

Liberty Rings

January



Pastor's Paragraph

In John 15 Jesus talks about fruit-bearing. He says that God the Father is glorified when we bear much fruit. **John 15:16** *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.* What does Jesus mean by that expression, “fruit that remains?” He is talking about real fruit, quality fruit, lasting fruit. Ask yourself these questions to see if you are bearing quality fruit:

1. Do I love Jesus Christ and does my life show it?

See **John 14:15, 21, 23-24.** We measure our love for Christ by our obedience to Him.

2. Do I love God's Word and read it every day?

We cannot do what He says unless we know what He says. We should read the Bible every day for growth and strength. **1 Peter 2:2** *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:* I enjoy being with my grandbabies, and it's so much fun to watch them eat. Like all babies they have a craving for milk. In the same way we should desire God's Word.

3. Do I love to pray often to my Heavenly Father?

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 *Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.* Want to make a New Year's resolution that will make a huge difference every day of the year? Turn your worries into prayers. When you feel yourself getting anxious, cast your worries on the Lord. **1 Peter 5:7** *Casting all your care (anxious worry) upon him; for he careth (is concerned) for you.*

4. Do I love to worship God as often as I can?

Psalms 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

Can you honestly say that? Is that verse true of you? **Hebrews 10:25** *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

5. Do I love to tell others about Christ?

Colossians 4:5-6 *Walk in wisdom toward them that are without (unsaved), redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.* To speak with grace means to say what is wholesome, fitting, kind, sensitive, gentle, truthful, loving and thoughtful. We witness by our life and by our lips. Believers should live in a way that makes Christianity credible and desirable.

6. Do I love to serve others using my God-given gifts?

1 Peter 4:10 *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* Charles Spurgeon once said: “May we so seek God, that when we come to die we may feel that we have lived for something; that although our hope has rested alone in what Jesus did, yet we have not made that an excuse for doing nothing ourselves. Though we should have no good works in which to glory, yet may we bring forth fruit that shall be for the glory of our Lord.”

May God help us all to bear much fruit in the year ahead.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pastor Stan

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Awana	2	3	4 Fellowship Meal 6pm	5	6	7
8 AWANA's 6:15p Q & A Meeting 5:30p Business Meeting 7p	9	10	11	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8am
15 Awana 6:15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Special Music with Ivan Parker 7pm NO Awana	23	24 Haven of Rest Service 7:30pm	25	26	27	28
29 Awana 6:15	30	31				

LBC Annual Business Meeting

will be on Sunday, January 8 @ 7:00p

A question and answer session will be on January 8 @ 5:30 pm.

Items for church approval include:

**2012 Church Budget*

**2012 Nominating Team Report*

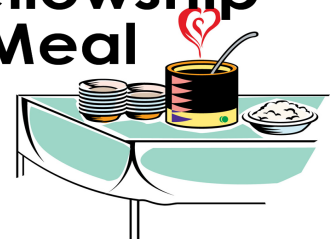
**Trevor McMurray to serve as interim Youth Minister (part-time)*

Renewal is rooted in faith, not in resolutions! They are made for New Year's and forgotten on an average of thirteen days later, say the surveys. Faith is the result of a decision about Christ. I cannot make a new me or a new you, but Christ can make you new and me new, as well, if we decide for Him. ~Frank Harrington



Ivan Parker will be at Liberty Baptist Church on Sunday, January 22nd @ 7pm.

Fellowship Meal



Monthly Fellowship Meal
Wednesday, January 4th @ 6pm

Menu:

Steak & Gravy
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Rolls

And dessert

Adults \$3, Students \$2, ages 6 and under are free

Sign up using Sunday's Response form in you Bulletin or contact the church office.

MISSIONS 2012 This past October the world's population exceeded 7 billion people, each of whom will be alive millions of years from now in heaven or hell. Yet it is estimated that 1.7 billion people will die without ever hearing His name. That is both unthinkable and unacceptable for Southern Baptists who eagerly and sacrificially seek to carry the Good News here and to the very ends of the earth. We have the Gospel, we have the command, but do we have the burden and heart that Jesus had for the lost? It requires sacrifice - but if we continue wearing what we wear, living where we live, enjoying all that we enjoy and going anywhere we want to.... then where is the sacrifice? Sacrifice results in change, a present change in our lives with the anticipation of a future change in the lives of others. It will take determined and deliberate sacrificial giving, praying and going if we at Liberty are to effectively impact the world for Christ's sake. It requires obedience to our Lord's command. This year, let's pray and give and pray some more ... like people who take the Great Commission seriously. And GO! Let's do everything necessary to be His heart, His hands and His voice - from our corner and to the ends of the earth. Need to know how to get started? Contact any Acts 1:8 leader and participate in the mission work of one of those teams (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria or Ends of the Earth.) Come to evangelism training in the Spring and Fall to learn how to share the gospel. Go to the Haven of Rest services held by our church where the gospel is preached every month to those in our own community in need. Go to Bible studies, come to Sunday School and take advantage of other discipleship training like King's Academy to grow in your relationship with the Lord and have a deeper understanding of His Word so that we can obey it. Quote by Charles Thomas Studd: Some people like to stay within the sound of church or chapel bell - but I would rather run a Rescue Shop within a yard of hell. Pray that Liberty will be known throughout all of heaven and earth as a rescue shop for the lost, and repentant sinners.

"And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love but their heart goeth after their covetousness." Ezekiel 33:31

"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Ezekiel 34:6

Lottie Moon Offering Total Given to Date: \$1,940.00

Volunteers Needed:

Tot Church - Serve with 2 & 3 yr old class during the 11am services about once every 6 weeks or so. Lessons and Snacks are already in the classroom. Only your time and love for sharing stories about Jesus to our little ones are needed.

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man. ~Benjamin Franklin



“Timely Biblical Reminders to Believers”



“Since God chose you to be holy, people He loves you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Make allowance for each others faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony, and let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace, and always be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. Ephesians 4:3-4

Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto man His Son hath given; While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth. ~Martin Luther



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January Birthdays

ROBBY ANDERSON	01/01	TONY LEONARD	01/17
RICKY HAMMONDS	01/01	CHRISTIE WILLARD	01/17
KAILYN HANSHEW	01/01	MICHALA WILLARD	01/17
MARK BLEDSOE	01/02	CHASE ROYSTON	01/19
CLAIRE HANSHEW	01/02	NANCY CROSS	01/20
GEORGIA HASHBARGER	01/03	ALLEN MARTIN	01/20
ERNEST STOUT	01/03	DOUGLAS ROARK	01/20
BILL BEVERLY	01/10	ANN TIBBS	01/20
LEXI BISHOP	01/10	JOSH BOWMAN	01/21
EMILY DOBBINS	01/12	MONICA ELLER	01/23
MARY BOWMAN	01/14	SISSY RACHEL	01/24
KERRI GRAY	01/15	CECIL WILLARD	01/25
DON KELSEY	01/16	RON MOORE	01/26
JOHN KELSEY	01/16	JACOB CANTER	01/30
MARIE JONES	01/17	PEGGY STOUT	01/30
		ROGER DAUGHERTY	01/31