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BLESSED RESOLUTIONS

"For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:23,25).

While serving as the Dean of Theology at Drew University, Leonard Sweet told the story of hearing a student complain about the appointment he had received from a bishop. The student did not feel the placement suited his abilities. The other student, to whom these words of complaint were expressed, responded, "You know the world is a better place because Michelangelo did not say, 'I don't do ceilings.'"

What a wonderfully insightful and challenging response. At a time when many have fashioned for themselves any number of New Year resolutions, too often such things are couched in the negative; focused on what they don't want to do. In contrast, the people of God are to be identified by their proactive resolve, evidenced in how we love, how we serve, how we hope, how we faithfully engage regardless of circumstances.

In reflecting upon the attitudes of some key personalities in both scripture and church history, Sweet continued the discerning thought of the perceptive student:

The world's a much better place because a German monk named Martin Luther didn't say, "I don't do doors."

The world's a better place because Moses didn't say, "I don't do pharaohs or mass migrations."

The world's a better place because Noah didn't say, "I don't do arks and animals."

The world's a better place because Rahab didn't say, "I don't do enemy spies."

The world's a better place because Ruth didn't say, "I don't do mother-in-laws."

The world's a better place because David didn't say, "I don't do giants."

The world's a better place because Peter didn't say, "I don't do Gentiles."

The world's a better place because Mary didn't say, "I don't do virgin births."

The world's a better place because Paul didn't say, "I don't do correspondence."

The world's a better place because Mary Magdalene didn't say, "I don't do feet."

The world's a better place because Jesus didn't say, "I don't do crosses."

Sadly, the world's perception of Christianity is based upon a caricature of a people known for what they don't do and what they're against. In a world of less than ideal circumstances, we have the opportunity to flip the narrative; to make it a better place by being the presence of Christ where our feet are, by our doing instead of our naysaying:

- Doing grace where there is condemnation.
- Doing restoration where there is brokenness.
- Doing peace where there is conflict.
- Doing comfort where there is grief.
- Doing hope where there is despair.
- Doing justice where there is injustice.
- Doing forgiveness where there is bitterness.
- Doing renewal where there is judgment.

When we resolve to do what we are called to do, saved to do, equipped to do, and empowered to do as the followers of Christ, these are the resolutions blessed by God.



BOBBY DAGNEL
PASTOR



FOLLOWING JESUS IN 2023

She was a typical noble-born, wealthy, well-married, twenty-two year-old young mother at the dawn of the third century living in North Africa. However, Vibia Perpetua was anything but ordinary as a follower of Jesus. In fact, it was her faith in Christ that turned her blissful life into a whirlwind of chaos, broken relationships and unsettling future. Emperor Septimus Severus awoke one fateful morning and decreed that all worship of anything or anyone was to cease, immediately! In addition, he required that all citizens and subjects of his kingdom would, instead, worship and offer sacrifices to him! To make matters worse, he added that any and all objectors would be thrown into the arena for all to witness their hideous demise in the jaws of the beasts.

Perpetua's father, knowing of her devotion to Jesus, feverishly tried to convince her not to "throw her life away." He urged her to consider the shame she would bring to her entire family. And when that didn't work, he reminded her that she had a responsibility to stay alive at all costs because of her young daughter, but not even that would dissuade Perpetua's devotion to Jesus and Him alone!

Tragically, on March 7, AD 203, Perpetua, accompanied by her servant Felicity, both of whom had refused to worship anyone or anything other than Jesus, entered the amphitheater to face a gruesome death.

Seeking the most painful death possible, their executioners chose to send a bull. Sadly, they knew that, unlike a bear, who could kill his prey with one swipe of his paw, a bull's killing took time—one mauling after another. After yet another goring that left the young women ripped and torn yet still very much alive, the crowd cried out: "Enough! Enough!"

So, the emperor caved and signaled for the gladiator to come and finish the job. He initiated the final blow but something threw him off. No one knows what happened but this one who made his living by beheading people actually missed and only delivered a glancing strike. Perpetua, with her last bit of strength, reached out and guided the executioner's hand enabling him to finish the ghastly deed.

Though it's doubtful that ANY of us will ever face that kind of persecution, a story like that of such heart-felt, unabashed devotion with total abandon to Jesus should give us pause, especially as we face a new year. For me, personally, this story has caused me to ask myself:

1. Am I living for Jesus with total disregard of what anyone thinks or am I more likely to blend in so I won't be looked at with disdain?

2. Am I loving, kind, gracious, and generous to those who don't choose to believe/live like I think Jesus wants us to believe/live or am I more likely to look at and view them with contempt?

3. Am I living out habits that would easily identify me as a Christ-follower (do I DO the TWO {love God and love All}) or is my "devotion" to God and others limited and calculated based on...well, anything?

4. Am I a person who is consistently "on mission where my feet are" or am I sharing the love of Jesus only with the "already-convinced"?

