

New Years' edition 2022



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Happy New Year to all as we welcome in 2022!

As you celebrated God's gift on His Son last month, we trust your time spent with family and those you love was special.

In looking forward to a new year, we generally enjoy the opportunity to reset in some way. Not only the usual resolutions, but seizing an opportunity to serve the Lord in a way you might not had formerly considered.

Here's a few words borrowed from one of my daily inbox devos:

"This year, be on the lookout for the doors of opportunity God puts before you. And remember, they very well may not be where you expect—He has a way of using unlikely situations or people. So be listening for Him to direct you, and commit to living with your heart and spiritual eyes wide open."

We were already challenged with opportunities to serve in our Sunday School as a helper or substitute, recognizing that our children's ministry exposes our youngest to the truths of God's Word. Perhaps you are feeling challenged to join our ministry team?

Did you feel His tap on the shoulder?

Our Women's ministries are back in action after a holiday hiatus.

- January 9th - Women's Sunday school class restarts with the third segment of studying the book of Mark.
- January 12th - Women's (Zoom) Bible study restarts with a 12-week study of the Sermon on the Mount.
- January 17th - Our annual Soup Night continues its long tradition
- January 22nd - C4C restarts with Laurel leading the project of making children's clothing for our Malawi ministry.
Details of each to follow as you keep reading.

If you have not participated in any of them in the past, perhaps God is challenging you to seize the opportunity this year.

Did you feel His tap on the shoulder?

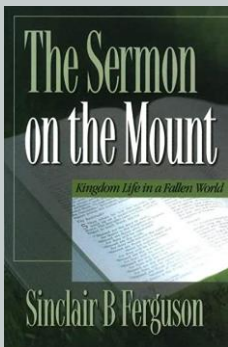
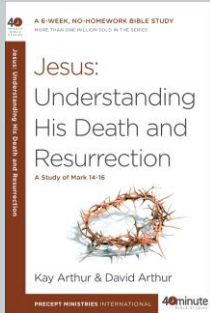
In my former consulting world, I trained many teams to set goals for what they would like to achieve, and then to create action plans to reach their goals. The same model works for each of us as individuals as we reset in our service to the One who loves us unconditionally, who will never leave us or forsake us, knowing that (in Romans 8) NOTHING separates us from His love; nothing!

So, let's each seek new opportunities for growth and service in 2022.

What will your action plan be to reach your goals?

Can you feel His tap on the shoulder?

Any of us on the team would love to meet 1:1 with you to discuss further.



Women's Sunday School Class

Meets weekly following the Sunday worship service beginning January 9th. Child care provided as there are classes for all ages.

Kerry Hanby leads and is using the book: *"Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection: A Study of Mark 14-16"*.

See Kerry for a free book (she'll have extras on hand)

Women's (zoom) Bible study

Meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7PM beginning January 12th.

Karen Smith leads and our topic for the next 12 weeks is the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 4:23-7:29). Although it might seem like a familiar section of Matthew, we will deep dive into Jesus' teaching on what human life and community look like when they come under the gracious rule of God. We will learn to take our cues from God Himself rather than from others around us.

There is not one specific book that we'll be using, but I did find a great little adjunct book by Sinclair B. Ferguson called *"The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Life in a Fallen World"*, that will expand on this section of scripture. (Amazon Prime -\$8).

Not necessary to purchase to attend the study.

There are endless seats available in this zoom class and our link for this class is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87197955946>

Meeting ID: 871 9795 5946

Annual Soup Night

Meets at 6PM on Monday, January 17th

Expect lots of laughs as we hear from a comedienne on

"Life after 50" 😊

If you are over 50....you can relate !

If you are under 50....previews of coming attractions !

Unfortunately, we will be offering this on zoom again this year. But please brew up a pot of your favorite soup. Plenty of seats at the table!!

(I'll be making my famous corn chowder and you can let me know if you'd like a serving home delivered).

Our zoom link for this meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89666023012>

Meeting ID: 896 6602 3012

Soup Night





C4C (Creating for Christ)

Meets one Saturday/month, from 9AM-noon.
For January, it meets on the 22nd.

Laurel Niemi leads and the current project is creating children's clothing for our Malawi mission.

Laurel is a great teacher and you do not have to be proficient in sewing to join this group...there's a job for you!

In conclusion, in these often seemingly crazy times, we can live with assurance in the sovereignty of God.

I will quote from another devotional reading: *"Yes, our lives are out of our control, but that doesn't mean they are out of control. No, our lives are under the careful administration of the One who had the wisdom and power to be the great Author of it all. Since God is the Author of every detail of your story, since He writes into your story every situation, location, and relationship, then He knows exactly what you're facing and precisely what grace you need to face it in the way He has planned."* (Paul David Tripp)

See you all soon at one (or all) of our 'opportunities',

Karen (for the entire team)

