



## First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids

That Rock for Jesus

*When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22 (NIV)*

High boys and girls. January is an exciting time. It is the beginning of a brand new year. Some people like to make New Year's resolutions or promises to themselves about what they plan to accomplish in the new year. The number one resolution people make is, "I am going to lose weight." I don't think too many people succeed, since it seems to be the number one resolution year after year. I know that it usually makes my top ten list of things I would like to accomplish in the new year.

Even if you don't make any New Year's resolutions, this is an exciting time. It is a time that we can forget our past mistakes and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is a time of new beginnings. Jesus experienced times of new beginnings in his life too. One of those times was when He was baptized. There were a couple of very important things that happened when Jesus was baptized. First of all, the Bible tells us that the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and landed upon Him. The second thing was that God spoke and said, "You are my Son. I love You and I am well-pleased with You."

This event marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Up until that time, He had not performed any miracles, but with God's stamp of approval and with the spirit of God upon him, Jesus began to perform great miracles. From this new beginning, many people began to understand that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they began to follow Him.

When we place our faith in Jesus and follow Him, we experience a new beginning. Our past sins are forgiven and we are given a chance to live differently. God may not always be well-pleased with us, but I think that He looks down with an approving smile when He sees us trying to walk with Jesus. Have you placed your faith in Christ? Are you walking with Jesus? God gives us opportunities for new beginnings. Let us make the most of them. Put your faith in Jesus and live a new life in Christ through the power of his Holy Spirit.

Pastor Larry

### RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



## A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

Welcome to a new year. We have officially began 2021. As with any new year, I have two things that I need. A new calendar for the upcoming year and a new notebook to write appointments and other information. The first day of the New Year will probably be the only day this notebook is clean. It has absolutely no writing in it anywhere. A clean notebook helps me remember the significance we place on a new year as a fresh start, a new year to live a life dedicated to God. In Ephesians 4:23 the bible tells us "Our hearts and minds must be made completely new." I know a lot of us are looking forward to a new year after 2020. We will need three things to help us do this. I am going to give you three things that begin with the letter C. Before you checkout the three things, look up the words **commitment, concentrate, and constant**. Write the meaning of these words down on a piece of paper.

First, we will need commitment. Just as you have to pick up a pen or pencil and decide to write in a new notebook, you must also decide to make this year count. You make a commitment, a promise, to live a better, fuller, richer Christian life.

Second, we will need to concentrate on what will be your contributions. What exactly will you write in the new book? What will you do to live a more dedicated Christian life? You need to think of ways to make your commitment count: helping people, meeting the needs of others, spending more time in prayer, learning more about God, reading our bible and working on an area of weakness.

Finally, we will need to be constant in our commitment. That means we need to keep it up, to work at it all the time – not start and stop when we please.

We all here people who make New Year's resolutions at the beginning of each year. But, those resolutions only work if you stay with it.

This is something all ages can do. Find yourself a new clean notebook. Transfer the meaning of the three "C" words to your notebook. Write down how you can make this a wonderful new year for you. It may be something like your schoolwork and grades, some sport you want to excel at, helping someone, being kinder, or even a more devoted life to Jesus through prayer, reading your bible, or helping others.

Whatever you choose remember to:

- Commit to it
- Concentrate on what will be your contribution
- Be constant in your commitment – keep it up.



**Awana is currently postponed until the first of the year. We will re-evaluate in January!**

### Children's Church Schedule:

January 10: The Mysterious Prophet

January 17: Jesus is Here

January 24: A Roman Officer Meets Jesus

January 31: Jesus and the Tax Collector

## GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of January, we will be meeting John and Xue Bai who are church planters among the Chinese people in Washington. This month you will learn more about how to live for Christ. You will begin the month by studying Paul and reading his letter to the Philippian church. You will discover how Paul lived for Christ even in prison. John and Xue Bai will share their story with you beginning with their journey from China to Washington. You will see how they were willing to leave their home and their country for Christ. You will also learn about the different responsibilities a missionary family has. They have 2 children, Cherry (12) and Shuai (6). You will even experience with them eating at a Chick-fil-A for the first time. For January, start on page 17 of your GA World book. You may even learn a little Chinese in your journey.

Watch the FBCC Facebook page for postings on Wednesday nights for GA's. Work along in your GA World book each week as we share. Make sure you look at the MK kids that are having birthdays for the month. Say a prayer for them and their families.

### Mission Friends:

#### Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

In December Mission Friends will travel to the beautiful state of Washington to meet John and Xue Bai who are church planters there for the Chinese people. When we say someone is "planting a church," that means they are starting a new church.

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## JANUARY WORD SEARCH

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mitten  
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snowflake  
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hibernate  
winter  
white



***"I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of  
God that brings salvation to everyone that believes."  
Romans 1:16***