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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy **New** (?) Year! Will 2018 really be a new year, or will it just be more of the same? In an old *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip, Calvin says:

"I'm getting disillusioned with these new years. They don't seem very new at all. Each new year is just like the old year! Here another year has gone by and everything's still the same! There's still pollution and war and stupidity and greed! Things haven't changed! What kind of future is this? I thought things were supposed to improve! I thought the future was supposed to be better!"

Hobbes answers: "The problems with the future is that it keeps turning into the present." (Universal Press Syndicate, 1990). Hobbes sounds like wise but gloomy preacher who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes:

"What has been will be again; what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, 'Look, this is something new'? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time" (1:9-10).

In one way, it's hard to disagree with Ecclesiastes (and with Hobbes!). There have always been, and still are, wars and rumors of wars. There are forgotten volumes on dusty shelves about the rise and fall of once-mighty empires. Public figures have always been at the center of scandal, real or imagined. Every year—every *day*—babies are born, people die, and fortunes are made and lost. The sun rises and sets; winds blow, and rivers flow. The old cliché got it right: The more things change the more they stay the same. So, while unexpected things might happen in 2018, there will be nothing unprecedented. "Nothing new under the sun."

Looking "**under** the sun" for newness is the problem. The writer of Ecclesiastes didn't know what you and I have been graced to know: our earth has been visited by Someone from **beyond** the sun. God has come to the earth in Jesus to give us a vision of life which extends into the heavens.

The elder John, in Revelation, caught a glimpse of that vision. He saw Jesus, robed in majesty, and heard him declare with power: "I am making all things new!" Through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, God has unleashed newness on the earth, a newness from beyond the sun.

Will this year be a new year? It all depends on where we look: **under** the sun or **beyond** the sun? If we look only under the sun—that is, to the best we can do in our unaided strength and intelligence—then we aren't likely to find

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Dates to Remember

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Church office is closed

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 Prayer Service & Sack Dinner

Sunday, January 7

“The Creating Word”

Guy Sayles

Monday, January 8

6:00 Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 Deacon Meeting

Sunday, January 14

“The Calling Word”

Guy Sayles

Saturday, January 20

10:00 Women’s Breakfast @

Happy Hill Restaurant

Sunday, January 21

“The Redirecting Word”

Guy Sayles

Sunday, January 28

“The Restoring Word”

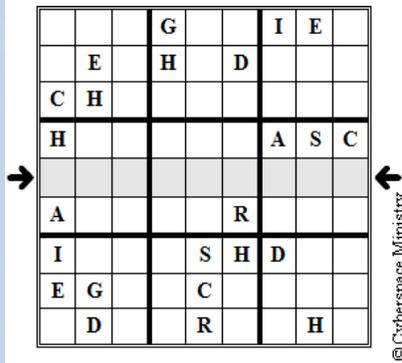
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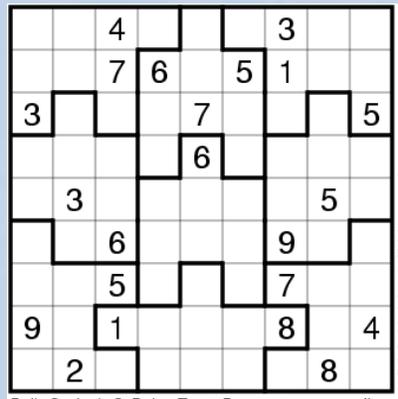
Wednesdays at 7:15:

Choir Rehearsal

The 9 letters to use :
A C D E G H I R S



Puzzle solutions are on the calendar.



Daily Squiggly SuDoku: Tue 5-Dec-2017 medium

Announcements

Prayer Service & Sack Dinner: We will be meeting on January 3rd at 6:00 in the Coffee House.

Women’s Breakfast: We will resume meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Happy Hill Restaurant from 10:00-noon.

2018 Servant Leader Results:

Deacons

Bruce Farlow, Linda Farlow, Jack Brown, Peggy Brown, John Buckner, Annette Perkins, & Terry Smith

Leadership Team

Guy Sayles—Pastor
Dan Bradshaw—Moderator
Lennie Thornton—Treasurer
Jennie Dalton—Clerk
TBD—Deacon Chairperson
Frank Richardson—Operations Manager
Melody Bell, Butch Stillwell, & Dan Nix.

2018 Budget

The 2018 Budget was unanimously approved.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

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anything new. If, instead, we look to Jesus, he will surprise and delight us with renewal. We have a choice in the year ahead: we can live with earth-bound dreariness or we can trust the glimpses we have of life beyond the sun.

Grace & Peace,
Guy

Our Calvary Shoebox Team: (Margaret & Dan Bradshaw, Michelle & Tom Mattox, Anita & Terry Smith, Linda Farlow and John Buckner) had a successful trip to the Samaritans Purse OCC Headquarters in Boone on Thursday, Dec. 7th. The team worked from 10AM until 2PM inspecting and packing shoeboxes into cartons for shipment to Ghana, a country of 27 million people on the coast of West Africa. The Boone center has been processing between 45,000 and 50,000 boxes each day. Nation wide over 6 million boxes have already been processed and are on their way to children throughout the world. Pray that each child will receive a box that meets their needs and lets them know who God is. It is estimated that each shoebox impacts at least 7 individuals. Thanks again to our Calvary and Missio Dei family for preparing nearly 300 boxes locally.

LEADERSHIP TEAM NOVEMBER MINUTES

The meeting was opened with a devotional given by Dan Bradshaw and the minutes were approved.

Lennie presented the financial report for the Church and the CEC. There will be a discussion about a price increase for parents. The lead paint has been taken care of and completed.

Frank Richardson will be added to our staff starting on January 1, 2018 as the Operations Manager. Frank reported that the termite treatments have started. Roof repairs have been completed by Chuck Patterson’s company and an anonymous donation of \$790 was given to cover the cost. There is a sage bush outside of Charlene’s office window that needs to be removed.

The church will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years as was done in the previous years. Signs to remind us of safety requirements and to watch for children have been purchased and posted. A decision will need to be made about snow removal during the winter months.

Linda reported there would be no new deacons at this time.

Guy would like to schedule a retreat in Jan. or Feb. for the Leadership Team and Deacons. The Wednesday night prayer meetings will continue. Guy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully,
Jennie Dalton, Church Clerk