



Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning *His Son*, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the *Son of God* with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **ROMANS 1:1-7**

As Paul opens his letter to the church in Rome, he keeps the focus where it belongs, Jesus Christ. We see a similar pattern in 1 Corinthians 1 as we studied back in September. Why is this important? Paul needed to address serious issues in both churches but did not waver about their faith – just needed them to refocus. There were many distractions in Paul's day: drunkenness, parties, abundant wealth, sexual immorality, party-line mentality, gossiping, unbelief, etc. Do we face any of these distractions today?

What about busy-ness, the news, family struggles, bills, a change of plans, or...losing your keys? What would it take to keep focused on Jesus from month to month, week to week, day to day, breath to breath? Is He worried that His plan will not be accomplished? When you turn to Jesus, can you feel the grace and peace that come from Him? What would it be like to carry that same grace and peace into your day, into your neighborhood, into your family, into your job? Would it shift your approach, your mood, your attitude? Take some time and read Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Peter 5:6-11, Psalm 46, or Psalm 37. Maintain focus and watch Him transform your life.

God is calling us into new and different steps this year. Like blind Bartimaeus crying out to Jesus, don't be distracted, maintain focus. We have been called to this time and place, individually and together for His name's sake. I echo Paul: *to all who are beloved of God in East Petersburg, Manheim, Salunga, Landisville, Mount Joy, Lititz and beyond, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*. Let us maintain focus and watch what God can do!

Pastor Doug Hinton

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# Youth News

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By: Josh Fulmer, Youth Minister

“New year, New me.” It’s a phrase you’ll see more and more as January approaches, and usually it involves becoming a better person. Maybe it’s being nicer, maybe it’s giving more. Most likely it is buying a gym membership that you use 3 times in January, then maybe once in July for the outdoor pool. However, the phrase “new year, new me” implies a change from who you were last year – hopefully an improvement. Unfortunately, the resolutions rarely last through the year, and people revert to their old ways. We are, after all, creatures of habit.

So, how do we really achieve a “new me?” Romans 12:2 says, “do not be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.” Similarly, Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” As Christians, becoming a better “me” is by denying self, and following Christ (Luke 9:23). Becoming more like Christ is the best new year’s resolution that anyone can make, but I would argue that it takes more effort than any other resolution. Then you might be wondering why anyone would try to make that their resolution. The answer is simple: when anyone is in Christ, they are not alone in the endeavors of life. Christ promised the Holy Spirit to His disciples in Acts 1:8, and that same Spirit dwells with us today. We are not alone in pursuing Righteousness. Likewise, we have each other. When the church was established, it was as a group, not alone. The church is to continue to spur one another onto holiness. Proverbs 27:17 states, “as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” We grow most when we are in community.

I pray that we all – from the youngest infant to the eldest member – continue in fellowship with one another towards Christ. Our goal is not for a man-made “new me,” but for a Christ-made “new us.”

Continue to pray for the teens, as we learn more about Christ as we study the book of Mark, as well as learn more about who God made us to be; pray that we learn to love the person God made us to be, and to strive towards the Holiness He has shown us. Pray for our upcoming events: our church lock-in, winter retreat, and any sporting or theater event that the teens may have in this busy season. I would also ask for celebration and continued prayer for Everett, a member of our youth group who was baptized back in November with our brothers and sisters at St. Stephen’s Baptist church during our DC service trip! Pray for Gloria and I, as we will be traveling a lot this month and next with family, friends, and the teens!

