

Bethany Banner

*The Newsletter of
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**Knowing God
Growing in Faith
Serving Others
Sharing the Good News**

2022: Best Year Yet!

Recently I was talking to someone about retirement vs. work. The person had partially retired, because they still wanted something to do. We need a reason to get out of bed in the morning.

My problem is I usually don't want to get out of bed because I have too many things to do!

At the end of the year, it is time to do a little inventory of my life and look back over the last 12 months to see how well I've done or what I've missed. I would encourage you to do the same thing. Once you've done your evaluation, set your course for the new year. What relationships did you neglect that you need to pursue? What spiritual growth and challenges did you miss out on because of busyness? What challenges do you want to continue to pursue? What changes would you like to see in your calendar, in your checkbook, and/or in your priorities?

Before you start such an exercise (or crawl back under your covers), pray and ask God what He thinks. What relationships and projects would God want you to pursue this coming year? Remember, your own cleverness, plans and/or desires could be wrong:

***"There is a way which seems right unto a man,
but the end thereof are the ways of death."***

Proverbs 14:12 King James Version.

Get God's stamp of approval first.

"If you aim at nothing you will hit it every time."

Zig Ziglar (motivational speaker)

"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success."

James Cameron (film maker)

May 2022 be your best year yet!!!

"Take Risks" and God Bless,

Pastor Sal

January Schedule	2	9	16	23	30
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Stief	Bob & Carol Sarver	George & Ruthie Laird	Donna Snyder Sue McCarty	Carl Krause Rich Crager
Nursery	Sonja Crisamore Carol Sarver	Jeff Stief Mark Burkhart	Carolyn Blymire Carla Green	Pat Smith Nancy Snyder	Lynette Stief Tennille Burkhart
Head Usher	Rich Crager	Ray Neiman	Jeff Stief	Rich Crager	Ray Neiman
Counters	Sue Hoover & Barb Mazol				

Pre-Service Prayer with the Pastor

A group of men have been meeting with the Pastor prior to the service to lift him up in prayer before worship. You are invited to come alongside in support of our Pastor and worship leaders by meeting at 9AM on the first four Sundays of the month in Brother Bob Hesel's office. On the months that have a fifth Sunday, we'll all gather at the prayer rails to lift the Pastor up in prayer. Help support the Pastor as he proclaims the Word of God for His people! Hope to see you there!

Ministries Restarting in January

- ♥ **Ladies Tuesday 9 AM Bible Study** will begin again on January 4th. We will be studying "Putting on the full armor of God." Come and join in our time of study and fellowship.
- ♥ The next **trip to Mission Central** will be January 5th meeting at the church at 9:15 AM. Please contact the church office or Mary Fetrow if you plan to attend.
- ♥ **Stiches of Love** will begin again on January 12th. This ministry meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the morning.

Wonderful Wednesday – 7PM returning January 5th

Sorry, still no meals for Wonderful Wednesday, but we do have some topics for you:

- ♥ Jan 5th-Planning a Funeral
- ♥ Jan 12th -Planning a Funeral
- ♥ Jan 19th -Theology for Healing
- ♥ Jan 26th -How to Pray for Healing

These are discussions, so we look forward to your input. Hope you can join us.

Mini Retreat – January 14-15th

We are hosting a mini retreat here at church and are studying the expanded version of the book, "The Purpose Driven Life." Times will be Friday from 7-9 PM and Saturday from 9 AM – 5 PM. Though you may have read this book long ago, there are new chapters in the current edition. All of us would benefit to review this influential and powerful study. This will also be a fun time of fellowship and spiritual growth. You still have time to sign up on your Communication Card.

Men's Group

A new Men's Group is going to start Monday night, January 10th at 7 pm. This will run till April 4th. We are going to look at 12 spiritual habits and we are going to do a form of the old Methodist class meeting, where we hold each other accountable to some daily spiritual habits. All are welcome. We are looking for a 13 week commitment.

THANK YOU!!

- ♥ A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the Christmas Gift Bag ministry! We had plenty to make sure every inmate was taken care of, as well as plenty of leftovers to minister to the officers and staff. This is always an important way to show the inmates that they're remembered and cared for! Many have expressed their appreciation and they were moved to know that it was the local Christian community that supplied everything. Thank you again and have a wonderful New Year ahead! Because of Him, Darin Schoch, Good News Jail and Prison Ministry and Lead Chaplain, York County Prison
- ♥ Pastor Sal and Nancy would like to thank the church family for the many cards, gifts and homemade treats they have received through the holidays. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

101 Membership Class

Sunday afternoon, January 23rd from 1 to 5 PM, Pastor Sal is holding our next Membership class. You don't have to join the church after taking the class, but you do have to take the class in order to join the church as a member. New members will be received on Sunday February 6th.

Church members who have never taken this class or took it a long time ago are encouraged to come and take it again as a refresher course. Members are also encouraged to accompany anyone who might be interested in church membership. 101 Class is not about church history or doctrine, but instead focuses on our Dover Bethany Church family. We cover 4 areas: our salvation, our statement, our strategy and our structure. When class is over, you should know who we are and why we do what we do.

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						January 2022
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year!
2 8am Helping Hands Sunday School 9:15am Worship - Communion 10:45am Sunday School /All Ages	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 9am Ladies' Bible Study 7pm Board of Director's Meeting	5 9:15 am Mission Central Trip 7pm WWAB	6 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	7	8
9 8am Helping Hands Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School /All Ages	10 7pm Men's Group	11	12 9am Stitches of Love 7pm WWAB	13 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	14 7 – 9PM Mini Retreat	15 9AM-5PM Mini Retreat
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Keep your eyes open for after Christmas specials and good buys for the Shoebox gifts!

We will be counting up our extras from last year and letting you know exactly what is needed for this year's boxes.

Our goal for 2022 is 1501 shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child!



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