



Chimes

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Bethel United Methodist Church
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Greetings in the Lord,

At the beginning of a new year, a high school principal decided to collect and post his teachers' New Year's resolutions on the bulletin board. As the teachers gathered around the board, a great commotion started. One of the teachers was complaining. "Why weren't my resolutions posted?" She was throwing such a temper tantrum that the principal hurried to his office to see if he had overlooked her resolutions. Sure enough, he had mislaid them on his desk. As he read her resolutions, he was astounded. This teacher's first resolution was not to let little things upset her in the New Year.

Isn't that the way it is with all of us? Our good intentions for the New Year evaporate in less time than it takes us to remember to start dating our checks correctly for the New Year. Is it any wonder that research has shown only a 12% success rate when it comes to New Year's resolutions? In the words of Dr. Phil, "How's that working for you?" At least for Christians, I suspect it's not working because we forget that for any real change to take place in our lives, it needs to be motivated by and empowered by God.

In Isaiah 43:19, God inspires the prophet to speak these words, "Behold I will do a new thing." God is the one who is constantly seeking to do a new thing in our lives. Although God is unchanging, God is always doing a new thing in His relationship with us. In fact, for the Christian, the scriptures portray this work of God in great detail:

- God has made us a new creation.
- God gives us a new song.
- God calls us by a new name.
- God gives us new mercies every morning.

I believe God is also doing a new thing in the life of our church. God is calling us to catch a new vision, a vision that sees the world as God sees it. To help us to see God's vision for us in the coming year, I will be preaching a new sermon series in January entitled, "A New Battle Plan for an Age-Old War." Each week I will attempt to paint a picture of how God sees our world today and what we as a church are being called to do about it. The first Sunday, January 7, will be the most important sermon, as I will lay out in detail the new vision for our church and how we can catch it. But you'll not want to miss any of these sermons as each one will reveal some of our new strategic battle plans ahead:

Jan. 7 "A New Vision for a New Year"

Jan. 14 "Winning America's Culture War"

Jan. 21 "60 Million Casualties & Counting"

Jan. 28 "Standing Our Ground for Biblical Marriage"

As we catch God's Vision and engage in this age-old war, I know that Satan will begin attacking our church. This will not only come from the world, but also from within our own denomination. I'm asking that all of us be in prayer for effective spiritual warfare. And no matter what our enemy throws at us, just remember this line from the movie, *God's Not Dead 2*: "I'd rather stand with God and be judged by the world than stand with the world and be judged by God."

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Doug Stockton



Behind the Guitar Pastor Steve Fultz

John 14:12 "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (NIV)

The verse above from the Gospel of John is spoken by Jesus in one of the most quoted chapters of the New Testament, Chapter 14. But what I wanted to point out to you isn't something I thought of on my own. In a devotional I have been reading, Greater, from Crossings Ministries (not the local church in Batavia), the author looked at this scripture and said, "What GREATER works than these would I ever do?" "Then," he continues, "God revealed to me that EVERY TIME I proclaim Him to someone who needs a relationship with Him – and that person responds to God's call on their life – God is using me to: heal a spiritually blind person; heal a spiritually mute person; heal a spiritually deaf person; heal a spiritually sick person; and give new life to a spiritually dead person."

I had never seen it that way; I had always thought of what Jesus said as being literal. But, it makes sense. Jesus was healing people all over the place during His ministry on earth—and a lot of times on the Sabbath. When questioned about it, Jesus would throw it right back at those who questioned Him. **"Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"**

And, basically, what this author said is true. We are here to try and open up the eyes, ears, and hearts of those who are spiritually dead (non-believers in Jesus). We don't actually do it; the Holy Spirit does. Our part is to testify to the One, Jesus, who can change lives, redeem us to God, and give us an eternal life with Him.

Think of it. Billy Graham has done amazing things in his life with his revivals. We can do the same; of course, it will most likely be on a smaller scale. However, that doesn't mean God won't raise up another like Billy or one even greater. Billy has given sight to the spiritually blind, given hearing to the spiritually deaf, helped the spiritually lame walk with Jesus, and given those who were spiritually dead a new life in Jesus. These may be more important than the physical impairments Jesus was healing people of, only because it relates to the eternal and not the temporal. Not to dismiss what He did, because many of those people walked with Jesus and became His Disciples. Yet, possibly, He was doing something physical for us to put into a spiritual context. It's similar to His use of Parables – an earthly story with a Heavenly meaning.