Soli Deo Gloria

# January Ministry Schedules

## NURSERY

January 5 Peggie Layman & Ivy Davis  
 January 12 Carolyn Gingrich & Marg Zurin  
 January 19 Sue Brubaker & Sallie Hoppert  
 January 26 Betty Cox & Sarah Fisher



## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

January 5 Jamie Bushong  
 January 12 Ray O'Boyle  
 January 19 Randy Ziegler  
 January 26 Janice Haldeman

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Del Kautz  
 Ray Hutchison



## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

January 5  
 January 12  
 January 19 Sanctuary Choir (10:15)  
 January 26

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit  
 Ben Johnson  
 Dave Bendit  
 Doug Howard



## SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

January 5 Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong  
 January 12 Rich & Jamie Bushong  
 January 19 Dave Schott  
 January r 26 Rich & Jamie Bushong

## SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong  
 Matt Markey & Rich Bushong  
 Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong  
 Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



## DEACON GREETERS

January 5 Paula Connelly  
 January 12 Lois Kilian  
 January 19 Wes Bowers  
 January 26 Tom Connelly

## JNH GREETERS

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 Jeff & Bev Moyer  
 Edie Martin  
 Carl & Lisa Polonchak



## OFFERING TABULATORS

Jim Stauffer, Dwayne Hostetter, Sue Hostetter

# Messages in January

January 5



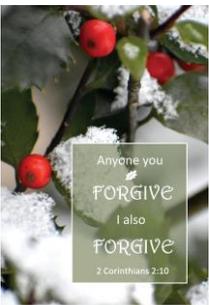
## Steadfast Promises

*2 Corinthians 1:12-22*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

We live in a world that continues to blur lines; lines that many of us felt immovable, unquestionable, solid. There are times we listen to the news or certain people speak and know that what they say and what they do are inconsistent – like we expect them to lie. The good news and the bad news to this: it's not new. As Paul opens his second letter to the Corinthians, he reminds them of the consistency of God's Son, the Gospel message, and the promises found within. Let us turn now with the church in Corinth and see where our anchor rests.

January 12



## Forgiveness in Christ

*2 Corinthians 2:5-11, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5*

**Pastor Doug Hinton**

Our story began in 1 Corinthians 5 when Paul calls the church to discipline a man who had an affair with his father's wife. In the words of Paul Harvey, we now move into "the rest of the story." We understand the man to be in great sorrow, a contrite spirit of repentance. Now, Paul admonishes the body to restore the man, to show forgiveness, comfort, and love. What might that look like today? If we see a person repent who carries an obvious and public life against God (Kanye), do we approach such a man with comfort, love, and forgives? What would Paul say today?

January 19



## A Fresh Start

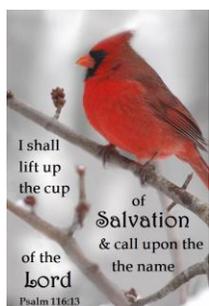
*2 Corinthians 5*

**Geoff Davis**

How many of us made New Year's resolutions? Resolution means a "firm decision to do or not to do something." We long to get a chance to push the "re-set" button on our lives, our relationships, our bodies, and our work – and really want to follow through. But did you ever notice that the "resolutions" we make quickly fade and within a few weeks, we're back to our old ways?

Paul shares with the Corinthians something beyond their intentions – their real purpose in living, how God equips us, Christ compels us, our view of the world and our lives changes, and we become "Christ's Ambassadors." This is the life-changing promise of real, meaningful change, waiting for us to claim it. But do we treat our faith like we engage in our "resolutions?"

January 26



## Broken Vessels

*Psalms 116:5-19, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, 4:7-18*

**Laura Meiser**

As the Apostle Paul speaks to the realities of false teaching in the church, he reminds believers that they have a hope that surpasses anything the world gives. Though our earthly bodies are decaying, we have a bigger promise and purpose. Just as the ancient art of Kintsugi rendered a cracked vessel more beautiful than the original, so too, Christ takes our 'momentary affliction' and uses it for his glory. Are we willing to testify to that? Are we willing to walk through our struggles with others or will we hide the light of Christ deep within, hoping others might see it through the cracks in our vessel?

# HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE SEEKERS** class will be finishing their study on Ephesians on January 5th. January 12 we will be starting a 6-week study on Galatians with Kyle Idleman on video. Feel free to join this study doing 1 chapter of Galatians each week. Contact person is Rich Bushong if you have any further questions.

† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** class meets in the old youth room (at the end of the hall). We study the international lesson. Our teachers are 5 people from our class who each teach one Sunday a month. Gerrie Hurst and Ruth Johnson are co-chairperson for the class. We enjoy a social activity several times a year. We invite others to come and share in our class at any time. This quarter the studies are God is Faithful, Response to God's Faithfulness and Faith Leads to Holy Living. Scriptures are from both the old and new testaments.

January 5	Solomon Summons the Ark	Leader: Dennis Bushong
January 12	Solomon Speaks to the People	Leader: Jim Kettering
January 19	Solomon Seeks God's Blessing	Leader: Doug Hinton
January 26	Solomon Anticipates Praise	Leader: Butch Nachbar

## HCOB Family News

**SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY:** In the event of inclement weather, you can receive information about service cancellations in a variety of ways:

1. Via text if you have signed up with the church office for this service
2. On our church website at [www.hempfieldcob.org](http://www.hempfieldcob.org)
3. On the radio stations WJTL FM 90.3 and WDAC FM 94.5.

**Please note: the church office follows Hempfield School District.** If the school district is closed due to weather, the church office is officially closed and staff may use their own judgement about coming into the church.



**STEWARD OF THE MONTH SIGNUP SHEET** for 2020 is on the bulletin board in the outer office. If you would be willing to take a turn opening and closing the church on Sunday for one month, please sign up for this important ministry.

**CHURCH SAFETY:** For the safety of the church and our children, the doors to the Sunday School wing and John Naas Hall will be locked each Sunday at 10:10 am. If you arrive after 10:10 you will need to enter through the main doors in the Narthex. Please continue to sign your children in at the Children's Ministry table before going into the service.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS, LADIES!** HCOB is hosting a free livestream showing of IF:Gathering, the popular women's conference, and we are hoping you will join us! On February 7-8 we will come together for fellowship, good food but most importantly to connect with one another as we sit under anointed teaching all focused on Jesus. Who He is. What He has done. And what that means to us. More information to follow but you can get a head start by registering at <https://local.ifgathering.com/hempfieldcob/>. If you have any questions, touch base with Laura Meiser ([laura@hempfieldcob.org](mailto:laura@hempfieldcob.org) or 717.689.0465) or Jen Houck. This event is open to women of all ages and there will be something for everyone to take away. Hope to see you there!



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS** for the altar table in the coming year please sign up for a Sunday on the chart in the outer office.



## GAME NIGHT

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** - Once again we will be hosting a game night on Sunday, January 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm. This event is open to the entire congregation. Please come out and join us as we have various games available to play. It's a great way to fellowship together!

**KIDS CONNECT @ HCOB** - We are opening the gym to moms and caregivers of little ones on the first and third Friday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am during the months (December through April) when the weather isn't very cooperative. The children will hear a short story, participate in an organized group activity, and have free time to play. We will be advertising this community outreach on our Children's Ministry Facebook page. Please share with any neighbors and friends.



# January HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off	<b>2</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Care of Church Community Team <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>3</b> Josh's Day Off <b>10:00 AM</b> Kids Connect <b>6:45 PM WORDD Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Sewing Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons Meeting	<b>8</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Sewing Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> Stewards of Property	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Education Team	<b>10</b> Josh's Day Off	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> <i>Witmer Family Christmas</i> <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Sewing Circle <b>12:00 PM</b> Silver Singles <b>6:30 PM</b> Fellowship & Hospitality Team <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Team	<b>15</b> <b>HERALD DEADLINE</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilting Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>17</b> Josh's Day Off <b>10:00 AM</b> Kids Connect	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Witter baby dedication <b>6:00 PM</b> Family Game Night <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>20</b> <b>Martin L. King, Jr. Day</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Outreach Team	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilting Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM Prayer Experience</b>	<b>24</b> Josh's Day Off	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Sunday Music <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:50 AM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Blended Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Cell Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Leadership Team	<b>29</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off <b>6:00 AM</b> Ladies Prayer Breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilting Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>31</b> Josh's Day Off	<b>1</b>

For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit <http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

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