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News and Notes from Troy Christian Church

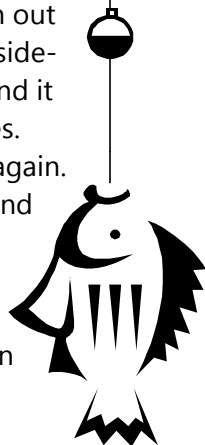


From that great theologian Ann Landers come the following thoughts on making this a special New Year.

From the MINISTER

"Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge and replace it with some pleasant memories. **Share a funny story** with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be very good medicine. **Vow not to make a promise** you don't think you can keep. **Pay a debt.** **Give a soft answer.** **Free yourself from envy and malice.** **Encourage some youth** to do his or her best. Share your experience and offer your support. Young people need role models. **Make a genuine effort** to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. **Resolve to stop magnifying small problems** and shooting from the lip. Words that you have to eat can be hard to digest. **Find the time to be kind and thoughtful.** All of us have the same allotment: 24 hours a day. Give a compliment. It might give someone a badly needed lift. **Think things through.** Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Be kind. **Apologize when you are wrong.** An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him. **Don't blow your own horn.** If you've done something praiseworthy, someone will notice eventually. **Try to understand a point of view** that is different from your own. Few things are 100% one way or another. **Examine the demands you make on others.** **Lighten up.** When you feel like blowing your top ask yourself, "Will it matter a week from today?" **Laugh the loudest** when the joke is on you. **The sure way to have a friend is to be one.** We are all connected by our humanity, and we need each other. **Avoid malcontents and pessimists.** They drag you down and contribute nothing. **Don't discourage a beginner** from trying something risky. Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. The can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go. **Go to war against animosity and complacency.** **Express your gratitude.** Give credit when it's due - and even when it isn't. It will make you look good. **Read something uplifting.** Deep-six the trash. You wouldn't eat garbage - why put it in your head. **Don't abandon your old fashioned principles.** They never go out of style. **When courage is needed** ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?" **Take better care of yourself.** You're all you've got. Pass up that second helping. You really don't need it. Vow to eat more sensibly. You'll feel better and look better too. **Return those books you borrowed.** Reschedule that missed dental appointment. Clean out your closet. Take those photos out of the drawer and put them in an album. If you see litter on the sidewalk pick it up instead of walking over it. **Give yourself a reality check.** Phoniness is transparent, and it is tiresome. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonders of nature. A flower is one of God's miracles. **Walk tall and smile more.** You'll look 10 years younger. **Don't be afraid to say I love you.** Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world. **If you have love in your life** consider yourself blessed, and vow to make this the best year ever."

Pretty good, huh? Here are a few more for you: **take the time to read your bible and pray Everyday.** It will change your life. **Make worship a priority this year.** It will change your outlook on life. **Get involved in a Sunday School class.** This is where Christian relationships are formed and developed (continued on page 2).



From the Minister (from page 1)

Find a place to serve for that's what we were saved to do. **Make it a regular habit to invite people to church;** friends, family co-workers, they all need to know the Lord, and the majority of people who come to Christ and His church come as a result of an invitation from a friend or family member.

Do these things and not only will your life be better this year, but maybe also the life of someone you love.

My family and I would like to thank you for all of the cards, gifts, and other expressions of love that have come our way this Christmas. We love you all.

Dave, Rae Jean, Alyssa and Jonathan

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Our Giving	Attendance
Nov. 28: \$2,208.35	166
Dec. 5: \$4,130.00	148
Dec. 12: \$2,230.00	189
Dec. 19: \$3,787.00	179
Church Budget: \$178,712.00	
Needed per Sunday: \$3,436.76	
Building Fund: \$27,404.09	



Mark Your Calendar!!!

Jan. 3: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage

Jan. 5: KICKs begins meeting again

Jan. 9: Youth group begins meeting again

Jan. 17: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 30: Brunch during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30). Food will be provided by the Golden Circle/Come Join Us and Marriage Matters classes.

Jan. 30: We will provide the worship service at the Highland Care Center at 4:00 p.m.

