

# Full Life Newsletter

Sunday, January 1, 2012

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

January 1 New Year's Day 11:00am Service only

January 8 Business meeting & Election after fellowship Dinner

January 31 Youth Sunday

March 9-11 Winterfest 2012, Knoxville, TN

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Danny Bowen

10 Angela Lewis

14 Cory Aja

17 Tina Miller, Steve Kovach

21 Brice Gray

23 Nichole Nichols

25 Bobby Cooper Sr.

26 Chris & Sabrina Cronham,

26 Brian & Valerie Collins

27 Libby Johnson

31 Abigail Camp

## From the Pastor:

Happy New Year Saints of God,

We will only have 11am service today.

Please keep Alice Wadsworth and her family in prayer, her ex-mother-in-law (grandmother of 3 of her children) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Also, keep Cathy Beckom in prayer, she had some pipes burst over Christmas and flooded her apartment. She has had a time getting everything back in order.

We will have our annual Business Meeting and Election after Fellowship dinner on January 8, 2012. If you would like to nominate someone for Trustee, Secretary or Treasurer you can fill out a nomination form or email me before January 7. If you are a current Trustee or Officer please let me know if you are not running for reelection before January 1. The qualifications are included with today's newsletter. If you have any questions please call or email me. The current Trustees are Gary Johnson, Terry Black, Beau Bowen, Billy Camp, Brian Collins, Reeca Kovach and Libby Johnson. The secretary is Charlotte Childree and our Treasurer is Alice Wadsworth. Additional nominees so far are Trustee: Kathy Gray, Tyrone Childree, Robert Hofer; Secretary: Tabitha Hofer; Treasurer: Valerie Collins. Please see me if you have any questions.

If you have something you would like included in the newsletter, please email it to me by 8:00pm Saturday night. Please make it so I can copy and paste to make putting this together faster. This is not just my letter it is for the whole church. Thanks!

Sister Pat Merkel is starting a ministry to returning veterans here at our church. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry please see her after our morning service. You can also call or email her. Her phone is 770-459-9333, her email is [pat.merkel@joshuasmission.org](mailto:pat.merkel@joshuasmission.org).

Wednesday evening we are studying the book of John. Bible study starts at 7:30 and we try to end as close to 8:30 as possible. Come and join us as we explore the Gospel of John.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Smoky Mountain Winterfest 2012 will be March 9-11 in Knoxville, TN. Signup sheet is on the media table. Some of the guests will be Hillsong United, Israel Houghton and Jentezen Franklin. Cost will be \$137 per person, due by January 15. Make your plans, begin praying and raising your money! For more information their website is <http://www.winterfest2012.com/>.

Last night was one of the most special year end services I have ever attended. The flow and unity was amazing. The anointing was tangible in every aspect. I am so proud of our church, our youth, every person is incredible. Love overflows like a flooding river to cleanse and renew our souls and spirit. I pray everyone got some sleep and is ready to worship our Lord again in power and might. I am excited about what God is doing in our church and can't wait for the next service. We make choices each and every day about how much of ourselves we will give to God.

Will we hear His voice in the small things or only in those large important things? Do we take the time to give Him honor in the routine or do we wait for those Aha moments? Some remarkable things have happened over the last few days, testimonies about our fast, those special things that are said that take your breath away. I am so looking forward to 2012, a year of change, transition, new beginnings and power in the Holy Spirit. Will you share this journey with me? Take my hand, let's agree together, to walk together, to live in unity, to surrender ourselves as the hands and feet of Christ, to allow ourselves and our church to be salt and light for our families, our workplaces, our community, each other; to bring glory to God the Father in all things, to forgive quickly, restore gently, to share His Word in our lives in every way possible and to go make a difference in this world. Amen!

We love you,  
God bless you always,  
Johnny & June

### **1 John 4:18 (NIV2011)**

<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

### Qualifications & Characteristics of a Trustee / Officer

- 1: He/She should be a mature Christian and at least 12 years old.
- 2: He/She should have been a regular attendee for church service for at least 6 months.
- 3: He/She should be a born-again Godly Spirited Person, strong in the spirit and not weary of well-doing, who walks humbly before God.
- 4: His/Her daily life should show the gifts of the spirit; Love, Joy Peace, Patience, Gentleness Forgiveness, Meekness, Temperance & Faith.
- 5: He/She should be blameless to protect the church from reproach.
- 6: He/She should be knowledgeable in God's word and be able to teach, lead & minister to others.
- 7: He/She should be a wise steward at home, in the church and in his/her everyday business affairs.
- 8: He/She should be a person who seeks God daily for the affairs of the church, through prayer and meditation.
- 9: He/She should be a person who is not quick to anger.
- 10: He/She should be a watchman over the congregation using discernment and understanding in all things.

### **Let Us Keep to the Point, My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers, January 1**

*" . . . my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death" —Philippians 1:20*

**My Utmost for His Highest.** ". . . my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed . . ." We will all feel very much ashamed if we do not yield to Jesus the areas of our lives He has asked us to yield to Him. It's as if Paul were saying, "My determined purpose is to be my utmost for His highest— my best for His glory." To reach that level of determination is a matter of the will, not of debate or of reasoning. It is absolute and irrevocable surrender of the will at that point. An undue amount of thought and consideration for ourselves is what keeps us from making that decision, although we cover it up with the pretense that it is others we are considering. When we think seriously about what it will cost others if we obey the call of Jesus, we tell God He doesn't know what our obedience will mean. Keep to the point— He does know. Shut out every other thought and keep yourself before God in this one thing only— my utmost for His highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and Him alone.

**My Unstoppable Determination for His Holiness.** "Whether it means life or death-it makes no difference!" (see [Philippians 1:21](#)). Paul was determined that nothing would stop him from doing exactly what God wanted. But before

we choose to follow God's will, a crisis must develop in our lives. This happens because we tend to be unresponsive to God's gentler nudges. He brings us to the place where He asks us to be our utmost for Him and we begin to debate. He then providentially produces a crisis where we have to decide— for or against. That moment becomes a great crossroads in our lives. If a crisis has come to you on any front, surrender your will to Jesus absolutely and irrevocably.

**May God Bless you hold you and keep you in His perfect love and will. May you know the depths of His love for you always!**