As we look at these next few months, with all the possibilities, of learning more about Jesus, of engaging in the worship of Jesus, of bringing our seeking and unchurched friends and families with us, I urge you (and me) to let those questions be a springboard toward each of us being "on mission where our feet are", and to be challenged to be the Perpetua and the Felicity of our day! Not by being asked to die a gruesome death, but by following Jesus as He has instructed:

"If any of you want to come after Me,' He said, 'you must say no to yourselves, and pick up your cross every day, and follow Me" (Luke 9.23 NTE).



KEN DRAUGHON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
MUSIC & WORSHIP

THE INVITING CHURCH

At the start of every new year, we believe that it is important to reflect on everything we have accomplished and decide on the efficacy of the work we have done in the previous year. Through the avenues we have here at First Lubbock for education, outreach, and community our goal is to help facilitate growth in our teenagers in their understanding of the foundations of their faith and Christian living. Our goal as a ministry is to instill in our students the consistency of Christian living that is taught in the classroom as well as through the example of leaders demonstrating for our students what a lifelong faith looks like.

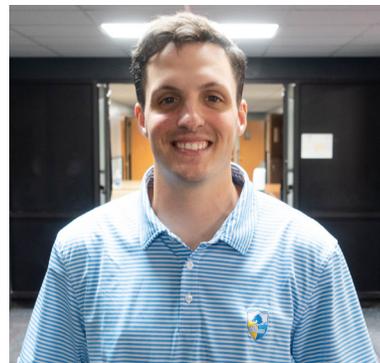
Bill Hull states in his book *The Disciple-Making Church* that an inviting church is a healthy church. One of the best opportunities we have for our students to be a part of the inviting church is through our scheduled events such as Disciple Now. Our DNOW event is Friday February 3rd through Sunday February 5th. This is a great opportunity for our students to invite their friends from school and enjoy of great weekend of quality teaching and fellowship, not to mention a good time!

Our church does a great job of living out what it means to be on mission where our feet are. We have two events coming up this summer that we believe as a ministry are effective and have the opportunity to be pivotal in the life of our teenagers. Our summer camp this year will be in Glorieta, New Mexico and will be from June 19th through June 23rd. This event builds within our group a great chemistry and fellowship that is important to the life of faith in our teenagers. Through the guest speakers and awesome time our students have during this week our students get a week away from all the craziness

of their schedules and build a foundation that will help them for years to come.

Our summer mission trip or 168 will be from July 9th through July 15th. This event is where our students get the opportunity to put their faith into action and serve a community for a week in Pueblo, Colorado. We will be serving a church plant in the area and prepping their building and community for the light that this church will be able to be to the area. The students will have opportunities for community service, evangelism, and good old-fashioned hard work. The value this event has for our students is boundless as it gives them innumerable opportunities to see outside of their own spheres of life and understand the need for Christian service.

I couldn't ask for a greater group of students and families to walk alongside in this youth ministry. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for our group in this coming year and am proud to call this place home.



SAM AKIN

MINISTER OF STUDENTS



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WALK WITH PURPOSE

It's no secret that an array of activities, people, and tasks vie for our attention. Distractions can easily become the biggest roadblock to my relationship with the Lord. Diversions such as spending time on social media, checking tasks off of a to do list, or watching a new show that a friend recommended are just a few of the interruptions that come my way. These things often make their way to the front of the line, pushing my quiet time with God further and further down the list. Soon, I hear myself saying I will do it when I finish such and such, at the end of the day when everything else is completed, or it will be easier when everyone is asleep. It takes being intentional on our part to ensure that we have time alone with our Creator.

My daughter has shared with me that her dance instructor tells her to "walk with purpose" when she is entering or exiting the stage. The instructor strives for her students to present themselves with confidence and know where they are headed. This confidence comes as the result of consistent practice,

determination, and listening to instruction by the director. If you are not engaged in practice and diligent about learning each new skill uncertainty and anxiety will be clear in your body language.

We all strive to walk with purpose on some level in our lives. We want to appear to have our lives neatly organized, knowing our destination or goal. Some days this comes easily and other days we question exactly why we are here, as well as the path we have taken. Our journey can sometimes seem chaotic and disorganized. When we look back, it is no surprise that these moments come when we were not spending time in the presence of our Creator, reading His word, listening for His voice, and opening our minds and hearts to receive His wisdom and direction. To know about Him is relatively easy but knowing Him personally takes effort on our part.

I believe that the enemy often steals our confidence by simply keeping us distracted and disconnected from God. God does not desire for us to live this

way. Time spent with Him allows us to live boldly and intentionally because we are in turn filled with His spirit, wisdom, and guidance.

As you think about your relationship with the Lord what comes to mind? Do you think about ways you have seen Him work in your life, answer prayer, give you wisdom, or speak to you through His word? Or do you feel anxious and uncertain about the path you are traveling? As we begin this new year, living and walking with purpose is something that is attainable if we seek God and make our relationship with Him our priority.