So, I guess what I'm getting to is, don't dismiss anything that Jesus said as being frivolous or only for His Disciples or some sort of Pentecostal gift of healing. He said it for a reason. We may not understand it fully...yet.

God Bless and have a wonderful, Spirit-filled New Year!

Pastor Steve



J.D. Young—Assistant Pastor of Family life Ministry



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Christmas



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Memory Verse for January

“Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are living now and the life to come.” I Timothy 4:8

Our theme for January is “Work it Out.” So often we focus on changing our outward self, when God desires to change us inwardly. Knowing God with our hearts is what changes (transforms) us both inside and out. Join us as we develop a plan to know God and share God more in 2018!

****Special Gym Games Sundays this month:
January 7 and 28 at 9:15 a.m.****

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No matter how you write it out, that is how many children received the blessing of a Christmas stocking this year from the generous hearts and hands of Bethel UMC. Thank you to all who provided gifts. Thank you to the Children, Youth and Families who helped stuff stockings in no time at all.

It is truly a testimony of what we as a church can accomplish when we work together. We look forward to doing similar service opportunities in 2018.





Way To Go Youth!

“You don’t have much money, but you do have time and energy.” This is a quote that I often recite to our youth, as we gear up for serving our church and community.

In two months’ time, our youth showed their appreciation and their hearts for those inside and outside our church. First, the Thanks-for-Giving dinner was a tremendous success, as they rolled up their sleeves and worked with the children of our church to serve a Thanksgiving dinner to the generous folks of BUMC. Three weeks later, this team arrived to once again meet the needs of our community as they helped stuff 133 stockings alongside children and families of our church. As I Timothy 4:12 teaches, they truly set an example for others to follow. I am so proud of these youth, and excited to see what more they do for Jesus in the future.

J.D. Young



BUMC Youth is heading to Panama City Beach, Florida in 2018, to attend BigStuf. BigStuf is an incredible, summer long, youth conference attended by tens of thousands of youth from around the country. BUMC’s week for the conference is June 10 - 16. The cost for the conference is \$400, but we have managed to get that number to \$280, which covers everything.

Join us on January 7 at 11:45 a.m. in The 314 House for a youth/parent information meeting. January 7 is also the deadline to register. We are limited in space to nine youth, so the first nine to register are in, while the others will form a waiting list. Register ASAP!!



Bryan & Yvonne Hutson In Concert

BUMC is hosting a free concert featuring Bryan and Yvonne Hutson on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

The Hutson’s started *Rescue Me Ministries*, a ministry dedicated to strengthening, encouraging, and challenging couples to fight for their marriage and family. Bryan and Yvonne Hutson are gifted speakers and vocalists who are committed to sharing the love of Christ through song, word and personal testimony.

