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# The Joy of Forgiveness

## Proverbs 28.13

- 1) Do we tend to hide when we do something wrong?
- 2) Psalm 32 is the testimony of a man who tried to hide his own guilt of doing wrong.
- 3) David reflects on the blessing of being forgiven and the tremendous joy that follows.

### I) The Blessing of \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 32.1, 2).

- A) David begins with a shout of joy.
- B) He uses three words for our failure and three words for God's response.
- C) Having our soul cleansed from the guilt of sin is one of the most beautiful blessings we can receive.

### II) The Misery of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3, 4).

- A) David revealed the effects his sin had upon him.
- B) David said it felt like God's hand was " \_\_\_\_\_ " upon him.
- C) God does expose our sin to \_\_\_\_\_ us—He exposes it to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### III) The Freedom of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5).

- A) The turning point, David said, was his confession of sin.
- B) Confession is not informing God of something about us that He doesn't know.
- C) Forgiveness is the blessing of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV) The Safety of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6, 7).

- A) David moves from personal testimony to encourage all to turn to God.
- B) David calls God his " \_\_\_\_\_ ."
- C) With forgiveness comes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ only found in God.

### V) The Path of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-10).

- A) God speaks directly and tells how He will guide the forgiven into paths of righteousness.
- B) David warns us not to be like a horse or stubborn mule.
- C) Do you have to be made to follow God?
- D) True wisdom begins not with intelligence or life experience but with a posture of \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_.

### VI) The Joy of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11).

- A) The psalm ends with a celebration.
- B) Redemption turns guilt into \_\_\_\_\_ and burdens into \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) Is that the life you want?

**Conclusion:** Do you need to joy of God's forgiveness today?

# CONNECTION

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"Happy New ... DAY...? "That's right! "Happy New DAY!" That is the first thought that every Christian ought to strive to: wake up with every morning; make their own personal theme for the entire day; and share with everyone they meet throughout each new day – no matter what day, week, time, or year it happens to be – because we know without a doubt, that our Lord's mercy and compassion upon us never wavers, fluctuates, or fails to be "new every morning" (Lam. 3:22-23). His great love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness is the only reason we are not consumed by His wrath, and therefore enjoy continual hope (See: Lam. 3:21-26) – no matter what morning it is, or how the day's earthly news may seek to beset or up set us.

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We know from God's word that each and every new day is nothing short of a fantastic, one-of-a-kind, never to come again, God-given gift to heartily celebrate and appreciate; Psalm 118:24 stating that "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." We also rejoice in the fact that throughout each and every new day, new moment, and new situation that we are given by our God to experience, that "The Lord is righteous in her midst, He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails..." (Zeph. 3:5). It was David who similarly confirmed, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits..." (Psa. 68:19), subsequently stating elsewhere: "So I will sing praise to your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows" (Psa. 61:8). Yes, it is obvious that God's Old Testament faithful understood the infinite value of the priceless gift of each new day.

We also, as God's New Testament children, people, kingdom, and priests (1 Ptr. 2:9-10), should arise to "stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord" (1 Chron. 23:30) just the same as His Old Testament priests and servants the Levites did (See: 1 Chron. 23:27-30). Only we should do so on a much deeper level, as we have been given a much better covenant with God, through the shed blood of Jesus our Lord (Heb. 7:18-8:13).

Our faithful first-century brethren also experienced the infinite value, happiness, and appreciation of each new God-given day as they broke bread from house to house, and ate their meals together "with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people," to the extent that the Lord was able to add "to the church daily" those who saw their daily happiness thus wanted to be saved too (Acts 2:46-47). "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:42); "So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5). Our first-century brethren loved and showed their heart-felt appreciation to God for His great love and forgiveness on a daily basis. They did so by searching the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11); reasoning from the Scriptures with those not yet Christians daily (Acts 17:17, 19:9); and exhorting one another as Christians on a daily basis as well, so that their brethren would not lose heart and give up and in to sin (Acts 3:13). And they did all of this despite the absolutely life and death physical, political, and persecutorial distractions of their day.

So... over the next few days, if anyone wishes you a "Happy New Year," return their greeting with a "Happy New Day" ... and then tell them how to continually have one each and every day for the rest of their earthly lives in Christ Jesus our Lord (Prov. 16:20, 28:14, 29:18)! Doug Dingley

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Steven Johnston  
**Song Leader** - Russ Jones  
**Song** - I Love You, Lord  
**Song** - Worthy Art Thou  
**Song** - They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love  
**Opening Prayer** -  
**Scripture** - Proverbs 28.13  
**Song** - In Christ Alone  
**Lord's Supper** - Milt Birmingham  
**Prayer for Contribution** - Milt Birmingham  
**Song** - I Stand In Awe  
**The Joy Of Forgiveness** - Gary Williams  
**Song** - Take My Life, And Let It Be  
**Announcements** - Les Keele  
**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - John Walton

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**Giving**

**Attendance**

**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for age birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, January 5

Psalm 8; Genesis 9-10; Ephesians 5

### Tuesday, January 6

Genesis 11-13; Ephesians 6

### Wednesday, January 7

Genesis 14-15; Psalm 47; Matthew 1

### Thursday, January 8

Genesis 16-18; Matthew 2

### Friday, January 9

Psalm 11; Genesis 19-20; Matthew 3

### Saturday, January 10

Genesis 21-23; Matthew 4

### Sunday, January 11

Genesis 24; Matthew 5

## Last Week

Bible Class	134	Wednesday	70
Worship	195	Contribution	\$ 34,450.47
Thai - Lao	26	Budget	\$ 15,670.05
Worship PM	41		

## Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Rachelle Jordan	Food Bank Client	Is wanting to draw closer to God. 3009 Las Vegas Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.	Her to live her life to lead her family to God
Dave Slaughter, friend of	Jonny and Amy Bartee	Has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments.	Success from treatments to live healthy life
Matt Smith, nephew of and grandson of	Ray Doshier and Clara Boudreaux	Is visiting with his wife's family in the Ukraine and they have been in the cities with bombings.	Safety and God's care
Jon Silcox, husband of	Tracie Silcox	Is suffering from cancer and had surgery December 30.	Good outcome
Jonathan Ball, son of	Greg and Janelle	Father-in-law passed away on December 12.	Comfort for the family
Candis Cheshire	Visitor to WH	Has wanted to return but has been prevented by illness and emergency surgery. When she is recovered, she would like to visit again. 9109 Wind Rush Drive, Apartment 618, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.	Healing and return to good health
Delma Balderas, mother of	Misty Martinez	Is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis in her legs.	Healing
Ewan,	Senior at Weatherford Christian	Has cancer and the chemo is not working. The only alternative is a touchy surgery.	Doctors' skill and guidance for treatment and surgery
Tyler, friend of	Alex Bartee	His grandmother was having cancer surgery and things did not go well. She is currently in ICU.	Comfort for the family
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has returned.	Doctors to determine best course of treatment
Nic Smith, son of,	Linda DiRocco	More symptomatic with his MS and he is already on the best medicine.	Doctors to find ways of negating his symptoms
Paula, sister of	Patti Musselman	Cancer has returned and the chemo is not working. They are switching to a brand-new drug.	Doctors' skill and knowledge; new drug works and will eradicate the cancer
Sherry Scott, mother of	Robert Scott	Health issues.	Healing

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Tracie Jones, wife of	Russ	Health issues.	Healing
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kitti Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
Brook, neice of	Misty Martinez	Will have rods placed in her hip this summer to	For her to handle the pain while awaiting surgery
Becky Stark, cousin's wife of	Adam Powers	Emergency surgery to remove brain aneurysm.	Healing

## FRIENDS PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Rob Donahue	Needs a job. 4529 Starlight Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	God to provide the perfect situation for him

## MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Bob Willyerd	Has returned home on palliative care. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Comfort
Wayne Gary	Had surgery on his right eye Tuesday, December 30. 9912 Edmund Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing
Linda Draper	Is home recovering. 8301 Tumbleweed Trail, #3702, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Complete healing and recovery
Carl Green	Has fallen 3 times since Thanksgiving, once hitting his head and being admitted to the hospital. 310 East Oak Street, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and better health for Carl and Fern
Thonglouth Manylou	In the passing of her husband, Thienxay, and her leg is in extreme pain. 55913 Lakeview Court, Fort Worth, Texas 776137	Comfort and healing
Charles Stephan	Has moved to Willow Park Rehab, Room 411. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Patricia Emerson	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Remission and healing
Kitti Davis	Is suffering from Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Lorenza Fernandez	Is taking care of Emilio and herself. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Strength to assist Emilio
Emilio Fernandez	Has had another fall. He has good and bad days but sleeps through most of them. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and strength to walk
Brandon Duncan	had successful spinal fusion surgery. 110 McAnear Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033	Complete healing and freedom from pain
Mary East	On hospice at Mark and Karen's home. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength for Mary and guidance for Mark and Karen

## YOUTH EVENTS

**January 11**  
**Open to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

LTC Sign Up

Participants and Coaches

Meet in the fellowship hall after morning  
worship

**Study Joshua, Judges, and Ruth**

[www.ntlc.org](http://www.ntlc.org)

**January 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open to 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Winterfest Fort Worth

Cost: \$30 per person

[www.winterfest.org](http://www.winterfest.org)

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thonglonath Manyloune

817-800-3060

Please update your "at home" directory.

*Create in me a pure heart,  
O God, and renew a  
steadfast spirit within me.  
- Psalm 51:10*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Will resume on January 8, 2026

IHOP

Cherry Lane

7:00 AM

## MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASSES

Will resume on January 6, 2026

## BABY SHOWER



BABY SHOWER

*Honoring  
Maggie Meyer Cattea  
Baby Redmond  
Sunday  
January, 25  
2 PM - 4 PM*

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Beginning January, 2026, we will be reviewing the lists and removing those that are over 30 days old. If you wish to keep one on the list or give us an update on the situation, please contact the office.

# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

**1 Souli Thammavong**  
**3 Jeff Kirkpatrick**  
**4 Ket Vivongsack**  
**5 Robin Stephan**  
**5 Susie MOUNGNAMVONG**  
**7 Brandon Duncan**  
**9 Thune Lanphouthacouli**  
**10 Mary Ann**  
**12 Beverly Lipham**  
**13 Greg Ball**  
**16 Jonathan Bartee**  
**18 Danton Tunnell**  
**21 Julie Meyer**  
**26 Fern Martin**  
**27 Penny Sue**  
**29 Ellen Bartee**  
**29 Gary Williams**

## CHILDREN

**1 Trace Witherspoon**  
**4 Eli Brookshire**  
**4 Abel Brookshire**  
**6 Annalise Germany**  
**9 Asher Rutledge**  
**18 Harlo DeKoker**  
**28 Arthur Bowie**  
**31 Heidi Gonzalez**  
**31 Thawin Nguyen**

## REMEMBER ME

**7 Louise Beagle**  
**14 Charlie Beagle**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**1 Jim and Phou Durkee 1990**  
**9 Trey and Mindy Markum**  
**31 Laumou and Aelly Khamthongdy 2017**