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Taste and See it is Good!

Psalm 34: 8-10 NLT ⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good.

⁹Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! ⁹Fear the LORD, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need.

¹⁰Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing.

As we enter a new year let us ponder and pray over this passage to “taste and see the Lord is good.”

God desires to show us more and more of His fullness as we earnestly seek after Him. He desires for us to trust Him to handle our greatest cares, to mend our deepest hurts, to calm our greatest fears, and to carry out the great purposes He has called each of us to. He shows us how to do all these things and live out of His fullness, but we have to be willing to taste the new things He is revealing to us.

The promise for those of us who take refuge in Him, are joys beyond what we can fathom or hope for!

As we enter 2022, ask God where and how He might be calling you to taste a new aspect of His love for you. Ask where He might be calling you to taste His power to help you accomplish something new, or overcome something you struggle with. Ask God where He is calling you to taste His sovereignty in your life and see that it is good as you surrender to Him.

Too often we fear what we do not know or understand. We resist getting uncomfortable. We see sacrifice as a loss of something. What if we shift our perspective to see our sacrifice to the Lord as our great gain and great joy! Let us willingly sacrifice our time, our energy, our resources and seek the Lord with all our heart! *Let us taste and see the Lord is GOOD!*

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New Ways to Serve the Lord

1 Samuel 12:24 ²⁴ But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

As we begin a new year let us come before God and ask Him how He would have us serve Him in building His kingdom. Let us ask Him how we can be a light in the darkness and hope to the hopeless. Let us ask Him how we can love our neighbors for His glory.

Many of our ministries are operating again and we need willing helpers to serve His church and His kingdom. Some ministries need helpers to start up again.

Let us pray and see where God is calling us to bless and care for His Church, our brothers and sisters, and our community .

See what God is putting on your heart to engage the women, men, youth, children, elderly, new believers, young adults, guests who join us (hospitality), people who connect on social platforms, hearts in praise worship, local community aid, global mission efforts, in the care of our church property... or any other ministry God might be stirring in your heart. We all have gifts given to us by our Father in heaven-to use for His glory and divine purposes.

Areas we need service: praise ministry-all positions and leadership, children's ministry (teach on a rotation once every 5 weeks), sending out messages on our church app (behind the scenes work), missions ministry - guiding, praying, planning for mission efforts-join the team, youth leader, communion prep (choose one month-1st Sunday), greeting on Sundays (choose one month).

We have room for YOU to serve!

Who do you have a heart for? What are you passionate about? What keeps you up at night that you think about? Where are you gifted? Pray on these things and see what ministries you might be called to assist with.

Let us be willing to get out of our comfort zone and say YES to where God is calling us. Let us trust He will equip us if He has called us, and there will be great joy as we respond with a willing heart to His call.

Let us all be contributors to the care and service of our Church. Thank you and God bless you all for your faithful service.

Celebrating-

January Birthdays

Bob Breneman	January 1
Abra Shimpach	January 4
Karrie Landsverk	January 11
Fran Porter	January 18
Brody Keepes	January 19
Kassadie Sugden	January 22
Debbie Gundlach Rogers	January 23
Shari Kleist	January 25
Brinleigh Batz	January 26

If you are newer please let us know your special birthdays and anniversaries so we can celebrate with you! Thank you!



2022 Goals and Budget

Our board of directors is preparing a financial budget for our 2022 year and they welcome your input.

We will hold our annual meeting to discuss and vote on our 2022 budget near the end of February and will give ample notice of the decided date.

The board asks as you are serving in specific ministries to please look at what your needs are, especially if they are just starting up again. Consider what ideas you have to expand those ministries to make them more impactful.

Please also share your ideas and concerns with the board regarding all maintenance and aesthetic improvements to our church. We have done much in the past several years and we are so thankful for the generous support in a multitude of ways to beautify and maintain our church. With an old building there will never be a shortage of areas to maintain so please share what you see.

We are so grateful for the faithfulness of God to help us meet our yearly budgets even in these past two trying years. He is blessing us. Know each year He calls us to give and build more, *for we are never meant to be complacent.*

We are invited to **Taste and See-all that He asks us to do is GOOD.** As we faithfully obey and follow His will, He faithfully and creatively provides means for us to fulfill His vision. Let us live by faith.



Calling Moms Who Want and Need to Connect

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4 NLT All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

Our mamas with children are looking to reconnect again in this new year and they want to open up this group to anyone else who would like to join in the fellowship and deepen their relationship with God.

This has been a successful group that works with busy schedules, letting children come together and play and just being a great source of friendship, understanding and support. It is very laid back and yet they genuinely seek to know the Lord. They seek to understand who they are in Christ and know that is enough.

They call it **Real Moms. Real Jesus.**

This came from a book study that kicked off their group.

If you are looking for a way to grow in your faith, have clarity in your identity as a daughter to the Most High King and grow in the fullness of joy as a mama then please contact Abra Denman. This group knows exactly where you are in life and the pressures you face to be something you're not created to be: "supermom." Come – find understanding, laughter, and rest.

As they are planning for what they will study first, they welcome your feedback on what you would like know more about.

If you know of other moms with younger children, please share this opportunity as well. It can be a great place to invite a friend to come to know Jesus as her personal Savior also.

Coming Events

Mon. January 24th– Ladies prayer group at church. 9 am.

Taste and See the Lord is Good– Step out of your comfort zone and try something new this year.

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship-

New Study! Learning to Hear God's Voice– 6 weeks , Beginning January 31 on Monday mornings. Interested-talk to PK. Need an evening time-talk with PK.

Create a new small group- *"Where 2 or 3 gather there I am"*

Proverbs 25:2 NKJV *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

May God bless you with greater understanding and wisdom as You seek Him this New Year!

*Always Here for
You*

Let us be in the habit of meeting together.

Is there something troubling your heart?
Could you use someone to talk to and pray with?

I am here for you. We are not meant to shoulder our burdens alone.

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