message that was posted on the church website for December 27, 2020. This will help you become comfortable in sharing the gospel with a lost, weary world.

Any time is a good time to share Jesus, but we should be especially diligent during this troubled time of pandemic and politics. Being in The Word will provide wisdom to win the lost. Remember, "He that winneth souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30)

On a personal note, Ramona and I are very grateful for the monetary Christmas gift presented from the church. Thank you! It fascinates me how this gift was collected when we were not even having worship on campus. You always seem to bless when it is least expected.

God loves you, and I love you! *Preacher Jeff*

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please go to www.sullivanbaptist.org for frequent Sullivan Baptist Church COVID-19 updates.

If you do not have access to the internet, please call 423-349-6288, extension 19, for similar, voice-recorded information.

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ABOUT US.
IT'S ABOUT
JESUS.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Donna Phillips	12 Hugh Crawford	22 Nobeleen Salyers
2 Judy Lingerfelt	13 Evan Crawford	22 Robert York
3 Danny Fee	15 Alan Shipley	23 Roger Bevins
4 Mary Ruth Conkin	15 Larry Wooten	23 Ron Poirier
5 Darell Cox	16 Pat Bailey	23 Jeff Richardson
5 Teresa Larkin	16 Jared Hobbs	23 Gomer Williams
5 Don Salyers	16 Erin Joy Turner	24 Ron Ligon
6 Kirk Koenig	17 Abigail Barrett	26 Tammy Bishop
6 Phyllis Ramey	17 Greg Cox	26 Mildred Cox
6 Louise Weaver	18 Charlotte Richards	26 Joe Dean
7 Cooper Johnson	19 Lugene Bragg	27 Jackie Morelock
7 Loretta Pierce	20 Maddox Kincheloe	28 Matthew Copas
9 Carter Gibson	20 Abigail Mayfield	28 Jaime Douglass
9 Shirley Hubbard	20 Madison Ray	28 Jan Helton
10 Gina Hawkins	20 Paxton Wampler	28 Benjamin Johnson
10 Kris Jones	21 Connie Hilton	30 Tommy Boyer
10 Beeler Mullins	22 Melinda Ligon	31 Margie Campbell
11 Chris Spurlock	22 Morgan Pendleton	31 Wayne Weaver
12 Andrea Anderson		

Deacon Ministry for January:

Widow & Shut-In: Tommy Riddle 863.6788; Richard Riffe 360.3949;
 Don Salyers 342.6879; Steve Whitaker 357.1498
 Hospital: Greg Cox 292.4694; Gene Feathers 245.5437;
 Roger Hodges 620.2690; Alan Shipley 335.2553

Bereavement: Robert Littleton 863.2329
 Visitation: Tim Hensley 782.6281
 Grief & Crisis: Paul Overbay 794.7554
 Ordinances: Jeff Richardson 677.1420

The church received "Thank you's" this month from Jeri Kenney, Helen Davidson, Gladys Hyder, and the Greene Family



Rev. Jeff Strong, Pastor
 Robert York, Fellowship Pastor
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 Ross Turner, Minister of Students
 Sharon Arredondo, Director of Children's Ministry
 Christina O'Neal, MCAT Director
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 Linda Campbell, Secretary
 Anita Overbay, Ministry Assistant
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