



The Beacon

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Things God Didn't Say – #3

This is the third of "Five Things God Never Said" by Larry Moyer. I shared two with you in November and hope to tell you about the others over the next couple of months.

Many believers don't enjoy evangelism. When they do practice it, they often do it out of guilt, not grace. One reason people feel guilty is because they've been told that if they are given an opportunity to share Christ but don't take it, they are forever responsible if that person goes to hell.

This false teaching is often based on the misuse of Ezekiel 3:18-19. There we read, "When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself."

This passage has nothing to say about evangelism. God appointed Ezekiel a watchman (Ezekiel 3:17). His job was to warn of impending danger. The nation was doomed, and only through heeding their watchman could they survive. Chapters 4-24 of Ezekiel contain his cry of alarm, which gave the people time to secure the gates and man the defenses. The death spoken of in Ezekiel 3:18-19 is physical, not spiritual. The context is Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem that Ezekiel predicted.

A person refusing to heed God's warning from Ezekiel could expect physical death. Ezekiel was to warn the righteous, not just the wicked. If Ezekiel refused to speak God's message to people who came to his house, he would be guilty of murder.

This is the meaning of "... and I will hold you accountable for his blood." By giving a warning, Ezekiel delivered himself from the responsibility of the coming judgment. Those who ignore his warning could only blame themselves. One can see the danger when this idea is applied to evangelism; all of a sudden, we become responsible for someone's eternal destiny.

But bringing people to Christ is a God-sized job. It is our job to bring Christ to the lost; only God can bring the lost to Christ. John 6:44 reminds us, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day." Evangelism now becomes exciting. We do it recognizing that God is not holding us responsible for the results.

~Pastor Lutz

Happy New Year 2012

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14_{NIV}

Sunday School and normal service times resume on New Year's Day: Sunday morning, January 1, 2012. Please remember there are no evening activities or worship service.

Worship With Us
Sunday, January 1, 2012

8:50 & 11:00 AM
"DRAWING A LINE IN THE SAND"
I Corinthians 6:12; 10:2
~Dr. James E. Lutz~

~No Evening Services~

All 2011 contributions must be received in the church office by 4:00 PM on Friday, December 30, in order to be reflected on your 2011 Giving Records.

2011 Annual Reports
All Boards and Committees are reminded to submit reports to Jenny in the church office by December 31. *Already submitted? Thank you!*

Save for a snowy day!
Reminder of Church Snow Policy:
Sunday Morning: Both Sunday morning services will always meet, regardless of the weather. Services will be held for those in attendance. The only exception is in the event the Governor declares a state of emergency.
Sunday Evening: Sunday evening services may be canceled by the Pastor & the Deacon Chair if they consider the weather a liability to the membership.
Wednesday Evening: Wednesday evening cancellation will follow the Putnam County School policy. If schools are closed due to bad weather, there will be no Wednesday evening programs.
Boards and Committees: Board and Committee Chairs will make individual decisions regarding cancellation.

CALENDAR: WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2012

~Sunday, New Year's Day~
(No Sunday Evening Service or Activities)
8:50 AM Worship, Children's Church
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, Children's Church
MONDAY Office Closed (for New Year's Holiday)

TUESDAY
8:30 AM First Baptist Academy
6:00 PM Upward Basketball
6:30 PM Trustees, Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY
8:30 AM First Baptist Academy
11:30 AM VIPs Bowling
6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:15 PM Outreach Visitation
6:30 PM Bible Study, WNL, Lift Youth
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY
8:30 AM First Baptist Academy
10:00 AM VIPs Wii Bowling Tournament
2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Upward Basketball
7:00 PM HLBS Board Meeting (Library)

FRIDAY
8:30 AM First Baptist Academy
6:00 PM Upward Basketball-Practice/Games Begin

SATURDAY
9:00 AM Upward Basketball-Games Begin

Please remember in prayer

Extended Care Facilities:

Teays Valley Center	Putnam Care & Rehab:
<i>Vondena Bird</i>	<i>Katie Sergent</i>
<i>Janet Scites</i>	<i>Naomi McDavid</i>
<i>Ruby Jeffries</i>	<i>Ethel Bailey</i>
<i>(Billie Sutherland's mother)</i>	<i>(Kathy McPherson's mother)</i>
TV Assisted Living	<i>Nellie McNeeley</i>
<i>Betty Casto</i>	<i>(Danna Brown's mother)</i>
Regency Place:	
<i>Nora Raines</i>	<i>Ruby Cottrell</i>
<i>Sharon James</i>	<i>Geraldine Wade</i>
	<i>(Loretta Bowles' mother)</i>

Shut-in of the Week:

JOSEPH TROYER

777 Windwood Road
Hurricane

Happy Anniversary!

