



Catch the Wave at Bayshore PC

Tidings

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Gasparilla Parking Passes on sale for the 1/19 Children's (\$25) and the 1/26 Adult (\$35) Parades. Both our church and the scouts receive funds from this event. We have sold out of Children's and close to selling out Adults.

I resolve to

Dance! Watch India
READ POETRY
 Tell A Story sing! Film
GO TO FESTIVALS!
 TAKE AN ART CLASS **See A Play**
VISIT MUSEUMS Listen to Opera
 Learn to Draw in **Tampa**

A New Year Foretold by Debra Brown

This new year has been foretold
Your future is at hand.
God knows the fate and outcome
of each and every man.

God has chosen the narrow road,
His wisdom is leading the way.
His great strength can carry your load.
His compassion you will feel every day.

With a new dawn over the horizon,
and the Lord to lead the way,
you can spread your wings like an eagle
and soar through every day.



*Our
Pastor*

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*And now let us welcome
a new year, full of
things that have
never been.*

Let me add to the chorus of folks who have wished you a "Happy New Year!" In this time of reflection, we often look back over the past year and assess our successes and failures.

Some of you will remember the "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip where one time Calvin related that he was disillusioned with new years. He stated, "They don't seem very new at all. Each new year is just like the old year. Everything's still the same. So, what kind of future is this? Same ole pollution, war, greed and anger! I thought things were supposed to improve and the future to be better." Hobbes replied, "The problem with the future is that it keeps turning into the present."

To many of us, the future keeps turning into more of the present. Some come to church in the hopes that the Holy Spirit will fall afresh on them and the future will be full of exciting new possibilities, positive change and new growth. We tire of having the "same old, same old." This is not what God wills for us.

In Ephesians we read, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves."

What great news! God doesn't want our lives to be humdrum, meaningless, depressing routines. He wants something better for us than that.

Recognize that God loves doing a new thing. "See I am making everything new." (Rev. 21:5) "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing." (Isaiah 43:18-19) New things! Resolutions? No, resolutions are hard. Not inspiration, but transformation. Not a resolution, but a revolution. Something that will permanently affect our life situation and will truly satisfy our longings and bring true and lasting change. And that can happen. God loves doing a new thing.

Recognize that God loves giving people a new name! A new name symbolizes new possibilities. Simon Peter was called the Rock. God named Simon what Christ needed him to be, "Rock." Even when we feel deeply our weaknesses and imperfections, our inadequacy and feelings of guilt, Jesus longs to give us a new name. "The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow." (Isaiah 62:2-3) Many times, while we are condemning ourselves, God is trying to help us realize his forgiveness. "If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts and He knows everything." (1 John 3:20)

While we believe in God, God also believes in us. Accept His amazing grace. "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends." (John 15:15).

God's new name for you in this new year means a new beginning. God takes our failures and gives us a future. Never underestimate the power of God! What names have you been called this past year? What names have you called yourself? Jesus Christ offers us a new lease on life and a new chance in this New Year. A new name! Go out and live blessed and holy lives as adopted sons and daughters of God!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Ceile

Our Church

To live happily is an
inward power of the soul.

Marcus Aurelius



This wonderful group is working diligently to put together all information needed to apply for a grant.

This grant will make our church so much more appealing and draw folks into our midst!

We want to put on a welcoming outward appearance!

Church Supplies
Linda can now order church supplies online through Sam's Club. The only difference is the turn around time will be longer. She is not here daily and there is added time for shipping.

If you need something fast, please purchase what you need.
Thank you.

Calendar

1/15 Session at 1 PM
1/19 & 1/26 Children's and Adult Parade Parking. Church and lot closed.

1/27 Guest Pastor
2/3 Souper Bowl of Caring. Scout Sunday.
2/10 2nd Sunday Lunch - Stone Soup.
Congregational Meeting
2/16 Men's Breakfast
8 AM at Grecian Island



January Birthdays

Sofie B. 1/13
Wilhelm G. 1/16
Doris G. 1/21
Lona E. 1/24
Bobbi C. 1/27



February Birthdays

Marlene S. 2/3
Dick G. 2/24