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**WORSHIP TIMES**  
 Sunday School 8:45AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship 10AM  
 Sunday Evening 6PM  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting and DU  
 Classes 6PM

**LRBC JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

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**Living Urgently**

“Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” Mark 2:14-15

Do you live with a sense of urgency? This is not a question that many of us probably ask ourselves on a regular basis, but the truth is Jesus encourages us to live our lives with a sense of urgency – not the kind of urgency that fills our schedules and causes us to be too busy for even Him. The urgency that Christ wants us to live with is the kind that glorifies Him – sharing the Gospel and bringing others to Him. The book of Mark is all about living urgently. Open to the first chapter of Mark, and you will see the words “immediately” or “straightway” close to ten times in the first chapter alone. When most of these urgent words are mentioned in chapter 1, Jesus is either calling someone to follow Him as He did the disciples (verses 16-20), ministering to someone in need as He did the man with the unclean spirit (verses 23-26), or teaching the words of God to the people as He did in the synagogue (verses 21-22). According to Mark, everything Jesus did, He did with urgency to see people follow and trust in Him. That was his main objective and agenda, and it should be our main purpose for living. I get it: life is crazy, and busy, and can sometimes seem a little out of control, but we should have the same outlook and attitude that Jesus did. We are starting a new year, and there is no better time to readjust our priorities and make living urgently more of an emphasis in our lives. Jesus did things with a sense of urgency, and we would be wise to do the same. People are dying and going to hell every. single. day. We have the answer to their problems; we know where the key to eternal life is; we possess the knowledge of a good, good Father and an everlasting love. When we think about it this way, how can we not want to live urgently? How can we not share Jesus with people who need Him? Let’s take advantage of the time we have now, the life we have left, to live urgently for Christ. We never know when our life, when others’ lives, will end, and living urgently to reach others for Him is what Jesus would have us do. Let’s start 2017 with a urgent attitude and a heart that breaks for lost people. Living life to the fullest for a Christian means living life with urgency to tell people about the best thing that has ever happened to the world: Jesus Christ.

--Kalyln Lewis



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Happy New Year	<b>2</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>3</b> <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group  Prison Ministry	<b>4</b> <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Deacon Meeting Band Practice	<b>5</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <u>2PM</u> Nursing Home Ministry	<b>9</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>10</b> <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group  Prison Ministry	<b>11</b> <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Band Practice Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <u>11:30AM</u> SAM’s Luncheon <u>7PM</u> Bread of Life  Prison Ministry	<b>13</b>  <b>RA &amp; GA Pizza &amp; Game Night</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  <b>Sanctity of Life Sunday</b> NAM Luncheon (widows/widowers)  Business Meeting	<b>16</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>17</b> <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group  Prison Ministry	<b>18</b> <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes E4-12 Class <u>7PM</u> Stewardship Mtg. Band Practice	<b>19</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>20</b> <u>6:30PM</u> <b>SAM’s Birthday Party</b>	<b>21</b> <u>8AM</u> Men’s Breakfast
<b>22</b>  <b>GA’s taking orders for Valentine Bouquets.</b>	<b>23</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>24</b> <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group  Prison Ministry	<b>25</b> <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes E4-12 Classes <u>7PM</u> Band Practice	<b>26</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>27</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>GA’s taking orders for Valentine Bouquets.</b>  Communion	<b>30</b>  Prison Ministry	<b>31</b> <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group  Prison Ministry				

## SPOTLIGHT

As we enter into the new year we have an opportunity to take inventory and assess our lives. We often look at our family, business, personal and hopefully our spiritual lives. Did we spend time in a way that is pleasing to our Lord? He is the giver of life every minute. Psalms 90:12... So teach us to number our days... How can we make our days count? Well as His children we have a few ways to make every minute count. We certainly can be witnesses of the hope that is in us. We have opportunity every day to open our mouth and tell the good news of God's grace. We can share how we've been changed by His power in our lives. Having been changed we can then be worshipers. We can live lives surrendered to His will and purposes. We often think of worship as singing. Singing certainly is part of worship, but if it's the extent of worship it falls so short of what the Lord deserves. He deserves our willingness to do what His Word teaches. If we love Him we will do what He says. So as we do inventory of our lives of worship may we give ourselves as living sacrifices. We have life and as long as the Lord grants days we need to make them count. Only the things done for His glory will remain ALL the rest is going to fail the test of fire and will be burnt. The gold if lives sacrificed to and for His glory will come forth as gold and proven precious in the end when the final inventory of our lives is completed. Let us worship in spirit and truth and make the days of 2017 count for Christ.