TERESA PORTER
KIDS MINISTRY DIRECTOR

TEACH ME YOUR WAY, LORD, THAT I MAY RELY ON YOUR FAITHFULNESS: GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART, THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME. PSALM 86:11



HOW IS YOUR HEARING?

Sometimes we are accused of having "Selective Hearing"; only paying attention to things we desire to hear. Of course, as we continue in our 55+ lives, there are times when we may realize that we are not actually able to hear as we once could. The important thing is much more than how well we hear; it is what we are listening to!

"Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11). This verse is another of Jesus' many explanations that His love is available for all! John had not been a "popular preacher" who catered to the crowd, nor was he a reed in the wind that vacillated with every change. John was a man of great conviction and courage. He prepared the way for our Savior. The people who listened were excited to finally meet Jesus when He came! Many others resisted the truth and missed the privilege of knowing the Savior completely.

Are you able to hear the "still small voice" that tells us to go and tell the good news to those around us? Is your hearing adequate

to hide God's Word in your heart that you might not sin against Him? When you hear a sermon or Bible study can you retell the key points to someone who may not have been encouraged lately? Are you listening for opportunities to minister for those who may be less fortunate? I will ask the original question, "how is your hearing"? It is a great question to ponder and perhaps have a talk with the Lord about listening!

We have many things on the schedule for 55+ adults in the new year. I hope you will get involved in some of the activities, outings and ministries! I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better. You are all a blessing to me.



TIM THORNTON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF
PASTORAL CARE & GENERATIONS

NEW BEGINNINGS

Sometimes God takes us a different direction! During the fall semester of 2022 we started the process of establishing a relationship with Brown Elementary as the school where First Lubbock would invest our time, talents, and resources. However, after a phone call with the LISD Central Office, we changed course to a different school who did not have as many community partners and I am excited about our new opportunity!

This semester First Lubbock will be taking the Kids Hope mentoring program that we have used in the past at

Dupre Elementary over to our new partners, Wollfarth Elementary School located in North Lubbock. I am very excited and looking forward to the relationship we will build with Christy Gillespie, Wollfarth's principal, and the entire faculty and staff!

As the school begins to learn about our mentoring program we will see a need for more mentors. If you are interested in investing one hour a week with one child, please contact Kathryn McMillan. You can reach her at kathryn@firstlubbock.org.

WEEKEND SNACK BAGS

Each week during the semester our church continues to send out approximately 370 snack bags to nine different schools all across our community. This ministry meets a great need and I am grateful for every single person who has given up an afternoon to meet the needs of the food insecure in our city. But as I'm sure you all know, volunteers aren't the only thing that make the snack bag ministry happen. All of our snack bags are funded through the gifts to our Global Mission's Offering.

The GMO is our mission's offering that we encourage you to give to above and beyond the general budget. This

offering provides for our day to day operations within the scope of the GMO.

Other ministries funded through our Global Mission's Offering includes our state mission's offerings, mission trips, prison ministry, homeless ministries and soup kitchens. If you ever have any questions about the GMO, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Our goal for this year's mission's offering is \$182,450 and to date we have received \$145,938.34. Thank you for your faithful giving to this vital offering!