From the Youth Minister



Take Time and Examine Your Motives

Do you ever have those moments when reading the Bible, where you are studying a passage and all of the sudden it takes a turn in a different direction, and you have no idea how that relates to the original and subtitled message of that passage? While reading through Hebrews 4, I found one of those instances. The passage itself is subtitled "A Sabbath-Rest for the People of God" and there it talks about resting from your work just as God did. However, weaved throughout the passage are warnings to us as Christians about being careful that none of us be found to have fallen short, "If you hear my voice don't harden your hearts," and "The word of God is alive and active, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

If you're anything like me, you've heard numerous times, the need for a Sabbath or time of rest, but you're extremely busy and taking time off sounds nice, but makes no sense and we're unaware of the purpose. Yet, woven through this passage in Hebrews is that purpose. We need to take this time to focus on the motives of our hearts, the solidity of our faith, and our willingness to listen to God. In our busy world, I believe these are the things that are being neglected the most. These are the things we can often times hide from other people and the focus on them never be questioned. My challenge to you (along side of me) this year is to take the time needed to examine: a. Those motives of your heart to see if they are in line with God's and not tainted with your own, b. How firmly you hold to the faith you profess, and c. How willing are you to listen to what God is teaching you and where God is guiding us? I pray these are not the things we take lightly, because the image of God is at stake. That image is a very worthy purpose to take time to rest and reflect upon.

Adam

This past year has felt unbelievable to me in so many ways. And yet, it is believable and it reflects God's plan. The following is an excerpt from Daniel's final English Composition paper, entitled "Welcome To Troy."

"By spring we were told that the chemo and radiation were not enough. The tumor had grown and other procedures would need to be done. After much discussion between my parents, it was decided another craniotomy was the best option.

I was in San Antonio on a mission trip with my youth group when his second surgery was scheduled. The dangers were minimal but as a precaution, my dad called and told me goodbye and said he was proud of me and ended our conversation with, "I love you, bud. Talk to you when I get out." My youth group prayed for my family at every meal and devotions time and was extremely supportive to me while I was away from my dad. I depended on them even more the next day when my father had a stroke after the surgery and lost the ability to speak and the movement in the right side of his body.

Throughout his illness, our church family has been so kind to us! They arranged a meal schedule so my mom wouldn't have to cook every (if any) night and they were integral in coordinating a benefit in my dad's honor. When my mother returned to work after my dad was discharged from rehabilitation, volunteers from our church would come and spend the day with him, assisting him as he slowly walked with his cane and deciphering his demands to make the bed. In July 2010 my father was given four to six months to live. Today, he is still mobile and four days-a-week, volunteers still come to watch Dad.

I'm not sure I can imagine our family surviving this if we didn't live where we do. Troy has exceeded its calling; the community has gone beyond cards and prayers and donated secret Santa gifts at Christmas and assisted kids in making Get Well cards.

The community lives as one. It is an organism that grieves together. During my after school job, countless people I didn't even recognize would say things like, "Yep, your dad's a hard worker; he'll get through this," or, "We really enjoy your family, we just love you guys. We'll be praying for you." It is a community that honors one another."

And isn't that exactly what God teaches us to do - honor one another as He has honored us? We have very little, other than these words, to express our gratitude and appreciation. Indeed, our family feels honored to be a part of this Christian community.

Jana Dominguez

5th Sunday BRUNCH/ Fellowship Time



We're having a brunch/fellowship time for all ages on January 30th during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). The food will be provided by the Golden Circle/Come Join Us and Marriage Matters classes.



Troy Christian Church Extreme Weather Policy

In the event of a tornado warning, heavy snow, blizzard conditions, expected blizzard conditions, ice or expected icing conditions, the chairman of the General Board shall contact the Doniphan County Sherriff's Office for an assessment of road conditions. If driving conditions are considered to be hazardous, church services will be canceled and the chairman will notify the following media no later than one hour prior to commencement of services: KQTV, KFEQ, KAIR, KNZA. We will also put a message on the church answering machine.

In the event of an electrical power failure or loss of water pressure, the chairman shall follow the same procedure as extreme weather conditions.



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	John Wiedmer, Travis Trant	17	Larissa Jenkins
3	Patty Wiedmer	18	Marcelle Handley, Jean Aberle
4	Sharon Handley, Karen Wetmore	23	Millie King, Kyle Thomas
5	Kevin & Pam McConnaughey	26	Breanne Caudle
8	Bob Jenkins	28	Isabella Miner
11	Kassi Meng	29	Gabriel Martinez
13	Jay Whetstine	31	Leah Johnson
16	Regina Hatfield		

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Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.
Sundays: 6:00 p.m. 7th-12th grade Youth Group; Wednesdays: 3:40 - 5:15 p.m. KICKS for K-6th graders