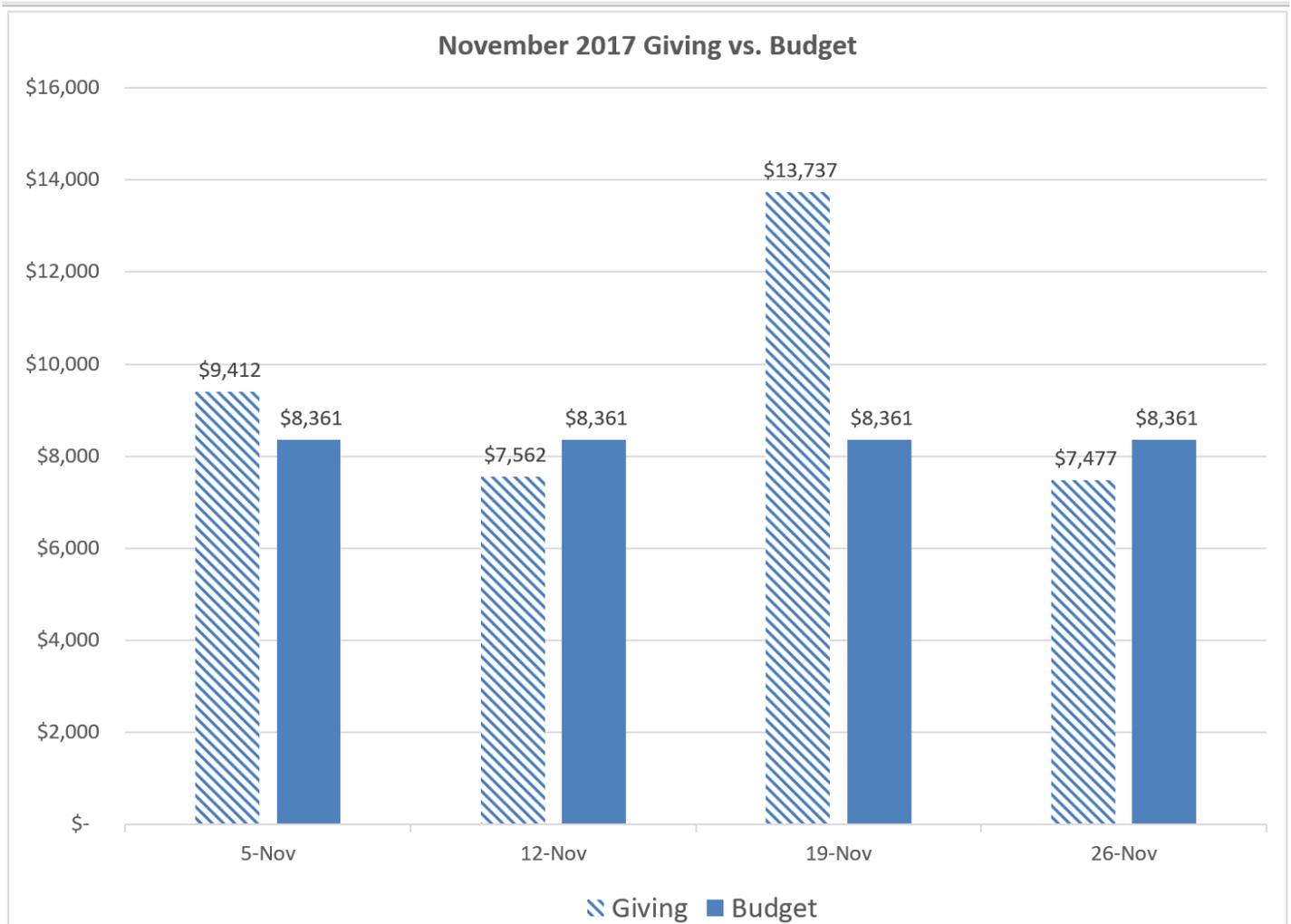
Everyone is welcome, so be sure to invite guests. We will take up a love offering for Bryan and Yvonne.



March 24: The Evangelism team will need your help on March 24 to put out the white crosses throughout Bethel.

March 30: On Good Friday, March 30, we will need help with the live Jesus crucifixion in front of our church. More information will be announced as time draws near.

FINANCE COMMITTEE



HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we enter another new year, I am excited to see what God has in store for BUMC in 2018. God has definitely blessed us with a return to strong financial stability and we give Him all praise for that. Additionally, at the time of writing this article, it appears that we will end 2017 with our giving exceeding our budgeted need.

Your Finance Committee will continue to provide support to all BUMC staff and ministry

chairpersons as we work towards serving God. Our first meeting for 2018 will be on Tuesday, January 23.

We truly appreciate your prayers, your gifts, and your tithes. God Bless!

If you have questions or suggestions for the Finance Committee, please contact Debby Redden 513-257-7709 (10:30 Service).



**BUMC
Safety
Ministry**



Canadian College
of English Language

Check your tires: make sure you have adequate tread on your tires and check their pressure. Consider snow tires if there is a high amount of snowfall.



Keep your distance. Stay 200 meters away from snow plows.



Do not get in a car with someone who has never driven in snow before.

Winter Driving Tips



Remove ice and snow from all windows, mirrors, and lights.



