

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM

Study of Revelation

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study

7:00 PM

Study Text : Luke 1:5-25

Zechariah Promised a Son

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20 / 20 Vision

By Joe Chesser

It's that time of year again ... time to think about your plans and goals for the new year. Except this year, because the year is 2020, we may be challenged to try to see the future more clearly, more sharply than we might in other years.

By definition, 20/20 vision is the term used to express normal sharpness or clarity of vision measured at a distance of 20 feet. It doesn't mean you have perfect vision, for other factors are involved, such as peripheral awareness, color vision and eye coordination. But it is a good standard for measuring visual sharpness.

Do you think it would be great to have 20/20 vision as we think and plan for the coming year? How would it affect our plans and goals if we could see clearly how our health or finances or opportunities impact us? How would we adjust our goals and actions if we could see precisely how the government or the weather or stock market would influence our lives? Would having 20/20 vision of the coming year be a good thing ... or not?

From my point of view I'm glad I can't see clearly what the new year will bring. If I could, I might be tempted to walk by sight instead of walking by faith in God (2 Cor. 5: 7). I might be tempted to say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" instead of saying, "If the Lord wills we will live and do this or that" (James 4: 3-15). Or, I might be tempted to build bigger barns instead of being rich toward God " (Luke 12: 16-21). If I could see clearly what will happen the new year, I would be tempted to trust in myself instead of trusting in my God.

While there is some benefit in seeing clearly what the future holds for the coming year, there is far greater blessing for people of faith to trust the God who created the past and the future, the One who "upholds all things by the power of His word" (Heb. 1:3). Think of the peace that "surpasses understanding that will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4.7). Think of the confidence we can have knowing we can do "all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4.13). Think of the joy we can have, like Jesus, in seeing past the present into what we can know lies ahead (Heb. 12.2). Think of the comfort of being wrapped in the arms of Jesus no matter what the future holds (Matt. 11.28-29). Think of the security knowing that the Lord is our Shepherd who feeds us, cares for us, and protects us (Psalm 23; John 10.1-15). Think of the hope and encouragement we have: even if nothing works out the way we want it to in 2020, we know Jesus will come again someday and take us to our heavenly home (1 Thess. 4.13-18).

For 20/20 vision, trust and obey Jesus ... there's no other way.

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
- Howard Hall
- Serrie Smith
- Millie Williams
- Donna Hill
- Rick Carlberg (Recovering from Surgery)

Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- January - Thrash
- February - Powell's
- March - Montgomery's

Announcements

February Birthdays & Anniversary's

- 2nd - BJ Cradic
- 1st - Don & Gerri Thrash
- 22nd - Decker McKenzie
- 14th - Rick & Jill Carlberg
- 28th - Shay Cooper

Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Men to Serve

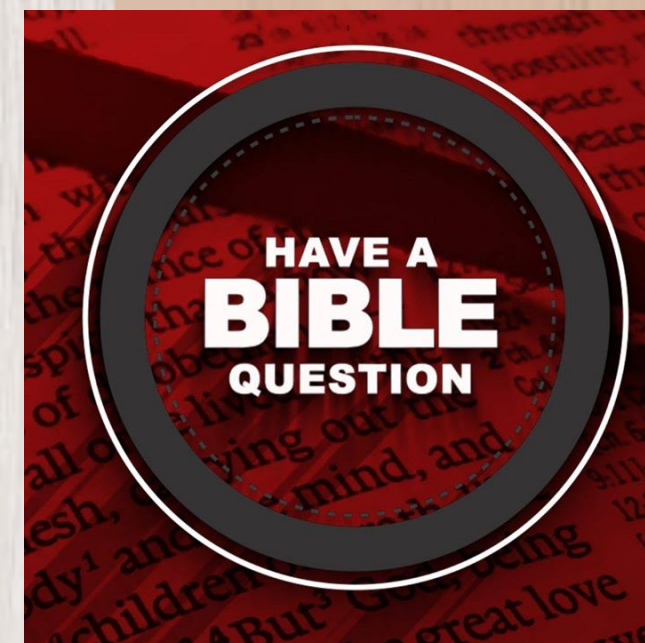
Sunday Morning

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
 Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 6:16-19
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:36-46
 Assist on Lord's Table - Donald Montgomery
 Camden Cooper
 David Cradic

Closing Prayer - Greg Powell

Sunday Afternoon

Announcements - Chuck Rowell
 Opening Prayer - Tristan Rowell
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Closing Prayer - Larry Montgomery



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