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COATS BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Children's Church 8:30 am & 11:00 am
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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Happy New Year Church Family!

Everyone loves a fresh start. We all love a new beginning. We love grace, we love do-overs, and we love another shot – And I'm so glad our Lord loves the same!

He is the Lord of second chances. He is the God of all comfort. He is a friend of sinners. He is a minister to the weak. (John 21:15; Matt. 11:19; 2 Cor. 1:3; 12:9). Take a moment and pray through his promise of fresh mercies.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.*

Lamentations 3:22-25

January is here and a new year stands before us. And every January is the same – bringing new hopes and dreams, fresh days and opportunities for the coming year.

What are you praying for this year? How do you want God to bless? Where do you need grace? What are your spiritual goals and desires for the coming months?

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I believe one of the fundamental keys to spiritual success is going back to the basics. Every new year, Christians should remember those basic avenues where God tends to bless. Let me encourage you to practice some key spiritual disciplines this year.

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1. Read your Bible regularly. Spiritual growth starts with the manual – that is, the Bible. (1 Peter 2:2) Schedule a time and set a plan to mediate on Scripture (Psalm 1:2; Col. 3:16) Get a friend and hold each other accountable. God will bless that relationship.

2. Commit to pray daily. There is simply no substitute for personal communion with the Lord. (1 Thess. 5:17) Someone once said, "You can't pray right, and live wrong." That's a good word for us all! Commit to become a person of prayer in 2018.

3. Share the gospel naturally. Whether at the office, at the school or at the gas station – talk about Jesus. Ask the Lord to help you take conversations from the secular to the sacred. (Romans 10:14)

4. Invite friends to church weekly. It just goes to show that a *personal invitation* is still the most effective outreach strategy. Let me challenge you to identify one person, one couple, one family – win them to church, and win them to Christ. (Matthew 28:19)

May God richly bless you and yours in 2018!

Pastor Neal

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1/10 Grocery Assist (5:30)

1/14 Business Meeting (6:00 pm)

Practice Resumes

Choir and Praise Team Practice resumes
on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 and 7:30

MUSIC • NOTES

This past Sunday morning, we sang a song called "All Glory Be to Christ" which set new lyrics to "Auld Lang Syne", the familiar New Year's tune. As we are walking through the book of Colossians on Sunday mornings and beginning a new year together, I pray that the simple chorus of this modern hymn be the heart song of us as individuals and as a church:

"All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ. His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ."

Christ is over all things. He reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords. This year, allow Him to rule and reign over every aspect of your life and praise Him all the while. In every season of life and through whatever you may be facing, He is on His throne. He is good. He deserves our praise. If this past year taught me anything, it was how to praise God during painful seasons of grief and loss. The year 2017 was also filled with more blessings than I can count. Through all things, all glory be to Christ!

I love you CBC family,
Jonathan

Together Sundays in 2018!



These special fifth Sundays have proven to be sweet times of fellowship and worship for the body of Christ here at Coats. In this new year, we will continue having Together Sundays! On these days, there will not be an 8:30 service. A combined 11:00 service will follow the 9:45 Sunday School hour.

Mark your calendars:

April 29, July 29, September 30, December 30

SENIOR • ADULTS

Senior Adults will travel to the Temple Theater in Sanford on Thursday, January 18, leaving CBC at 11:15 am. We will have lunch at Miss Lacey's Magnolia House (you pay) prior to seeing The Nashville Roadshow Part II. You will need to pay your \$10 to Gail, Sherry, Kathy, or Bonnie ASAP if you wish to go.

The Women of Joy Conference in Myrtle Beach is May 4-6th. Early registration for a group of ten or more is \$99. The cost of the house for both nights will be somewhere between \$100 and \$140. A house will be chosen once we know how many are coming. The \$99 is due January 15 to the church office. Contact Laura Newkirk at (910) 261-9668.

STUDENT • HAPPENINGS

Who wants to go skiing?!? The youth are sponsoring a ski trip from Thursday, March 1 to Sunday, March 4. We will ski all day on Friday and Saturday. The total cost of the trip is \$220/person and a deposit of \$100 is due by January 28. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Prices are based on maximum room occupancy. If a family wants a room together, the prices may change. See Anthony Beasley for details or to pay your deposit.

LOTTIE • MOON • OFFERING

Our Goal: \$35,000 | Amount given to date: \$34,465.26

\$534.74 is needed to reach our goal.

All money given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be used to send and support Southern Baptist missionaries around the world who share Christ with the billions of people who do not know Him.



Bible Study: What better way to start off the New Year than with a study of God's Word! Allow God to anchor you in the truth of His Word under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

YOU are invited to an 8 week study on the book of Acts (Part II - chapters 13 - 28) We will begin with **orientation for newcomers** on January 9th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall and the study will continue every Tuesday from 1:00- 2:30pm until March 6th.

Childcare will be provided if requested. Please contact Diane Allen at 910-890-0679 or by email dsa1229@yahoo.com to reserve a workbook or to arrange childcare. Workbooks are \$18. You may also contact the church office at 910-897-5173.



Inclement Weather Policy

It is important for everyone to use their best judgment about whether they feel it is safe to come to church. If you feel at all threatened by the weather or feel that driving would be too risky, by all means stay at home. We will try our best not to close, especially on Sunday mornings. Our current policy is, on week days, the church office and daytime activities will follow the Harnett County Schools' procedures. You should tune in to WRAL-TV5 television station for closing information for services.