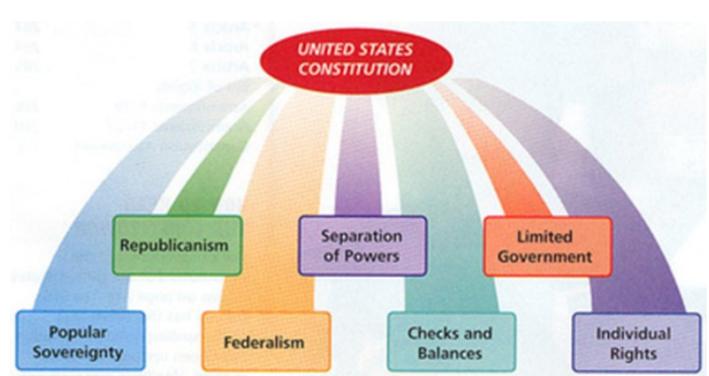
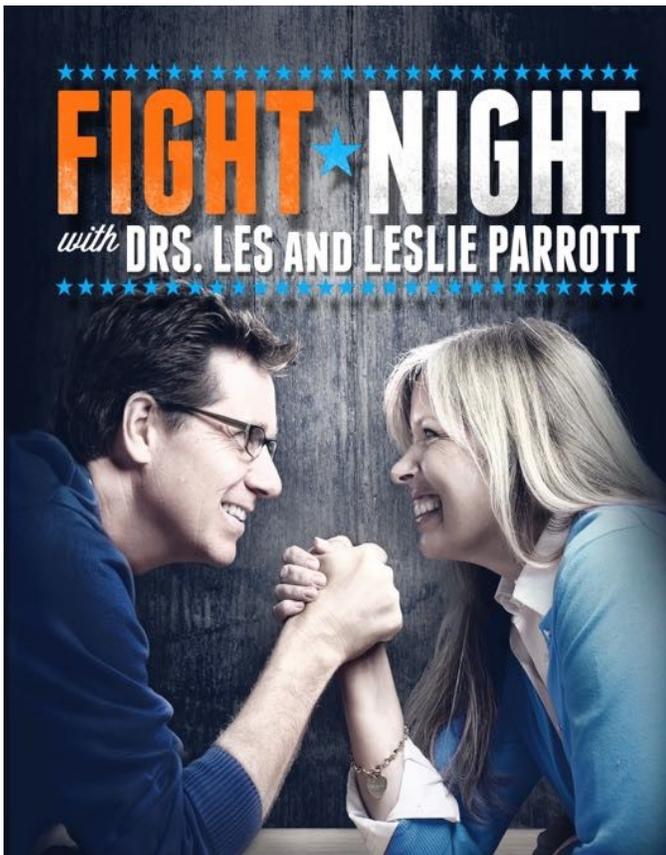
Change your oil: Fill your engine with an oil of lower viscosity. The number before the W represents viscosity, so 5W-30 has a lower viscosity than 10W-40.



Skidding. Try to avoid accelerating too hard. Keep it as smooth as possible. This also applies to braking and steering. If your car starts to skid, it is recommended that you gently lift off the accelerator and turn into the direction of the skid.



Avoid cruise control in wet, icy or snow conditions to maintain control of acceleration and deceleration at all times.



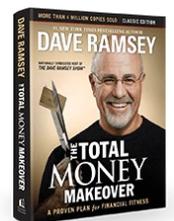
Constitution Boot Camp

Youth and adults are invited to register for our Constitution Boot Camp being held here at BUMC on January 27, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 with books and \$5 without and includes lunch at our own Kitchen of Hope. To register, you must email jim@buildingblocksforliberty.org with your name, email, and number of books. For more information, please contact Pastor Doug.

New Sunday School Classes

We have three new Sunday School classes starting the first of the year:

1. Bobby Redden will lead 1st Peter;
2. Georgia Daria will lead the American Christian Heritage
3. Kelly Dunham will lead Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey. There is a cost involved with the Dave Ramsey class, but it's well worth it.



Wired Word, led by John Burke, The Gospel of John, led by Sue Hauck, and The Truth Project, led by Pastor Steve, are other options on an ongoing basis, if you would like to join any of them.

This is a great time to get started with something new. It's an easy New Year's Resolution that only takes an hour one day a week! Make this the year you dig a little deeper into our Bible, Heritage, understanding our budgets, or the goings on in our current culture. You might be surprised at what you learn.

Lets' face it, all couples fight. Learn how to fight a **Good Fight**.

Join us for a fun event filled with humor, fresh insight, and new strategies for your relationship. Fight Night; How to Fight Fair is for everyone – newlyweds, “oldyweds,” seriously dating, engaged couples – anyone wanting to make a good relationship great.