JERRY RAMIREZ
MINISTER OF GLOBAL INITIATIVES



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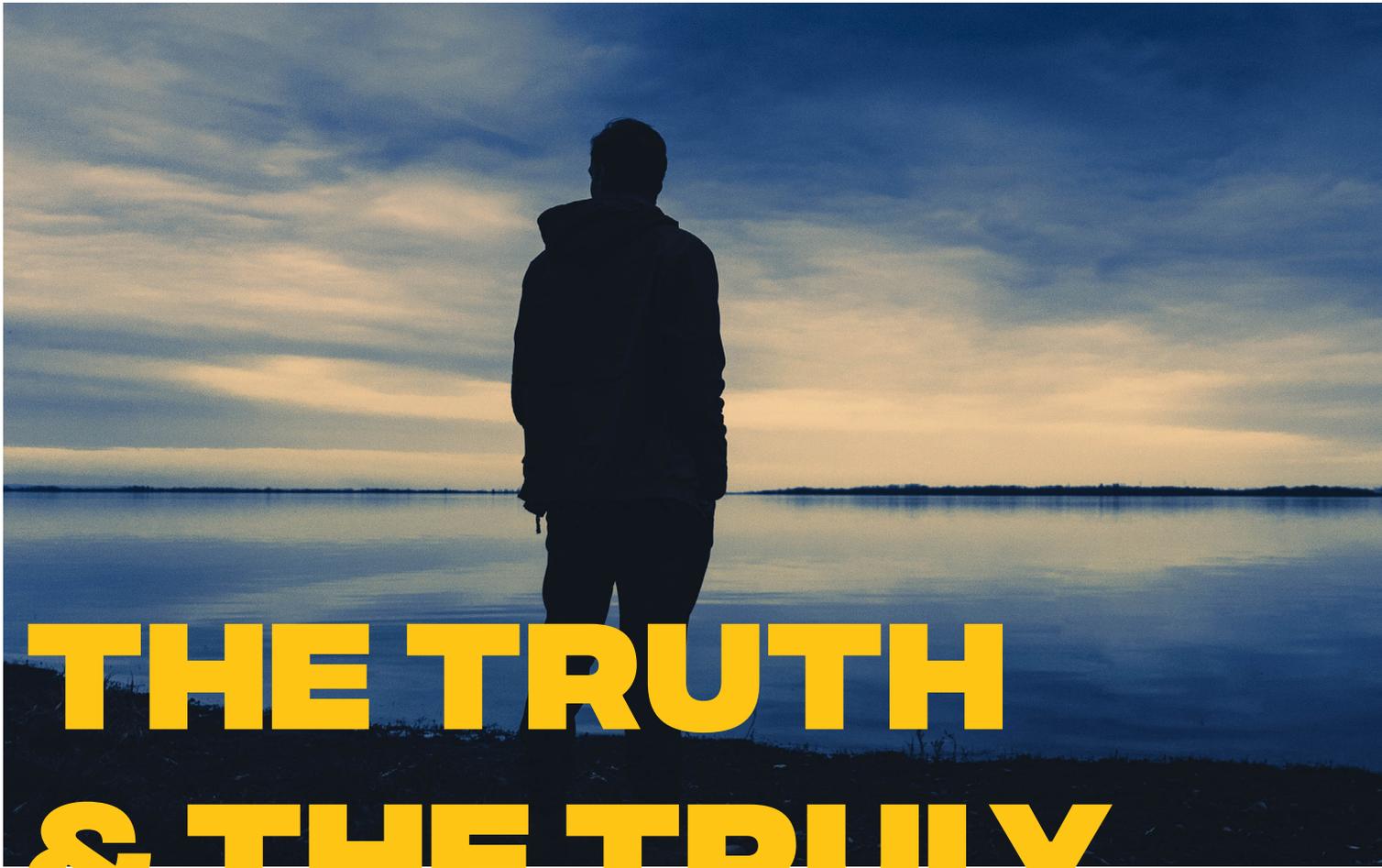
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THE TRUTH & THE TRULY SPECTACULAR

Permission to speak candidly? Since you are continuing to read, I'll consider that permission enough. I found myself crying, screaming even, to God on multiple occasions across 2022 because the world is broken. The world is broken, and it's hurting people I love. The world is broken, and I can't put it back together. The world is broken, and I cry out, "Why, God? Why haven't You fixed it yet? After all, You came, and it's been quite a while since then, to put things right and make all things new. Certainly this isn't what You intended?!"



Fathers battling cancer. Friends struggling against depression. Grandmothers alone for days on end. Children neglected by family. Sisters manipulated by twisted leaders. Neighbors afflicted with predispositions they furiously fight to overcome. Crime on the rise, trust on the run, and compassion barricaded behind walls of self-defense.

My friend, of course this isn't what He intended. But, it is our current living experience, and we can't act like it's not real. To merely slap a positive and encouraging bandaid on a virus of despair is to convince ourselves we've done our part meanwhile the infection runs its course. Christ-follower, if we were to pretend like everything is hunky dory, if we were to shield our eyes with kaleidoscope goggles bursting with consolatory

butterflies and rainbows, then we would dismiss a chance to grieve with those who grieve and deprive ourselves of the opportunity to see something true and truly spectacular.

In the eleventh chapter of John's Gospel we find a familiar story and a cliché Bible verse. You and I know that Jesus knew that His friend Lazarus was not beyond saving. He had arrived to breathe life back into His dead friend, but when He arrived the more immediate need was not resurrection - it was grief. While He knew how He would put the pieces together again, Jesus chose to embrace the ones He loved and their dejection. The fallen conditions of humanity are more complicated than introducing solutions for every problem; they require intention and time. So, before accomplishing the miraculous, Jesus wept.

In 2022 I spent a great deal of time in the Psalms, and in that time I learned one key lesson. God's never asked us to convince ourselves that everything in this life is perfect and beautiful and whole. What He's asking is for us to delight in His presence with us as He restores the world in His time so we can appreciate the glory of His redemption. When David was on the run from Saul, and when Asaph coveted the treasures of the wicked, and when the children of Korah dreaded the destruction of the earth it pleased God that His kids would entrust their cares to Him. Not to idols. Not to the nations of the world or the power of mortals. Not to their own wherewithal. No, they chose the One who was with them in the chaos and who loved them across space and time with all power and all understanding. This is no self-medicated, imaginary fairytale land for those desperate for a coping mechanism; this is relationship.

