



Pastor's Paragraph _____

2020 In Review

We all know that 2020 was a strange year! For me, the strangest moment was waking up staring at the church ceiling. It was indeed a rather disconcerting experience. I know it was only a few seconds, but it felt like I was coming out of a long, deep sleep. Why was I looking at the church ceiling? Why were people around me speaking in excited tones? It made no sense at all until I finally realized what happened.

I must admit that one of my first thoughts was "Why?" I was just trying to serve the Lord and preach His gospel. Why would God allow this to happen to me *while* I was preaching? Also, why did this have to be such a public event? If I had to suffer a medical emergency, why couldn't I just endure it quietly at home like normal people? By nature, I am a private person, but God has called me to public ministry. I am not good at talking, but God has called me to preach! For me, it is extremely embarrassing to pass out in public.

However, after the initial awkwardness had subsided, I realized that I was exactly where God wanted me to be. In retrospect, there is no place I would rather be. Sure, I woke up confused and somewhat humiliated. But, I was surrounded by my church family. It doesn't get any better than that! My church family prayed for me, checked my vitals, called 911, and escorted me to the emergency room. God spoke through the prophet Zechariah, "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." (Zechariah 13:7) That is not what happened in my case. The shepherd was struck, and the sheep sprang into action! My flock is the greatest!

My experience is also a reminder that unexpected things happen suddenly. Our lives can change in an instant. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. But God knows. And we can trust Him. We should have a vision and a plan for the future, but it is always conditional. We humbly submit our plans to God's will. He may have very different plans for us.

So, my personal experience is a microcosm of the year 2020. We just never know what might happen. Bad things happen at the worst possible time for no apparent reason. Yet, God is in control. He has a plan. He uses the bad things to bring us closer to Himself and make us more dependent upon Him. And, through it all, we can trust Him, thank Him, and give Him all the glory. ~Pastor



January 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:15 AM —Early Service— Mask Required 9:15 AM —Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship Service 6:00 PM —Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 PM —Youth Group					1 	2
3 Pastor Meals (No Communion)	4 Prayer 7 PM	5 Pastor returns from vacation Jan. 6th >>>	6 AWANA 6:30-8 PM	7	8 HSSH 4:30-7 PM	9 Trustees' Meeting 8 AM
10 Communion (Bring Supplies) Nursery Minis- try Begins!!	11 Prayer 7 PM Pastor's Day-off	12 Deacons' Meeting 7 PM	13 AWANA 6:30-8 PM GIANT Night	14	15 HSSH 4:30-7 PM	16
17	18 Prayer 7 PM Pastor's Day-off	19	20 AWANA 6:30-8 PM	21	22 HSSH 4:30-7 PM	23
24 Annual Busi- ness Meeting/ Soup Supper 6:00 PM	25 Prayer 7 PM Pastor's Day-off	26	27 AWANA 6:30-8 PM	28	29 HSSH 4:30-7 PM	30
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Communion: We will observe Communion on the second Sunday, January 10th, when Pastor returns. You can bring your own juice and bread, or there will be made some available here by the Deaconesses.

Annual Business Meeting Soup Supper

The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24th, beginning at 6:00 PM



AWANA resumes this year with "GIANT" Night on Wednesday, January 13th, 6:30 PM!

Changes/Updates for 2021

We will be putting together a new 'General Information Booklet' for the new year. If you have any address changes, new numbers, corrections, etc. . Please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the basket provided. You may also request to be added to the email or text prayer chain.

A Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song,
 To recall the right & forgive the wrong;
 To forget the thing that binds you fast
 To vain regrets of the year that's past;
 To have the strength to let go your hold
 Of the not-worth-while of the days
 grown old; To dare go forth with a pur-
 pose true, To the unknown task of the
 world that's new To help your brother
 along the road; To do his work & to lift
 his load, To add your gift to the world's
 good cheer, Is to have & give a
 Happy New Year!

November Finances

Balance Forward 11/1/2020

Deacon's Fund	\$5,196.46
Designated Fund	\$2,672.00
General Fund	\$51,620.97
Checking Account	\$59,489.43

November Income	\$14,034.86
November Expenses	\$17,566.66
Net Decrease	(\$3,531.80)

Balance 11/30/2020

Deacon's Fund	\$5,181.46
Designated Fund	\$455.16
General Fund	\$50,321.01
Checking Account	\$55,957.63