BILL & CAROLYN WINTERS

58 Years—January 4th
106 Vaturia Drive, Hurricane

Happy Birthday!

JAMES THOMPSON
91 Years—January 6th
2814 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane

A Joyous Celebration!

Please join us in welcoming **Ardith Williams!** On Sunday, December 25, 2011, Ardith expressed her desire to unite in fellowship with First Baptist Church and comes by letter from McKinnon Presbyterian Church in Charleston, WV. Mrs. Williams is the mother of Ardith Cassell and resides at 2633 Hayslette Avenue in Hurricane.



Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Wednesday, Jan. 4th.
No Instrumental Rehearsal
on Sunday, Jan. 1st.

For those who came to the visitation, funeral, sent a card, or prayed for us because of the loss of my sister, Dolores Huston, a heartfelt thanks and appreciation. God bless you,
Jim Haynes

Be ready to change a life. Please give blood.



It may be chilly outside, but when you donate blood, you help to warm someone's heart. Brave the cold this season and join us at the blood drive!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012
2:00-7:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Lift Youth Ministries

Sundays @ 6:30 PM / Come hang out @ 6 PM
Wednesdays—6:30 PM

Friday, December 30—9:00 PM—Youth Lock-In

Join us at 9:00 PM Friday for a night of fun. Bring \$10. Parents can pick up their kids Saturday between 6-7 AM.

Friday, January 6—5:30 PM—Winter Jam

Meet us at the church, and bring \$10.

Sunday, January 8—Noon—Mission Trip Meeting (Youth & Parents)

Please meet us in the youth room after church.

Thursday, January 12—7:00 PM—Revolution (Sanctuary)

Students ... Join us for our first Community Youth Service at FBC.

awana CLUB WILL BE BACK ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH!



Upward Practice & Game Cancellation Policy

If Putnam County Schools are closed or are sent home early due to weather issues, then all Upward practices at FBC will be cancelled. If Putnam County is on a delay, then practices will still be held. Practices will not be cancelled for scheduled school holidays or other days off, so if there is no school for a holiday, we will still have practice. If the weather gets bad after school lets out, it is up to the coaches for that night to cancel practice if they feel it is appropriate.

For Saturday games, the Director will make a decision no later than 1-1/2 hours prior to the first game to cancel games if necessary due to weather. The coaches will then be called and will call the teams as soon as possible. If games are canceled, we will try and reschedule them for February 17-18, which is currently scheduled as a BYE weekend with no games.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

We will see you on January 4th!

Hurricane Ladies' Bible Study:
Join us for Winter Studies
Sign up in narthex!

When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box

John Ortberg—6 Weeks—Begins 1/16
Mondays at 7:00 PM
(Leader: Hal Basham)

Bestselling author John Ortberg shows what it takes to really win at the game of life.
(This group open to men and women—limit 15)

Mercy Triumphs (Beth Moore)

7 Weeks—Begins 1/16 & 1/17
Mondays at 7:00 PM
(Leader: Gerry Spears) or
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
(Leader: Sandra Lutz)

A study of the book of James:
See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple.

Resolution for Men and Women

13 Weeks—Begins 1/18
Wednesdays at 6:15 PM
(Leaders: Lisa & Bill Hatten)

This study is a call for followers of Jesus Christ to live courageously for God and their families, and designed to strategically challenge you to become the person God created you to be.

Please Note...

January Group Studies are postponed.

Please watch for opportunities this Spring!