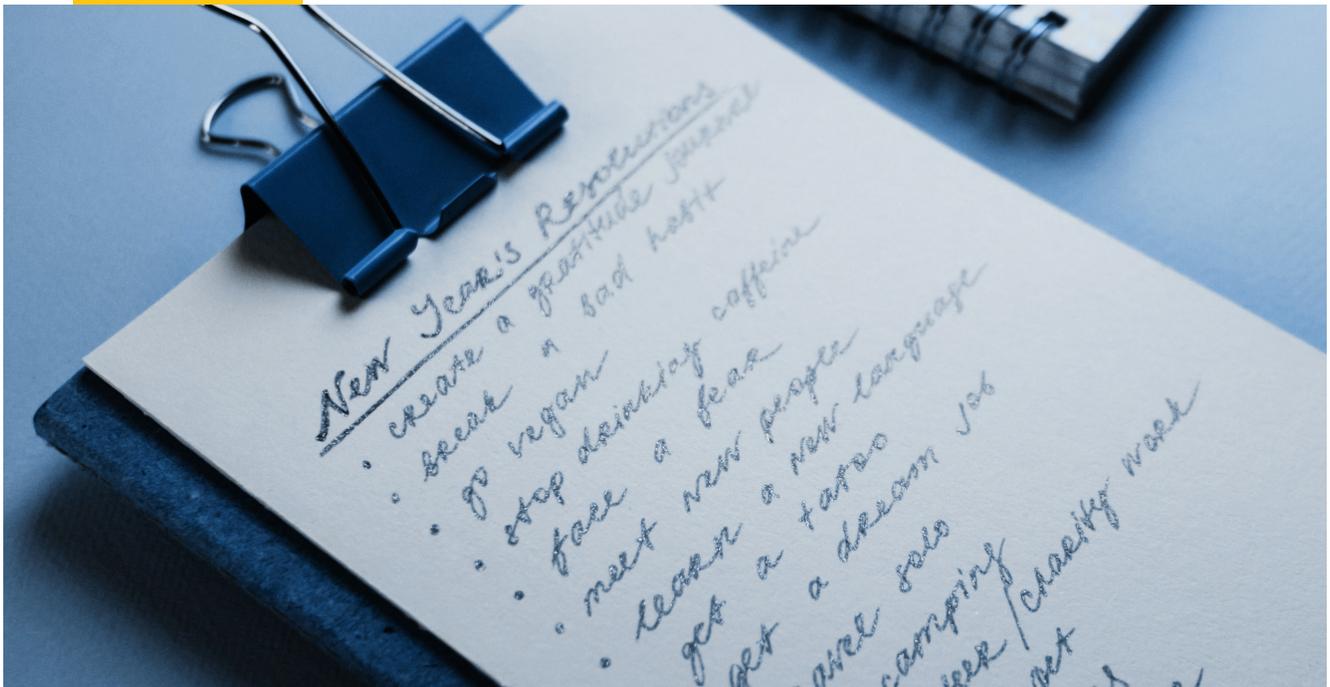
The truth is that the world is broken, but the truly spectacular is that God is using the brokenness to accomplish His divine purposes in ways that will ultimately, and permanently, outshine this present darkness. He is orchestrating the dissonance into a cadence of harmonic resolution. He will raise the dead to life and wipe every tear away when He comes again to reign among His people. In the meantime Jesus has asked us to be His representatives in this broken world, and He's given us a model to follow as we acknowledge the truth and anticipate the truly spectacular.



JONNY HUGHES
WORSHIP & ARTS
ASSOCIATE

IN DEFENSE OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Depending on the stats you read online, around 40% of Americans make at least one New Year's Resolution. Young people make them more often than older people, but nearly all of them fail. About 91% of people who make resolutions feel they have failed by the end of the year. My guess is half of those have failed before February.



Why is that? No one knows for sure, but I would venture to guess it isn't because the ones who made those resolutions didn't really want to do them. I suspect all the would-be weight losers, book readers, and money savers truly wanted to do the thing they set out to do on January 1. I would argue it's probably because they underestimated what it would cost them. But I'm not here to bash on resolution-makers. I've made resolutions before, and I failed all but one of them (in 2018 I did read 50 books like I committed to in January, though it should be noted I also made that same resolution in 2017 and didn't get to 20). In fact, I'm here in defense of New Year's Resolutions.

In the Old Testament we're told that in one of God's acts of discipline on the Israelites, he allowed them to be captured by Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar took Jerusalem and kidnapped the best and the brightest among them to bring back to his palace. Among those captured were Daniel, Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abednego). These young men, among others, were taken to the king's palace. They were taught the history, language, customs, and even given new names. None of this seemed overly problematic for the young men, but then the king tried to give them his food and the Scriptures tell us that "Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself." Daniel made a resolution, though it probably wasn't at the onset of a new year. Daniel knew though exactly what it would cost him. It might even cost him his life, but Daniel knew the consequences of defiling himself before the Lord was a much scarier proposition. I read once that "change happens when the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of change." As cheesy as that may sound, I think that's where Daniel found himself. The idea of defiling himself before God was too painful of a thought to him. He'd rather die if that was necessary.

