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Dear SonLife family,

*New Year's greetings to each of you!!! As your pastor, I trust this will be a fulfilling, growing year for you personally, as a family and as a part of the church body here.*

*My purpose in writing to you today is for information, prayerful consideration and support and participation. It has been nearly 15 years since my family and I moved to Salisbury with the dream and vision of "planting" a church, one without the traditional barriers and hindrances... A place for unchurched people to find Jesus and experience a "fresh start" in their lives. That dream has taken us down many avenues, some "successful", some not... some "dead end roads", some exciting ventures, some painful places. We have ministered to and with myriads of people and seen God do some unique things in people's lives as they have pursued Him and allowed Him the opportunity to be Lord of their lives.*

*Today, it is STILL my passion and vision to see God be released in the lives of people who are hungry for Him and to experience His will and purpose for them. My dream includes seeing persons become enthusiastic about seeing Jesus at work in their lives to the point that others are drawn to their zest for life, a quality that only Jesus can bring. However, Gilda and I, along with the shepherds sense that we are at a crossroads. That can be frightening, but only if we allow it to be. " God has not given us a spirit of fear..." Instead, we are excited to share with you our plan to pray together for 4 nights this next week...beginning on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm. Yes, this IS our regularly scheduled prayer time... we will meet in the sanctuary and be open to what the Lord has to say to us. We will also meet on Monday, Weds and Thursday at 7 pm at the church, our regular TEAM nights, for the explicit purpose of praying for what the Lord has for us at this juncture at SonLife. If you too are desiring to see the Lord move among us...see people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus...are willing to invest yourself in the cause of Christ... then we are looking for you to JOIN US each of these nights. Even if you are not comfortable praying aloud, I encourage you to come and join forces with the "army of God", as we listen to what the Lord has to say to us!*

*My earnest, heartfelt prayer is that we will see the Lord at work among us in miraculous ways. Indeed, that IS who He is!!! May you too anticipate His working among us...*

*Prayerful,*

*Pastor Marshall H. Wise*

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*In lieu of a typical newsletter this month, we offer the following:*

From the Prayer Coordinator:

*"Prayer is not merely expressing our present desires. Its purpose is to exercise and train out desires so that we want what He ( God) is getting ready to give us. His gift is very great; and we are small vessels receiving it. So prayer involves widening our hearts to God." Augustine of Hippo*

As we start this new year, I hope for each of us that we will strengthen our relationship with our Heavenly Father, by spending time with Him intentionally every day. If we have a good friend, but never spend time or talk with them OR only talk with them when we want or need something, is that really friendship?

*"Father, help us to want what You want. Thank You for Your love and faithfulness. Help us to become all You want us to be." AMEN*

Prayer Concerns for January:

- ❖ Trend and Sherry Dashiell for God to be their strength and comfort
- ❖ That we might accept the challenge to pray for our neighbors that they might come into a relationship with Christ.
- ❖ For our seniors that we will not forget them but continue to let them know they are loved and appreciated
- ❖ For our pastor that God will continue to guide and direct him and give him vision for what He would have us do in our community for Christ
- ❖ For each of us to commit to more intentional time spent with God seeking His will, His way

## Women's Ministry

The women's ministry of SonLife has always been a wonderful blessing to all those involved. We are excited to see more and more women "joining the pack" and enjoying our journey together. We have these "events" coming in the near future. ALL WOMEN are encouraged to adjust their schedule to be able to participate in these opportunities for growth.

- Monthly TEAM – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm
- There are a few tickets left for Women of Faith in September. The ticket cost is \$119, due by the end of January. If you would like to participate, please see Inge for questions or payment.
- Mid-Winter Retreat to be held February 2 and 3 at Janes Island State Park lodge in Crisfield. We will begin with dinner at 6:45 pm on Friday and conclude on Saturday about 3 pm. The fee for this event is \$30 per person and includes overnight lodging and meals. Each lady will also be asked to bring a food item; there will be a sign-up sheet for this.  
We are challenged to consider our theme: " More of Him, Less of Me!".  
There will be food, fun, fellowship and times of reflection and insight. Don't miss it!!!

For February's Newsletter, please send information to Steve Wellfonder at [swellfonder@comcast.net](mailto:swellfonder@comcast.net) by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your cooperation.