

JANUARY 2018



**MINISTRY**

First Presbyterian Church

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## JANUARY HAPPENINGS

**January 7th** - Sunday School 9:30

Revelation of Jesus as the Son of God (Mark 1:4-11)

**January 8th** - Good News Club starts back - Franklin Elementary

**January 10th** - Crossings Starts Back 4:30-6:00

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:43-48)

**January 14th** - Sunday School 9:30

Revelation of God through Jesus (John 1:43-51)

**January 15th** - NO Good News Club

**January 17th** - Crossings 4:30 & Family Night Supper 6pm

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:19-24)

**January 21st** - Sunday School 9:30

Revelation of the Kingdom and Call to Follow (Mark 1:14-20)

**January 24th** - Crossings 4:30

Treasure in Heaven (Matthew 6:19-24)

**January 28th** - Sunday School 9:30

Revelation by a Demon of Jesus' Identity (Mark 1:21-28)

**January 31st** - Crossings 4:30

The Wise & Foolish Builder (Matthew 7:21-27)

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

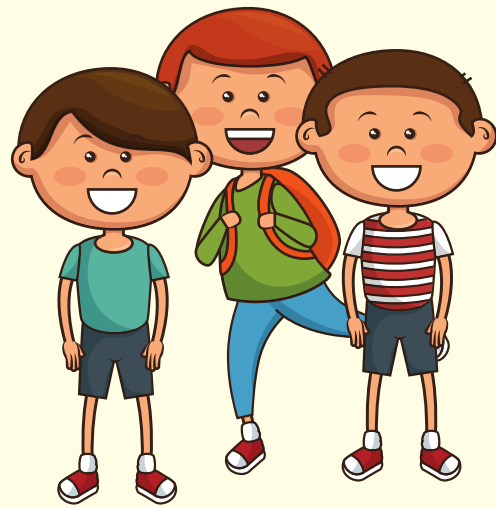
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New Year's is often a time people hit a reset button and make resolutions for a new year! As cliché as they are, I think it is such a great time for parents to look at what their wishes and hopes for their children are and how they can help their children grow into wonderful adults. I also think New Year's is a great time to do a quick check on your spiritual health and the spiritual health of your children. One of the most effective ways to guide your children spiritually is by praying for them and praying with them. If prayer is on your list of things to do better or more effectively in 2018, I have some resources that can help!

There are copies of Parents' Prayer Cards available in my office.

*"You'll never be a  
PERFECT parent,  
but you need to be a  
PRAYING parent."  
~ Mark Batterson*

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The cards provide a character trait and scripture for (almost) each week of 2018 (45 weeks).

These cards can be used in many different ways.

1. Simply focus your daily prayer on the scripture and character trait for your child(ren).
2. Talk to your children about what this character trait looks like, share the scripture with them and most importantly model!

This is one resolution you will want to stick to and be proud of!





**START YOUR 2018 BY VOLUNTEERING IN KIDS' MINISTRY!!!**

**THERE ARE COUNTLESS WAYS TO HELP:**

- \* HELP IN NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
- \* TEACH OR ASSIST SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CROSSINGS
- \* RUN COPIES AND PREPARE LESSON MATERIALS
- \* HELP WITH GOOD NEWS CLUB AT FRANKLIN
- \* BECOME A READER AT FRANKLIN
- \* PRAY FOR THIS GROWING MINISTRY!!!



## Children's Church (following Moments with Children)

In December, we began a Children's Church program that is for all children from toddlers up to upper elementary and follows the lectionary. Each Sunday following Moments with Children the children will go to the Theater to participate. We follow the same structure as a regular church service, including scripture readings, worship, a children's sermon, prayer of confession and we will be learning the Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer. Each week we talk about appropriate church behavior (how to sit, what kind of voice is allowed in church, etc.) and we practice for when we sit with our parents in "big church". We have many fun games and activities that will go along with Children's Church and we will break up into groups as time permits. When the time comes to pick your children up, they will often be in the theater, but may also be found in different classrooms. Be patient with us as we find the best procedure for Children's Church!

Also please consider coming to help give the Children's Sermon or help lead games and activities. Also look for a weekly Newsletter which will help to you carry over what we learn into your week at home!