



“THE CALL”

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

January, 2020



A New Year is upon us! It seems I just start to remember what year it is to write on checks and it changes. It seems to happen so much faster than it used to!

As I sit and ponder the wonder and miracle of the birth of our Savior, I am reminded once again of the blessing of salvation through His death and resurrection. We cannot possibly know what the New Year will bring in our lives, however, we can begin the New Year without fear or worry because of the promises He has given us. As our Advent season reminded us we enter the New Year loved so much that God gave His only Begotten Son for our salvation. (John 3:16) He has given us a living hope to an inheritance that does not fade away reserved in heaven for us. (I Peter 1:3-4) He has given us His peace in every situation of life. (John 14:27) and He will, if we open our hearts to Him, He will fill us with joy unspeakable and full of glory! (I Peter 1:8)

There is another tremendous blessing that we can experience in the coming year. He has placed us within a fellowship of His people. As we fellowship together, worship together, study together, use the gifts He has given us to serve together, pray for and encourage one another, whatever the year brings we will be victorious! However, we must in obedience open our hearts and life yielding ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This doesn't mean that there will not be challenges in the New Year.

I heard a long time ago that the quote "Life isn't a bed of roses!" isn't true. Life is a bed of roses. From a distance it's beautiful, however, up close it has thorns. The apostle Paul knew this well.

"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, My strength is made perfect in weakness.'" (II Corinthians 12:7-9)

So filled with the wonder of the Christmas story and the knowledge of the Cross and the resurrection, we can look forward to being a servant of Jesus Christ in the New Year. We know there will be times of smiles and joys; times of trial and sadness, but we will never have to face any of them alone for God is with us, and we surrounded with the community of faith!
God's grace is sufficient, His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Bring it on New Year! We are ready!!

Shalom, Pastor Bill



HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2020



Set aside Sunday, January 19, for a special birthday party potluck with cake and ice cream.

We'll share a meal with people whose birthday is the same month as ours. Bring a dish to pass. Meat and cake will be provided.

From the Church of England Magazine on March 3, 1858

Prince of Peace, control my will;

Bid my struggling heart be still;

Bid my fears and doubts to cease,

Hush my spirit into peace.

May Thy will, not mine, be done;

May Thy will and mine be one;

Chase these doubtings from my heart,

Now Thy perfect peace impart.

Anonymous



2020 CALENDARS FOR SALE



Once again calendars are available to purchase. The beautiful scenic calendars are only \$5.00 this year with proceeds going to the youth for camp and National Youth Conference. Calendars are in the narthex with an envelope for your contribution. They're great for gift giving!

What are your prayer requests?



gathering of friends

time for instruction

Join Us

prayer for each other

Sunday

January 5th

7:00

p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

***** **Outreach** cup offerings for January, February, March, April are designated for Walk for Warmth

***** **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**, January 5, worship service

***** **Prayer group**, Sunday, Jan. 5, 7:00 p.m.

***** **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETINGS 2020
2nd Tuesday of the month

**Commissions 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.**

January 14

May 12

September 8

February 11

June 9

October 13

March 10

July 14

November 10

April 14

August 11

December 8



Women's Fellowship

Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. The next fellowship meeting is Wednesday, January 8th after Bible Study.

**All women are welcome.....
a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!**



FUNERAL DINNERS—a ministry of this church.

Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.

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