VIP Ministry

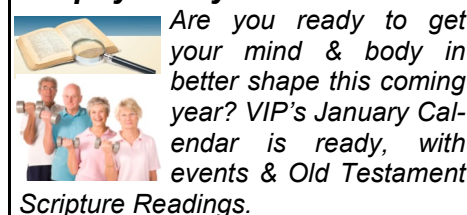
VIP Luncheon & Bible Study

Thursday, January 12—11:30 AM
Start your year off in the right direction.
Join us for Lunch & Bible Study.

VIP Cruise Meeting

Thursday, January 12—7:00 PM
If you are signed up for our 2012 Cruise, please join us in the chapel on Jan. 12!

VIPs ... Let's get spiritually & physically fit in 2012 !!!



Are you ready to get your mind & body in better shape this coming year? VIP's January Calendar is ready, with events & Old Testament Scripture Readings.

2012 VIP Exercise Program will be getting back into gear on January 10th...Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 2:00 PM in the Family Life Center.

Watch for more information on our Biggest Loser Contest!

Sunday—6:30 PM
January 29, 2012

Parent/Child DEDICATION
Proverbs 22:6

The evening service on Sunday, January 29, will include a Parent-Child Dedication. If you would like to have your little one presented to the Lord in dedication at this time, please call the church office to let us know.

West Virginia Baptist Convention: 2012 Officers' Training Event
February 4, 2012 / 9:00-2:30 / Parchment Valley
\$15/Person (group rate also available)

Workshops include: Deacons; Technology; Finance; Trustees; Music & Worship; Evangelism/Outreach; Missions; Discipleship; Associational Leadership; Children; Youth; Senior Adults

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 1, 2012

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Henry Ferguson

DOOR GREETERS

Henry & Barbara Ferguson

NURSE ON DUTY

Susan Hayslett

CHILDCARE

NURSERY:

8:35: Kim & Jason Ferrell, Mattie Clay

9:35: Robin Neibur, Caroline Sands

10:35: Elisa & Jason Lutz

6:15: Ginny Hart, Doris Lewis

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

ORANGE ROOM:

9:40: Harry & Anne Silvis

10:50: Christina Hayslett, OPEN

RED ROOM:

9:40 & 10:50: Crystal Mashayekhi,

Faye Aliff

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

NURSERY: Sandy Phillips, Mary Lou Turner

VISITATION: Bill Hatten, Jim Haynes, Mike Moore, Hal Basham, Henry Ferguson

~ 2012 Coffee Schedule ~

Thank you in advance to the **Fidelis Sunday School Class** for providing coffee & snacks on Sunday mornings in January!

STEWARDSHIP

Week of December 25, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Christmas Eve Service	770
10:00 AM Christmas Worship	301
No Sunday School/Evening Worship	
Wednesday, 12/21	153

FINANCIAL REPORT

(52nd Sunday of 2011)

UNIFIED BUDGET

This Week	\$ 7,513.00
Goal To Date	\$ 824,130.32
Received To Date	\$ 773,126.19
Percent Met	94%

BUILDING FUND

This Week	\$ 1,737.00
<i>\$250-Memory of Bill Heishman</i>	
<i>\$250-Memory of Katie Bellew</i>	
<i>\$100-Honor of Clyde & Jean Drake</i>	
Goal To Date	\$156,628.68
Received To Date	\$171,261.67
Percent Met	109%

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Community Cupboard	\$475.00
Deacon's Fund	\$100.00
Memorials (Memory of Tommy Thompson)	\$50.00
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$20.00
Harvest of Hope	\$40.00
FLC Debt Reduction	\$500.00
Children's Ministry	\$500.00
Expressions SS Class	\$10.00
Other	\$37.50

The Annual Business Meeting will take place at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 18, 2012.
(This was omitted on the January calendar.)

—FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER— Carl Callison:

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A few quick reminders:

- To be included in your 2011 giving report, contributions must be received by 4 p.m. this Friday.
- Giving envelopes for 2012 are in the lower narthex.
- It's not too late to turn in your 2012 pledge card.
- In next week's Financial Secretary's Corner, Erich Reggi provides very positive remarks on his experience as one of the testers for electronic giving. In the meantime, Erich is available to answer questions anyone may have on the new program.

Looking for recruits for the **Andrew team.**

If interested, contact
Jim Haynes @
304.757.7374.