Christian marriage expert, Dr. Les Parrott, will be presenting **Fight Night**, a Marriage Conference here at BUMC on **February 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Registration is \$20/individual and \$40/ couple. You are to register at: <https://www.lesandleslie.com/event/fight-night-bethel-oh/>.

Les is a professor of psychology at Northwest University. He and his wife, Leslie, a clinical psychologist, are founders of the Center for Healthy Relationships on the campus of Olivet University. They are New York Times best-selling authors, have been featured in *USA Today* and *New York Times*, and have made numerous television appearances.



BEAT THE WINTER BLUES!

**LADIES' WINTER BIBLE STUDY
BEGINNING JANUARY 4
THURSDAYS—10 A.M.**

Join us for prayer, fellowship,
and studying God's word!

Call Lois Luyster, 734-7322,
for more information.



NEW BEGINNINGS COOK BOOK

BUMC hasn't had a cookbook released since 2010. We have lots of new folks and we would love to see *'what's cookin'* in their kitchens. We hope **all the BUMC cooks** (male and female) will participate.

Please start submitting your favorite recipes. There will be a box in the kitchen to collect them through the end of the month.



**“Faith is deliberate confidence
in the character of God whose ways you
may not understand at the time.”**

Oswald Chambers



January Calendar Addendum

- 7 10:30 a.m. Service
11:30 a.m. Prime Time
6:00 p.m. Hutson Concert
- 9 7:00 p.m. Safety Mtg.
7:00 p.m. SPRC Mtg.
- 14 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Service
11:30 a.m. Prime Time
- 15 9:00 a.m. Sew Best
1:00 p.m. Clothing Store
5:30 p.m. Young Adults
- 21 8:00 a.m. Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Service
11:30 a.m. Prime Time
- 23 5:30 p.m. Finance Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Ad. Bd. Mtg.
- 28 9:15 Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Service
11:30 a.m. Prime Time



- 13: Ralph & Donna Swisshelm
- 17: Clifford & Phillis Parker
- 20: Michael & Rita Schaeffer
- 23: Betty & Allan McCall



January Birthdays

- 1: Nathan Reed, Jacob Webb, Myra Myers
- 2: Patty Pelfrey, Amy Dauber, Morgan Cox, Brycen Dickhaus
- 3: Beth Schwind, Jessica Kretzer, Jessica Sorgs, Erika Cox
- 4: Scottie Crabtree, Janie Broach, Bob VanderWoude, Kevin Chaney, Tallulah Hauck
- 5: Haylee Foster, Christopher Beyer, Brenton Guy, Danny Bennington
- 6: Rebekah Guy, Joyce McKee
- 7: Bill Pribble, Ed Duncan
- 8: Mike Stanforth
- 9: Herman Fagley Jr., Darlene Sloan, Bill Davis
- 10: George Partin, Lexa Humphrey
- 11: Caroline Dick, Freda Adams
- 12: Kaylee Randolph, Ray Bloomfield, Barbara Bruner, Ric Kruse
- 13: Natasha Broach, Bradley Davisson, Daniel Sepeck, Jason Bryant
- 14: Jackie Martin, Don Mundy, Gary Browning, Jr., Justin Dees, Jackson Burke
- 15: Dylan Dotson, Chelsea Figgins, Anna Paul, Ashton Canter
- 16: Charles MacQueen, Emma Moorehead
- 17: Jordan Daria, Hillary Daria, Ross Herbolt, Katie Kramer, Ian Moorhead, Darrin Jones
- 18: William Gaskins, Carter Tucker, Rob Haney
- 20: Allan McCall, Krista Sloan, Sue Lanigan
- 22: Heather Foster
- 23: Carrie White, Garrek Canter
- 24: Lamont Baudendistel, Andrew Woudenberg, Russell Hayden
- 25: Matt Dotson, Roger Dotson, Denae Jones
- 26: Tom Millman
- 27: Steve Morehouse
- 28: Kathy McDaniel, Brayden Foster, Mollie Bloomfield
- 29: Dean Hauck, Linda Millman



