



## Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

Undoubtedly, one of the best ways to start the New Year is to confess and repent from sin. Confession is not merely the admission of wrongdoing, it is falling before the Lord in humility and contrition – knowing that we have sinned against Him, are deserving of divine punishment, and can find forgiveness in Him alone. Quite literally the word “confession” denotes a heart-wrenching honest conversation with God about His utter holiness and our utter sinfulness. It is to be blood-earnest in seeking reconciliation, knowing that we are absolutely undeserving of God’s mercy and grace. True confession is the sobering admission that we have sinned against God, and true repentance is the humble commitment to forsake those sinful desires, thoughts and/or actions.

We need to keep “short accounts” with God, confessing and repenting from any sins we commit (the sooner the better!). Let me encourage you to read, re-read, and pray the following prayer out loud. It comes from the book Valley of Vision which is a collection of Puritan prayers (a must for every Christian’s library and devotional reading). This particular prayer, titled Heart Corruptions, targets our utter unworthiness apart from Christ and our desperate need for His saving and sanctifying grace.

*O GOD,*

*May thy Spirit speak in me that I may speak to thee.*

*I have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for me.*

*I am undeserving, but I look to thy tender mercy.*

*I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; thou art full of grace.*

*I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin; All my powers of body and soul are defiled: A fountain of pollution is deep within my nature.*

*There are chambers of foul images within my being; I have gone from one odious room to another, walked in a no-man’s-land of dangerous imaginations, pried into the secrets of my fallen nature.*

*I am utterly ashamed that I am what I am in myself; I have no green shoot in me nor fruit, but thorns and thistles; I am a fading leaf that the wind drives away; I live bare and barren as a winter tree, unprofitable, fit to be hewn down and burnt.*

*Lord, dost thou have mercy on me?*

*Thou hast struck a heavy blow at my pride, at the false god of self, and I lie in pieces before thee.*

*But thou hast given me another Master and Lord, thy Son, Jesus, and now my heart is turned towards holiness, my life speeds as an arrow from a bow towards complete obedience to thee.*

*Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride.*

*Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life, from everything that is natural to fallen man, and let Christ’s nature be seen in me day by day.*

*Grant me grace to bear thy will without repining, and delight to be not only chiseled, squared, or fashioned, but separated from the old rock where I have been embedded so long, and lifted from the quarry to the upper air, where I may be built in Christ forever.*

Together in and for Christ,

Pastor David

**Scripture Readings for the Week** (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #1):

*Genesis 1-3; Joshua 1-5; Psalm 1-2; Job 1-2; Isaiah 1-6; Matthew 1-2; Romans 1-2*

**Recommended Reading:**

*“The Valley of Vision” edited by Arthur Bennett*

Calendar of  
Events:

January 1

Office's Closed

January 3

The Sanctuary Play  
Group

January 13

Men's Breakfast

Looking Ahead....

January 28, 6:00pm

Annual Business  
Meeting

For prayer requests,  
email Amy Woodruff  
at [prayer@sbcnb.org](mailto:prayer@sbcnb.org)  
or call 541-404-0547

We're on the Web!

See us at:  
[sbcnb.org](http://sbcnb.org)

## Growth & Study.....

### Men's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "On the Christian Life" by John Calvin  
w/Jeff Etzel

#### Wednesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Christian Walk"  
w/Pastor David

**8:15-9:30pm** "Zechariah"  
w/Pastor Josh

#### Thursdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Let Us Pray"  
w/Pastor Tim

#### Fridays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Murder of Jesus"  
*Begins January 12<sup>th</sup>*  
w/Pastor David

### Adult Group Studies

#### Sundays ~

**6:30-7:30pm** "The Sermon on the Mount"  
At the Woodruff's Home (541-756-3311)

### Young Adults

#### Thursdays ~

**7:00-9:00pm** At Skyline  
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

### Women's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

#### Tuesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Sermon on the Mount"  
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

**8:30am** "Isaiah, the Lord Saves"  
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

**9:00am** "Graceful Living"

w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

**7:00-8:15pm** "Romans"

w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

#### Wednesdays ~

**9:00-10:30am** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

**10:00am** "A Woman of Wisdom, Proverbs"  
w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

**6:30-8:00pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

## Connect & Encourage.....

**Church Directory** ~ It's time again to update our church directory. If you have any changes or if you'd like to be added or removed, please email us by January 5th at: [office@sbcnb.org](mailto:office@sbcnb.org).

### ***"The Sanctuary" Play & Fellowship Time ~ January 3rd, 9:00am***

Moms & little ones are invited to come enjoy a time of fellowship and play in the Sanctuary on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00am to 11:30am. Everyone is welcome with little ones from birth to age 5! Contact Anna Kintigh with questions 541-914-8013.

### ***Men's Breakfast ~ January 13th, 8:30am***

Walking in the truth. Men, that is what we do as we follow Christ in our marriages, with our children, in our jobs, etc. That is our life. Join us at 8:30am, as we continue to learn together to walk in the truth!

### ***Annual Business Meeting ~ January 28th, 6pm***

Please email your annual commission report to [office@sbcnb.org](mailto:office@sbcnb.org) by January 12th for it to be included in the 2017 annual report. Contact the church office for more information.

## Children's Ministries.....

**AWANA** – The calendar and registration are available online at [www.sbcnb.org](http://www.sbcnb.org). Book time listeners and leaders still needed. We can't wait to spend this year growing in the Lord with your kid(s).



## Youth Ministries.....

### *Youth Group ~*

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8pm.

## Serve.....

***Church Kitchen Supply Shopper Needed*** ~ We are looking for a volunteer to order & re-stock our kitchen with supplies. This would include checking the supply levels once a month and before special events, and re-ordering as necessary and within the limits of the church budget. Please contact Pastor Tim or the church office for more details.

## The Church Elders for 2018 are:

Jim Carr  
Rocky Cummings  
Jeff Etzel  
Dave Foord  
Jim Harter  
Roger Langlie  
Jeff Murphy