

SonLife Communicator

M O N T H L Y N E W S L E T T E R

Dear Church,

Wow, we are almost at the end of a month already in this new year! It seems the older we become, the faster time flies! With that thought in mind, let us reflect on God's perspective on time and purpose.

As you well know, He perceives time much differently than we do. We get caught up in moments that distract us and hinder us, so we think from reaching our destiny for the day or the week...when God sees time, He sees eternity. He has plans for us that are much more vast than our human minds can conceive or even grasp. How much more we need to spend time with Him, to receive His perspective on our "moments", so that our days, our months, and years are all that He would want to offer us.

The scripture that keeps returning to our minds as we reflect on God's plans for us is found in II Chronicles 7:14-16:

" If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."

As we have spent time praying for God's plans to emerge for us as a body in this new year, let us be mindful that His timing is not always ours. May each of us examine our hearts, our thoughts, and intentions, as we continue to trust Him for His truth to us. Because we ARE His people, He WILL hear, and He WILL heal. That is His promise. Be encouraged!

Blessings,

Pastor and Gilda

LADIES RETREAT
Janes Island State Park

The ladies are preparing for an exciting overnight stay at the lodge at Janes Island on February 2nd and 3rd. Pursuing the theme, "More of Him, Less of Me", we will be led on Friday evening by Estrella Knutson into focused thinking. A full schedule has been planned and is being prayed over... all ladies are invited to join us for some time for reflection, as well as laughter, food and fellowship. Don't miss the blessing!!!

SUPER BOWL PARTY
Sunday, February 4th, 6:00 p.m.

Our annual event will be held at the home of Bob and Lee Still again this year. Having been blessed with a new large screened TV, the evening looks like a promising fun evening as always. Don't forget your snacks to share.

CALENDAR

February 6th 6:30 p.m.	Men's night at Wise's ***Note--change of date to the first Tuesday of every month***
February 20th 7:00 p.m.	Music and sharing at Parsons home
February 27th 6:30 p.m.	Ladies TEAM night

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

How awesome to see so many people at prayer time recently!!! May you each be encouraged as you put forth the effort to become part of the praying army among us. WE meet each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.!!!

PRAYER CORNER

II Corinthians 4:7

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."

This past week our church has spent several nights in intensive prayer seeking God's heart. I've been reading a book "The Power of Praying Together" by Stormie Omartian and Jack Hayford that offers some insight.

"It has been said that Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees...It's because he knows that the power of God gives us victory over the works of darkness when we pray."

"Prayer is the primary 'business' of His people. It is the way transformation is brought about....all power in Heaven and Earth is His (God's) but all prayer invoking Heaven's power into Earth's need is ours." The authors infer that God wants to take those willing to sur-

render their lives to Him and show us how to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. The key is our willingness to submit our flesh to God's will. This week we saw people putting aside personal desire to spend time as a body with other believers and God. I know the courage that took for many to step outside their comfort zones to be a part of this. We continue to wait on God's timing. He reminds us in His Word to "be still and know that I am God".

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR
FEBRUARY:**

- ❖ *For us to continue to seek God's will in each of our lives to help reach the non-believers*
- ❖ *For increased intentional time spent with our Heavenly Father and in His Word*
- ❖ *For protection of our pastor and his family as he is on the front lines of the battlefield against Satan and that God will continue to meet their every need*
- ❖ *For us to be moved out of apathy and casualness as we worship God*
- ❖ *That in our midst we would see God "give sight to the blind, heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free."*

❖ *For Christina Mattson and her family as her mother recovers from surgery for a fractured arm*

❖ *For our seniors, that they would not feel lonely or forgotten by their church family*

**SPECIAL
NEEDS**

There is a need for a person or persons to be in the nursery 1 or 2 times per month to read a Bible story with the children and to supervise them. Please see Christina Mattson for details.