

Pastor's Corner

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...”

When you receive this newsletter, we will have begun a New Year. As we begin this New Year, we begin to set our sights on all the things that we hope to accomplish in the coming year. This is an exciting time. Some of us are hoping that we can lose weight; perhaps some are hoping to find employment or maybe a new job, maybe a new addition in the family; or perhaps a graduation or marriage is in the future.

Whatever lies ahead for us in the New Year, never lose sight that God goes before us to prepare the way; God walks with us to help us along the way; and God walks behind us to protect us along the way.

The year will bring joy and happiness, but it will also bring difficulties and sadness, though it will not be without God. And when we face times of difficulties and sadness, God says; “...remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20b.

God’s promise to us is that he will always be with us, but too often we act as if we don’t want God around; or the only time we want God in our lives is when our lives are not going the way we would like them to go.

When I stop to think about it, if I keep my car tuned up, the oil changed and checked, and make sure that there is gas and water in it; then I don’t hesitate to get in and drive it down the road worry free.

Sure, there are those times when something goes wrong—a flat tire, a sensor goes out, or maybe even something more goes wrong. Those are the times that I have to trust a mechanic, who with his knowledge and skills, can fix what has gone wrong.

The Bible says that our bodies are a temple of God. If we maintain that temple through worship, Bible study, prayer, and communion with God; then we can survive many of the things that life throws at us. But there are those times, when like my car, things break down, and we need a mechanic.

Well when I choose a mechanic, I look for someone who is familiar with my type of car. I don’t take my motorcycle to a diesel mechanic, and I don’t take my car to a motorcycle mechanic. I also look for someone who has a proven record of their work, and has the skills to accomplish the work, because I want the best.

We should do the same with our lives. Who else but the one who created us would know what is best for our lives? Who else but the one who says just trust me, know that I know what you need and I’m willing to give it to you? Who else but the one who has proven over and over again that he will keep his promises?

Yes, God is the one and the only one. So, let me invite you to come to worship on Sunday morning, either at 8:30 or 11:00, for an “oil change” or a “tune up,” so that your lives might run a little better. Get involved in being the Body of Christ.

And let me encourage you to wake up each morning and put your life and the lives of your loved ones in God’s hands. We may not know what 2015 holds for us, but I do know that God holds and knows the future, and God says, “Fear not...”

Happy New Year!