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From The Pastor's Study

I started something new a couple of years ago. Instead of making a list of New Years resolutions, I made a list for the next 10 years. Each year, I picked one or two things to spend the year improving on. My thinking was that if I make one improvement to my life each year, I should be able to make at least 30 improvements to who I am with the remainder of my life. For 2013, I have two goals: 1: "13.1 in '13" (which means running a half-marathon of 13.1 miles in 2013) and 2: Write the book I've been thinking about for the past 3 years (ways to teach youth that lead to transformation).

If you could pick one or two things to work on in 2013, what would you chose? What if you picked a spiritual goal, like attending worship more regularly or making time to pray each day or reading the Bible every week? If you choose one goal to work on in 2013 and focus on that, you are much more likely to come to December of this year feeling like you have accomplished something.

I pray that your journey through 2013 is full of new discoveries about yourself and about God. May you live in such a way this year that you come to December 2013 full of joy and the peace of God.

On the journey together,

Greg



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Thinking Theology: What Those Words Mean

Epiphany: An epiphany is an appearance of the divine. When a person has a vision or an experience of the presence of God, they have experienced an epiphany. The Church also celebrates January 6th as Epiphany Sunday and remembers the visit of the Magi to the home of Jesus and Mary. The visit of the wise men is seen as a revelation of God to the whole world, not just to the Jews.

Amen: "Certainly" or "Assuredly" or "So Be It." Amen is used to proclaim faith in a belief, agreement with a doctrine or idea, or to say that a statement is reliable and agrees with the Word of God.

Anabaptists: A term given to the 16th century reformers who renounced infant baptism and proclaimed that baptism was only for those who chose on their own to accept Christ

Got a term you hear in church but wonder what it really means? Send Pastor Greg a note and he will feature it in an upcoming Thinking Theology.

Newsworthy

Journey Through The Gospels Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Journey Through The Gospels in 2012! Keep reading the Bible, and keep discussing it with those who are on the journey with you.

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Mark Your Calendar!

2013 Book Club

Let's read some great books together! During the year, we will study five books that are wonderful guides to the Christian life. Our first book is a true classic, *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. This short but engaging book looks at how the spiritual battle around us affects our everyday lives. Start reading and we'll discuss it together on February 28 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Other books in our series are:

The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning, March and April
The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard, May, June and July
Beginning to Pray by Anthony Bloom, September and October
Three Simple Rules by Rueben P. Job, November and December

New Youth Bible Study: Living The Journey

How do you take the wisdom of the Bible and apply it to your daily life? Come and join us on January 27th at the Randall's house for a journey that will take us into the scriptures and then lead us back out into the world with new ways to bless others. Each session will last one hour, and we will meet every other week through May. Be watching for more details!

Discovering CBC in February

Interested in learning more about Clarksville Baptist Church? Would you like to know how you can plug in to ministries and missions that touch the world? Have you thought about joining CBC or recently joined and want to know about our history

and how a Baptist church functions? Come and join us in the fellowship hall on February 3rd and 10th starting at 10:00 am for an introduction to CBC. We'll talk about all of these things and answer your questions.

ATS: After The Sermon Class

Sermons are mostly one way communication. The preacher talks, you listen. We're going to try and make the sermon a conversation in 2013 with our ATS Class (After The Sermon Class). Join us in the fellowship hall after the ARISE service for a discussion about the sermon topic of the day. Most Sundays it will be lead by the preacher of the day, but we'll also have others lead the discussion. If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class, come and join us! The first ATS will be on February 24.

January 2013 Youth and Children Events

1/18/13 Movie Night 9pm-11pm The Ultimate Gift will start at 9:00pm. Come join us for popcorn, drinks, and a great movie with friends. Kids of all ages welcome. Bring a friend!

1/25/13 Beach Party! 9pm-10:30pm It's a Beach Party in January! Wear your shorts, short sleeves, sunglasses, and don't forget a towel! We will have a sandcastle building contest, lots of games, music, and food for everyone. Kids of all ages welcome! We hope to see you there!