As we think about moving forward in a culture that continues to become more secular, we will be faced with a lot of choices. Church can't look the same as it did 50 years ago because the world isn't the same as it was 50 years ago. But as we evaluate which things we are willing to alter, we must remain committed to being pure in the sight of the Lord. That's my resolution for our College Ministry this year—and every year moving forward. Remain committed to thinking of new, creative ways to minister to college students while always keeping my priorities on pleasing Jesus in all that we do.

So, if you want to lose 20 pounds, read 30 books, or save 20% of your paychecks, count the cost and commit

to do it. But more importantly, resolve today that you will not defile yourself before the Lord by indulging in the things the world deems important. Remain focused on the task at hand: go therefore and make disciples. Resolve this year to be on mission where your feet are.



EVAN HENSON
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
UNIVERSITY LIFE



LOOKING AHEAD WITH THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

I AM SO EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR!

This spring we will be studying "Find Your People" by Jennie Allen. We will be offering this on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. This study focuses on how to make friends and build community. I cannot wait to see how we, as the women of First Lubbock, grow and come together through this semester. To wrap up our study with Jennie we will also be hosting IF:Gathering by way of an IF:Local here at First Lubbock! Go ahead and mark your calendars now for March 3-4!

As we are closing out the year and the holiday season I know giving and sharing the good news and great joy that is the birth of Jesus and His saving grace is still at the front of our minds. A new thing I want to bring to each women's event this year is collecting specific items for Operation Christmas Child. Last year we packed 250 boxes as a church family. Let's make a goal to pack 500 boxes this year!

The first Women's event of the new year is going to be Trivia Night hosted by Joshua Jackson on January 22nd.

We will be collecting personal care items at this event. Some ideas are combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, wash clothes, adhesive bandages, reusable plastic containers and blankets. Of course there will be prizes, good food and fellowship so I hope to see you all there.

Like I said before I am SO excited for this new year and I hope you will come along so we may all be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

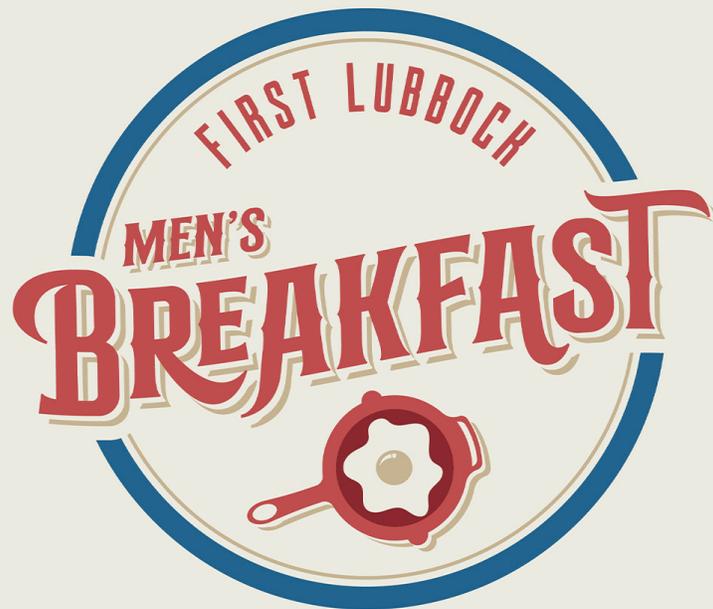
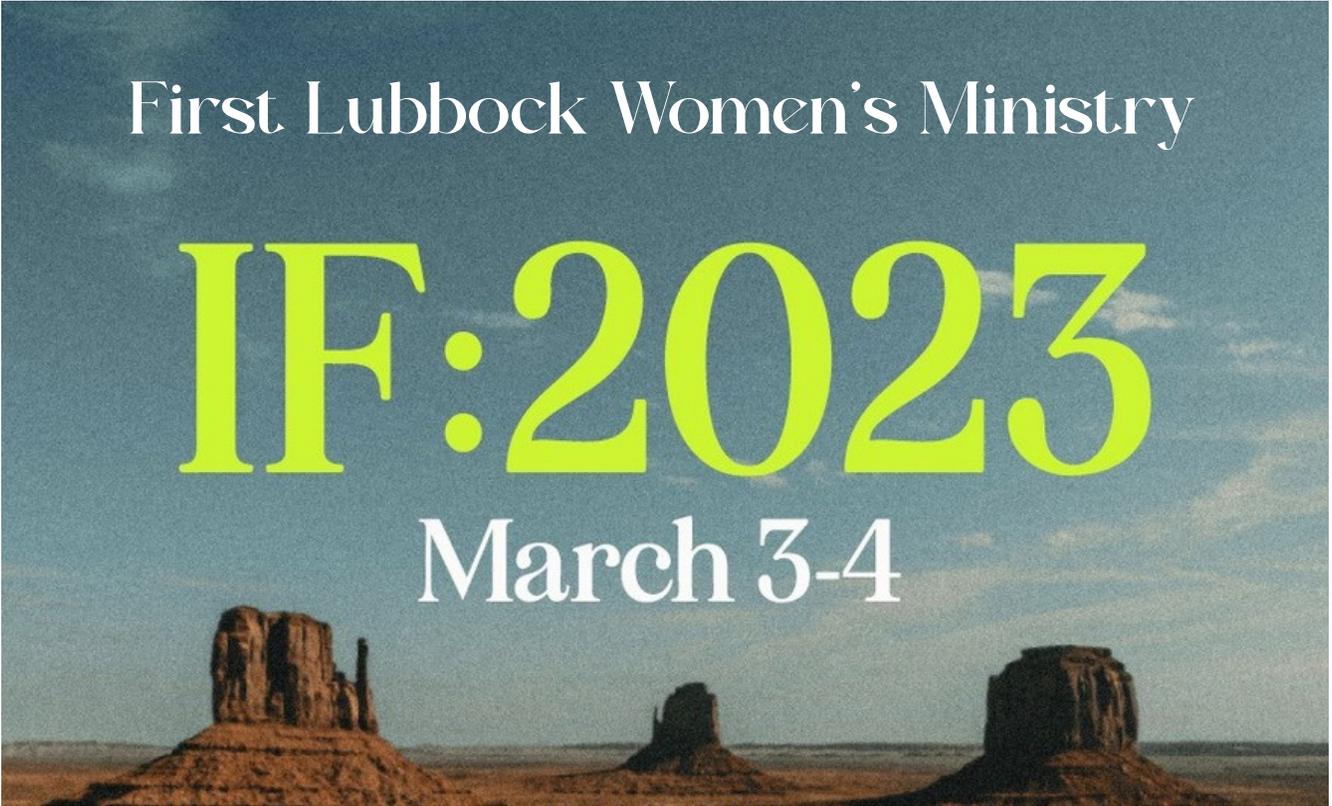