January Prayer Calendar

1. Jason, Rachel, Kane & Brenden Hacker
2. Benjamin, Charla, Brayden & Camryn Hall
3. Doug & Irina Hall
4. Val Hammock
5. Rob, Krystal, Austin & Carson Haney
6. Larry & Diane Harlow
7. Dale & Ann Harness
8. Brad, Heather, Avery & Tallulah Hauck
9. Bruce & Joan Hauck
10. Dean & Liz Hauck
11. Sue Hauck
12. Rick, Mary Jo, Blace & Destiny Haviland
13. Virginia & Russell Hayden
14. Philip, Lisa, Chase & Cade Heflin
15. Andy & Becky Hency, Keegan, Vincent, Clayton, Ashley & Josephine
16. Dan, Colleen, Sydney & Kylie Hennemann
17. Ralph & Dawn Herbolt
18. June Higgins
19. John & Karen Hirschauer
20. Louise Hirschauer
21. Roger & Vicki Holland
22. Terry, Carolyn, Lucas & Logan Holland
23. Shirley Holmes
24. John & Teresa, Jeffrey, Melinda & Marshal Howey
25. Gabe & Amy Humphries
26. Dewey & Gerry Ingle
27. Betty Jodrey
28. Jeremy, Bethany, Josiah & Peyton Johnson
29. Darrin, Denae, Paige Jones & Ben, Joshua, Cara, Julia, Emily Bowen
30. Molly Kemper
31. Mike Kilgore

Church Master Calendar

Jan 2018 (Coordinated Universal Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>11 1pm - Service 21:30pm - S.S. 3:30pm - Service</p>	<p>1 New T-car Day Office Closed</p>	<p>2 1pm - Prayer cd 4pm - Clothing Store</p>	<p>3 4pm - Clothing Store</p>	<p>4 11:30pm - Choir Practice 11pm - W. Crew</p>	<p>5 12am - Ventrance Crew 1pm - Flor's B. 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>	<p>6 12am - Ventrance Crew 1pm - Flor's B. 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>
<p>7 1pm - Service 21:30pm - S.S. 3:30pm - Service 4:30pm - PrimeTime 11pm - Concert</p>	<p>8 4pm - Clothing Store 10:30pm - T sung</p>	<p>9 1pm - Prayer cd 4pm - Clothing Store</p>	<p>10 12am - safe! Mtg. 5pm - S.P.M.C Mtg. 4pm - Clothing Store 11pm - Mip Side</p>	<p>11 11:30pm - Choir Practice 11:30pm - Mission Mtg. 10:30pm - BO+</p>	<p>12 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>	<p>13 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>
<p>14 M.P. room in use 1pm - Service 21:30pm - S.S. 3:30pm - Service 4:30pm - PrimeTime</p>	<p>15 M. Luther King Office Closed 3pm - See Blat 4pm - Clothing Store 10:30pm - T sung</p>	<p>16 1pm - Prayer cd 4pm - Clothing Store</p>	<p>17 12am - Trustees Mtg. 4pm - Clothing Store 11pm - Mip Side</p>	<p>18 11:30pm - Choir Practice 11pm - Pastor Friends Chimes Due</p>	<p>19 12am - Ventrance Crew 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>	<p>20 12am - Ventrance Crew 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>
<p>21 Service of Life Term Session 1pm - Service 21:30pm - S.S. 3:30pm - Service 4:30pm - PrimeTime</p>	<p>22 Life Line Screening 4pm - Clothing Store 10:30pm - T sung</p>	<p>23 1pm - Prayer cd 4pm - Clothing Store 10:30pm - Finance</p>	<p>24 12am - Ad. Bd. Mtg. 4pm - Clothing Store 11pm - Mip Side</p>	<p>25 11:30pm - Sing. Mtg. 11:30pm - Choir Practice 11pm - Dinner meet</p>	<p>26 1:45pm - Book Camp 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>	<p>27 1:45pm - Book Camp 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>
<p>28 Bhang. Moment 1pm - Service 21:30pm - S.S. 3:30pm - Service 4:30pm - PrimeTime</p>	<p>29 4pm - Clothing Store 10:30pm - T sung</p>	<p>30 1pm - Prayer cd 4pm - Clothing Store</p>	<p>31 4pm - Clothing Store 11pm - Mip Side</p>	<p>1 11:30pm - Choir Practice Jr. Hi. Bible 11pm - W. Crew</p>	<p>2 Jr. Hi. Bible 12am - Ventrance Crew 1pm - Flor's B. 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>	<p>3 Jr. Hi. Bible 12am - Ventrance Crew 1pm - Flor's B. 3pm - W or. Pres. 4pm - K of Hope</p>