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Preaching the Word, Serving the Family

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From the Pulpit

Pastor's Message

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Welcome to the first edition of the **Richfield Springs Bible Church Insights**. The goal is to publish this newsletter four times a year. The purpose of this publication is to reach our Church Family, including our Visitors, with an inspirational message and information about Church events. Any and all ideas for this newsletter are welcome!

New Beginnings

As the New Year came upon us many people made New Year's "resolutions". But how do these resolutions relate to our spiritual walk?

Questions to ask when setting goals

1. Is my goal for me, and God's goal for me, one and the same?

I Cor 6:20 indicates that my goals for me are secondary since I've been purchased with a price (the **blood** of Jesus).

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Saved by Grace

A Testimony

Have you ever felt there was something MORE? Being brought up in a family that prided themselves on independence and hard work, I was taught to blame no one but myself for my failures and to credit no one but myself for my successes. God was a reality, but someone you prayed to in times of trouble, not a constant companion. Jesus? He was the Son of God, but I never really understood what He came here to do.

Things went along just fine for me until I got The Call. A yearning, if you will. I began to feel a tugging at my heart. A longing. A deep feeling of love. I would catch myself saying, "I love you so much..." and would stop and think, "who is this Person I love?" It was more than the love of family, friend or spouse. Much more. So I sought to find this love. I'll admit I went down some wrong paths, but God lead me to the truth. In His infinite wisdom, He drew me to Himself.

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Our Purpose:

The collective worship of God, the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel, and the mutual building up of believers in the faith.

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It's really about what **God's** goals for me are. Even worthy spiritual goals can be a goal disapproved of God. For example, the Apostle Paul wanted to teach Christ to the Jews, but Jesus wanted him to teach to the Gentiles.

2. What is my purpose in setting goals?

Goal answers the question of **how**.

Purpose answers the question of **why**.

God's purpose **John 17:4** Glorify God
Israel's purpose **Isa 43:7** Glorify God
Church's purpose **I Cor 10:31** Glorify God
Look at these verses to find out how to Glorify God. **Matt 5:16 John 15:8 I Cor 6:20 Rom 15:6**

3. Have I prayed for God's direction?

Phil 4:6 I Thes 5:17

4. Is goal setting Biblical?

Yes, if the motive is approved of God.

Jesus set Goals

Read these verses to find out what goals Jesus strived to achieve. Did He fulfill His goals?

Matt 5:17, 20:28 Luke 4:43,19:10

John 10:10, 12:47, 18:37

Paul had Goals

Phil 3:14 II Tim 4:7, Acts 20:21-24

Other helpful references: **John 4:34, 17:4, 19:30**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart!

Call to Worship

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Monday 7:00 p.m. In-reach/Outreach Ministry

Wednesday 3:00 p.m. Olympians
7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service

Please Pray for Our Missionaries

Jane Appelo – retired missionary to the Jews

Dick and Hae Ja Brosseau – Church Planters in Florida

Paul and Ellen Brown – Africa Inland Mission International

Chris and Barbara Deemer – College Missionaries in Oneonta

Dave and Sue Linton – Teaching Missionaries in the Far East

Dave and Vera Penz – Missionaries to Native Americans in Alaska

Jeff and Laura Wilson – Missionaries in Africa

CareNet Pregnancy Center – Physical and Spiritual Pregnancy Counseling

John and Linda Maynard – Word of Life Mission

Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Cor 5:17

Additional Memory Verses

I Cor 10:31 Eph 1:3

Free Stuff

Do you know there are a number of free items donated to the Church for you? Check out the quarterly Daily Bread magazine. Choose from a number of book marks you can use to Spread the Message or learn the books of the Bible. Help yourself to a copy of "The Everyday Guide to the Bible".

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When at last I came to know Jesus, a peace settled in my heart. I came to know how to complete that sentence; "I love you so much, Jesus!"

From that moment on, I became a new creation. I experienced a new beginning. My life had true meaning and I had Him to turn to in humble gratitude for the successes I experienced and for strength during my trials. I felt complete peace and unbridled joy.

It was so easy, really. All I had to do was abandon myself and give my heart to God. I admitted I was a sinner, for everyone falls short of the glory of God (see Romans 3:23). I confessed my sin, knowing He would forgive and purify me (see 1 John 1:9). My heartfelt belief in Jesus, that He is my Lord and that He died and was raised from the dead, saved my soul (see Romans 10:9).

When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11

Bible Trivia Questions

- 1) What's the difference between the terms **rapture** and **Second Coming**?
- 2) What did David tell Goliath he was going to do with him and why?
- 3) What was Jesus' definition of Eternal Life (hint: the TRUE Lord's prayer)?

(look forward to the answers in our next issue!)

Kid's Zone-Parables of Jesus Find: Two Debtors - Good Samaritan - Rich Fool - Lost Son - Fig Tree - Unjust Steward - Tares - Hid Treasure - Pearl - Drag Net - Two Sons - Ten Virgins - Talents - Sower

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Pastor Miller's recommended Radio Bible Preachers and Teachers

WJIV 101:9 FM

David Jeremiah (7 am & 6:30 pm M-F, 8 pm Sun)
Bob George

J. Vernon McKee

Robbie Zacharius (Sun 9:00 pm)

****** Listening to Christian Music is great for worship. Listening to Christian sermons is great for spiritual growth. We should be balanced with **BOTH!** ******

Coming Events

- More Bible Studies
- Peter Parkers Missionary to the Jews Feb 5, 2006
- Family Bowling Night
- "Spring" Church Clean-up and Repair Day

Our Thinking vs God's Promise

We think, "It's impossible".

Jesus said, "the things which are impossible with men are possible with God." see Luke 18:27

Resolutions Worth Making

- Spend more time with God by reading His Word daily.
- Read the Bible in a year.
- Hide God's Word in your heart by memorizing a Bible Verse a week
- Pray daily for at least one person who does not know Jesus.

Heaven or HELL

Eternity. Where will you spend it? In the place of peace, joy, love and light or in a lonely place of pain and anguish? *Not sure?* Contact Pastor Miller if you have any questions.

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