KACI HILTON
WOMEN'S MINISTRY
COORDINATOR

First Lubbock Women's Ministry

IF:2023

March 3-4



SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 7:30 AM - JANUARY 21 | FEBRUARY 18 | MARCH 11



STAY HUNGRY!

This time of year is usually full of resolutions. I'm going to recommend one you might like the sound of: Stay hungry!

"Hunger for Holiness" is the title of our Adult Bible Study material that we have walked through for part of the fall semester and will complete in the first weeks of this new year. It has been a thorough look at the words of Peter, the apostle, in his first letter to Christ-followers in the early church era. His instructions throughout have been clear: live holy as people of God. His encouragement is equal in clarity: you can do this! Without a doubt his letter holds true for us today, too.

We've heard from Peter repeatedly that Christ-followers should expect struggles and life to be full of difficulty. We've read, though, that we must stay the course and live in a way that honors God, especially in the midst of hardship. Peter also made sure his readers understood the two-fold promise for Christ-followers. The trails of this life are short and they pale in comparison of eternal glory!

Without being too much of a spoiler I want to call your attention to some of Peter's closing words from this first letter.

⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. ⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be

strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

¹⁰ In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. ¹¹ All power to him forever! Amen (1 Peter 5:6-11 NLT).

As you move through 2023 with the highs and lows that I am sure will come, won't you take the words to heart? How will you continue to live holy through hardships? How will you let hope found in the promises of God empower you in 2023?

One of the primary functions we have as a church is to help you along the way! That's why we program and do what we do. As you look through this magazine, please take note of the various ways you can get involved and grow in your faith!



JUSTIN HAMBY
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES



NEW HABITS

“Happy New Year!” We hear those words once a year and off we go with new goals, opportunities and challenges. Our focus may be on diet, new workouts, family goals, career goals, finances or new hobbies. We may even have a checklist that looks something like:

Start a budget, eat healthy, start working out, change batteries in smoke detectors, read more books, watch less TV, and be more generous.

There are all kinds of tips and tools on how to start a budget. Check out ramseysolutions.com for help. You can also find healthy eating tips, workout help and how to change your smoke detector batteries by searching online. Same with reading more and watching less. You don't have to reinvent the wheel on any of these, just get started. How can you be more generous? Ramseysolutions.com can also help you with this but here is what I have seen over the last several years. To borrow a line from Nike: **Just Do It!**

Bobby reminds us from the pulpit that, “It’s easier to act your way into a new way of thinking than to think your way into a new way of acting”. So, if you want to be more generous, here are some practical ways you can act your way into a generous way of thinking.

1. If you are a tither, consider tithing a higher percentage of adding gifts to your storehouse tithe.
2. If you are a regular giver, consider tithing. Giving God

back 10% of what He gives you will change your life. It did mine.

3. If you are a seasonal or attendance giver, consider becoming a regular giver. Being consistent in your giving will make a difference.

4. If you are a sometimes giver, increase how often you give.

We are happy to help with any and all questions you may have about giving to the church, the church budget or individual gifts. Here are some ways you can give to First Lubbock.

