



JANUARY 2021



Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." 10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 2:9-10

If I have heard it once I have heard it at least a hundred times how so many are looking forward to 2020 being over and the New Year beginning. They cannot turn the pages of their calendar fast enough; they desire to see this year in the books and in their "rearview mirror." I understand the sentiment, this year for so many has been difficult and I am sure that the end of recent difficulties and heartaches would be a welcome relief. Some, would like to just forget this year and put our hope in 2021...how foolish. Here are two reasons as to why that line of thinking is ridiculous and will not bring you the peace you desire for the New Year.

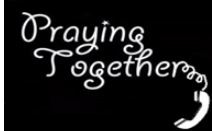
First of all, according to the passage that is quoted above, we are to accept "good and evil" from the hand of God. The reality is that what we would call "good and evil" are in actuality both good. The thing that makes it "good" is not what is given but by whom it is given. The word tells us that the sovereignty of God and the power of His redemption is expressed in that He can take negative events in our lives and use them for His purposes and will (Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28). We would do well to learn from Job's example and graciously accept the pleasant, along with the unpleasant gifts of His grace. A mature follower of Christ sees both as gifts and receives them with joy and thankfulness from his loving, gracious, and benevolent God. This understanding and preaching

are sadly woefully under-preached in most American churches...if it is ever preached at all. One of the ways in which the difficulties of this life are good is that it is forcing us to see that the things of this world will never bring us true joy. It may bring shallow happiness and a distraction from the unpleasantness of life, but it will never bring deep joy that is not about escaping, but rather is about enduring and experiencing the reality that the presence of God is to be desired over everything else. God is not concerned about you living happily ever after, He is concerned about you living holily ever after.

Secondly, the Word of God is clear that we are to put our trust in God for the future and nothing else. We are not to trust in politicians, power, fame, money, ideologies, governments, etc., family or an old one that has seen a resurgence lately...science. All of the aforementioned things are nothing more than idols and false gods, when they become the source of our comfort, joy and hope. I am not saying there is not any value to these things, I am saying that none of them will satisfy nor will they give me any comfort in the future when things are worse...and it will get worse. What we are experiencing right now are at worst the "birth pangs" of the "great and terrible day of the Lord." Or maybe they are just false contractions, only God knows that answer.

Some of you may be thinking to yourself that my words are not very comforting or encouraging. I have been accused of that in the past and I am confident I will be accused in the future. I do not repent for telling you the truth and doing my best to awaken us from our slumber and dullness that keeps us from pursuing the only One who can satisfy every longing of my heart. He even satisfies the longings of my heart that I am not even cognizant of. This past year has taught me a lot about myself, our church, and the Church in general. If I could sum it up, I would say that I and we should hold tight to the teaching and way of living found in Matthew 6:33: "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. May you and I not settle for a Happy New Year, but may we pursue a Holy one.

*In His Name & For His Glory,
Pastor Tim*



Just a reminder about the Prayer Pouch that is on the bulletin board. During this challenging time we are facing, we need to share our prayer needs with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Men's & Women's Ministries Resume

Men's Bible Study—Saturday, January 9th at 8am

Women's Bible Study—Saturday, January 9th at 8am

Women's Prayer—Wednesday, January 13th at 9:30am



Birthdays:

19– Aaron Bressler
23– Bill Olson



Happy Anniversary

1– Jay & Linda Hoffman

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect non-perishable food items. Place your food items on the table provided in the foyer.



NO Evening Services

Sunday, January 10, 5 pm
Sunday, January 24, 5 pm



Praises & Prayers

Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address:

prayer@foxriverbaptist.com

Care to be part of the prayer chain? Email or call Renee Brown (920)428-5306
eener654@gmail.com

Deaconess of the Month: **Jan Jourdin**

Usher Schedule



January 3
Jay Hoffman
January 10
Howard Schimke
January 17
Bob Abitz
January 24
Scott Smith
January 31
Ryan Smith

Financial Update

December 6-27, 2020
Budget needed weekly: \$ 2606.00
Received: \$
Contact Rob Mlodzik with questions.

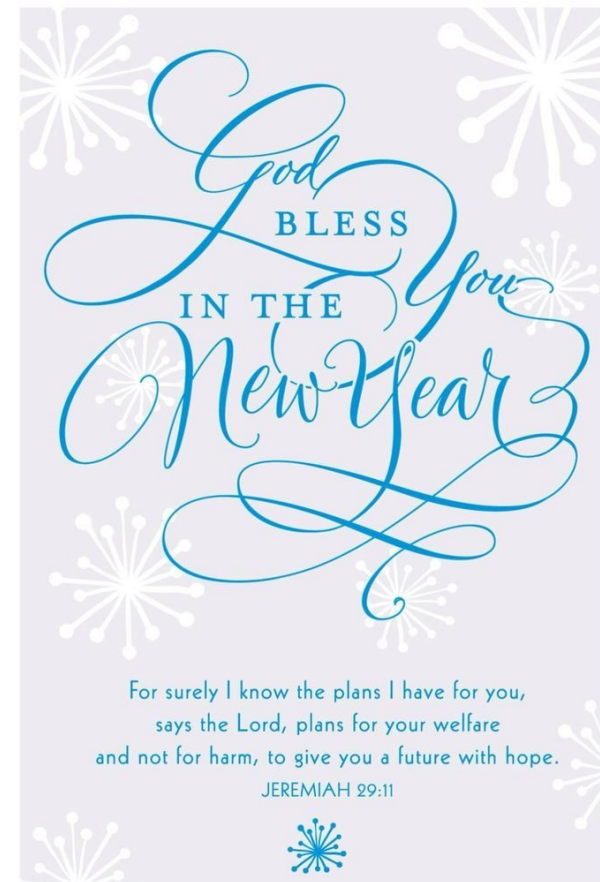


Communion is celebrated
the first Sunday of every
month

If you have events and need bulletin inserts made please send me the information by Thursday, 9 am, of each week, bulletins are printed Thursday morning

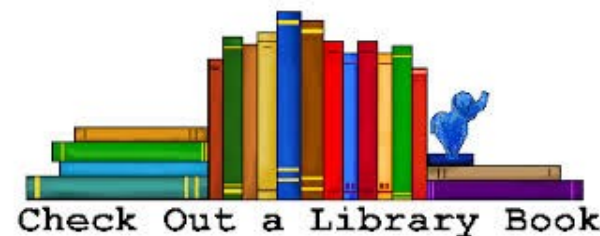
Fox River Baptist Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.



For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11



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