Coming Up At CBC:

January 1: Office Closed

January 2: Wednesday Night Activities begin again, Called Business Meeting at 6:45 pm

January 3: MCC Meeting



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January 6: Brotherhood Breakfast, Lord's Supper in both services January 7: Deacon's Meeting

January 18: Movie Night

January 25: Beach Party

January 20: Quarterly Business Meeting

January 27: Youth Bible Study "Living The Journey" begins

February 3: Discovering CBC Class

February 10: Discovering CBC Class, Pre School Children Sing at 11 am

February 24: After The Sermon Class Begins

Did You Know?

We made 77 shoeboxes for needy children at Clarksville Elementary School?

The youth and children baked cookies and went caroling to 10 families in our community?

We touched hundreds of people through our Needy Families fund this year and gave away over \$25,000?

The production of "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" involved over 30 people and we had over 200 people in attendance?

Our youth and children went caroling at Meadowview the weekend before Christmas?

The videos of our 11am service are used at 5 different nursing homes?

We collected over \$450.00 for the Gideons on December 30?

That God desires to do more than we can imagine in 2013?

Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

"An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery.

He insisted his son, a surgeon, perform the operation.

Just before being put to sleep, the old gentleman asked to speak to his son. "Yes, what is it, Dad"? "Don't be nervous, son..just do your best and remember, if anything goes wrong and something happens to me, your Mother is going to come and live with you"!!!!

Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

The dense fog enveloped the woods and its shroud muffled sound and mutated objects. I was reminded of those darker times in my life, Father, when worries enveloped my soul and muffled my cries. I remembered those times when ambiguity was my foe and the weight of problems prevented clear thinking. As I walked, I felt your Holy presence but I wondered where you were in all this fog. The spider webs so artfully spun the evening before were wet with tiny drops of dew clinging to the silken strands. Each strand was clearly discernible mocking the fog's attempt to block light. And then I understood, Abba, and knew I had found you. Nothing can block your light. Not fog. Not problems. Not worries. Your light seeps into every crevice, every crack of our human veneer and, if we allow it, your light chases the fog away. There is no darkness in your



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**arms, Abba. My blessings are many,
Father. You have lit my path and eased
my journey. I am your child and my heart
will always be open to your light.**

Recipe Box

Submitted by Evelyn Allen

BUTTER PECAN BUNDT CAKE

**1 package butter pecan cake mix*
4 large eggs
½ cup oil
1 cup water
1 can coconut-pecan icing**

**Blend mix, water, oil, and eggs in a large
bowl at low speed. Beat 2 minutes at
medium speed. Fold a can of coconut-
pecan icing into the cake mix.**

**Pour into a greased and floured bundt cake
pan. Bake at 350 F. for 50-60 minutes.
Cool in the pan for 15 minutes then remove
from pan and cool completely. Pour brown
sugar glaze over the cake.**

***This is very good using German Chocolate
cake mix with a chocolate or vanilla glaze.**

Brown Sugar Glaze

**3 tablespoons butter, softened
6 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
¼ cup light cream or milk
1½ cups confectioner's sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla**

**Put butter, brown sugar, and milk in a 2-
quart pot and use a whisk to stir over
medium-low heat 2 or 3 minutes until
butter melts and the sugar dissolves.
Whisk in confectioner's sugar and vanilla
until blended. Cool until thick enough to
drizzle over cake.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Note* Every Sunday</u> 9:00 ARISE 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>		<p>1 <i>New Years Day</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>2 <u>Note* Every Wed</u> 6:30 Mission Sparks 6:30 Mission Friends 6:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>3 7:00 MCC Meeting</p>	4	5
<p>6 8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast Observance of the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>7 5:45 Children's Committee Meeting 7:00 Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</p>	9	10	11	12
13	<p>14 7:00 Rosa Liipfert Circle Meeting</p>	<p>15 12PM Prime Time Luncheon 6:30 WHM Meeting</p>	<p>16 6:30 Relay for Life Dinner </p>	17	18	19
<p>20 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting</p>	<p>21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day </p>	22	23	24	25	26
<p>27 Relay for Life Mother/Daughter Tea </p>	28	29	30	31		



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