1. Offering boxes (located in the foyer outside the Worship Center)
2. Walk-into church business office
3. Mail to church business office
4. Online through our website (takes ACH from bank, all credit/debit cards, or PayPal)
5. Texting “give” to 806-583-1010
6. Contribution drafts set up through business office.
7. Make a stock transfer through the business office.
8. Venmo (available early 2023)

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

I look forward to seeing how God blesses you in 2023!

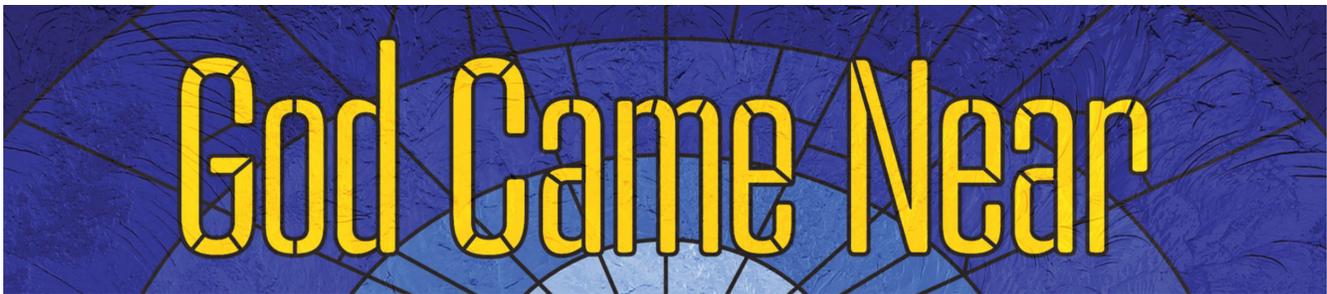


DEAN JOHNSON
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

SPRING ADULT MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES



Wednesdays at 6 | Led by: Kristen Leonard & Kaci Hilton or Karen Henderson & Sylvia Miller
Thursdays at 9:30 AM | Led by: Kaci Hilton & Rae Lynn Hamby



Wednesdays at 6 | Led by: Tim Thornton



Wednesdays at Noon | Led by Dean Johnson
Wednesdays at 6 | Led by Justin Hamby



Wednesdays at 6 | Led by Ken Draughon

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH STUDY AND TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THEM, PLEASE VISIT FIRSTLUBBOCK.ORG/MIDWEEK OR SCAN THE QR CODE



LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY

- 12 MOSAIC SPRING KICKOFF
- 15 CHILI COOKOFF
- 17 55+ GAME DAY
- 18 SPRING MIDWEEK LAUNCH
- 21 MEN'S BREAKFAST
- 22 PRETEEN PLUGGED IN AT ALTITUDE
- 22 WOMEN'S MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT
- 25 55+ BOWLING
- 27 KIDS NIGHT OUT
- 29 COMMUNION IN LOWRIE HALL

FEBRUARY

- 3-5 DNOW
- 3 ALL CITY WORSHIP
- 18 MEN'S BREAKFAST
- 21 55+ GAME DAY
- 24 KIDS NIGHT OUT
- 26 PRETEEN PLUGGED IN AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE
- 26 COMMUNION

MARCH

- 3-4 WOMEN'S MINISTRY IF:GATHERING
- 5 LISTENING ROOM
- 8 55+ BOWLING
- 11 MEN'S BREAKFAST
- 12 ONE WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION (TIME CHANGE SUNDAY)
- 12 COLLEGE MISSION TRIP
- 19 BUDGET DISCUSSION
- 21 55+ GAMEDAY
- 26 BUDGET VOTE
- 31 KIDS NIGHT OUT

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US &
YOUR CONTINUED HARD WORK!

5 YEARS EVAN HENSON - 01.07.2018

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN:
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Joined by Baptism or Profession of Faith

Charlie Burt
Jordan Davis

Parker Sisemore
Saige Spradley

Joined by Letter or Statement of Faith

Andrea Cross
Raymond Cross
Kelly Gordon
Britt Gordon
Carolyn Kenney
Jim Kenney

Pam Kenney
Seth Kenney
Landon McCormack
Sheree McCormack
Russell Moses
Doris Moses

Jimmy Nelson
Bibiana Ossai
Amy Pritchett
Marilyn Wallace
Sean Wallace

FIRST LUBBOCK
BUDGET AS OF
JANUARY 1

BUDGET REQUIRED YTD

\$3,570,857.06

BUDGET RECEIVED YTD

\$3,688,993.58

GLOBAL IMPACT MISSIONS GOAL

\$182,450.00

GLOBAL IMPACT MISSIONS RECEIVED YTD

\$145,938.34

LANDMARK RECEIVED YTD

\$19,759.05

**ARE YOU WANTING TO
BECOME A FOLLOWER OF
CHRIST?**

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT BECOMING
A PART OF OUR CHURCH
FAMILY?**

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER
REQUEST?**

**DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO
TALK TO?**

**TEXT: FLRESPOND
TO 833-571-3475**

**WE'D LOVE TO TALK
TO YOU TODAY!**



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