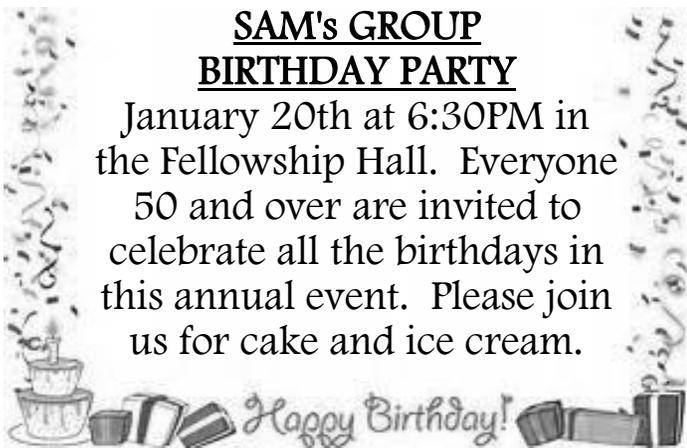
Bro Mike

### **Church Library Hours**

Sundays & Wednesdays 5:30PM – 6PM

### **SAM's GROUP BIRTHDAY PARTY**

January 20th at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone 50 and over are invited to celebrate all the birthdays in this annual event. Please join us for cake and ice cream.



### **GA's Valentine Bouquets**

The GA's (Girls in Action) will be taking orders for Valentine Bouquets on January 22nd and will be selling until February 5th. If you would like to purchase one for your sweetheart, sign up with the GA's in the foyer.



## **#CREW Corner**

Acts 9: 26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

A new year is beginning and I, like many of you, have ideas for things I want to do differently this year. There are things that just need to change. I don't call it a resolution because my history shows I'm not very "resolved" about these kinds of things :)

New Year's Day holds a special significance to me though. It was on New Year's Day 2001 at 2am that I accepted Christ as my Savior and Lord! This year is my 16<sup>th</sup> Re-Birthday and I have to admit, for a while I felt like the Apostle Paul. God had accomplished such a radical thing in my life that my family and friends doubted that it was genuine, or that it would last. The past is something even I struggled with long after I was converted. All of my sin was covered and forgiven but the earthly messes that I had made were still there waiting on me. People don't readily believe that I was really changed. I knew that there was a brand new man living in my place, but it took a while for the rest of the world to see it.

I'm glad my relationship with God isn't dependent on how other people see it. I'm glad that from the moment I asked Christ to save me, God has seen me as a perfect son from day 1. Over the last 16 years, by God's grace, many of the messes have been cleaned up and forgiveness was given. Many of the doubters I had encountered have changed their mind but, glory to God, I have learned that as long as Jesus sees me as a follower, everything else is irrelevant.

--Bro. Adam

## **WELCOME!**

### **By Baptism:**

Haylee Boehm

Amy Neely

Michael Neely

Marissa Simpson

## **HAPPENINGS EACH MONTH**

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, January 21st all men and youth boys are invited to have breakfast together in the fellowship hall at 8AM. If you would like to help cook be here at 5:30AM.

### **SAM'S GROUP LUNCHEON**

Everyone 50+ is invited to SAM's luncheon Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. Bring a dish to share.

May the coming year be one of increased  
riches of grace-

Hearing His voice more clearly,

Knowing His heart more deeply,

Resting in His love more fully,

Trusting His care more completely,

Walking His pathway for peacefully,

Knowing His presence more intimately,

Blessed by His goodness more abundantly.

Happy New Year!

