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According to pastor and author John Ortberg, a fictitious manual for Peace Corp volunteers headed for South America offers advice on how to handle a chance encounter with an anaconda (a large type of boa constrictor). This is the list of instructions under the heading "What to Do If Attacked by an Anaconda":

1. If you're attacked by an anaconda, do not run; the snake is faster than you are.
2. Lie flat on the ground.
3. Put your arms tight at your sides and your legs tight against one another.
4. The snake will begin to climb over your body.
5. Do not panic.
6. The snake will begin to swallow you from the feet end.
7. Step 6 will take a long time.
8. After awhile, slowly and with as little movement as possible, reach down, take your knife, and very gently

slide it into the snake's mouth. Then suddenly sever the snake's head.

9. Be sure your knife is sharp.
10. Be sure you have your knife.

John Ortberg quotes these humorous instructions and then makes a serious point: "You never really know what curves life will throw at you, what's lurking around the corner ... But when you are called, and you will be called, you need to know what to do. If you wait until a crisis hits, because it will hit, you have waited too long. You need to be prepared first."

The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Be careful then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil (Eph 5:15-16).

We begin every New Year hoping for the best, but we understand that trouble can be lurking right around the corner. Are you spiritually prepared?

A popular program on T.V. named "Doomsday Preppers" profiles individuals and families who actively prepare for all manner of troubles ranging from economic collapse to the zombie apocalypse. While we may chuckle, I think we do need to be spiritually prepared for the unforeseen hardships of life. How shall we prepare?

- Be prepared through Bible study
- Be prepared through a daily quiet time with God
- Be prepared through regular worship
- Be prepared through strong relationships other believers
- Be prepared through obedience
- Be prepared by wearing daily the whole armor of God

My prayer is that you would have a wonderful and blessed New Year.

The shepherd loves the sheep!

Pastor Brian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Hudson	3 rd
Savannah Merriott	6 th
Renee Elston	7 th
Bailey Schales	7 th
Zachary Dillon	8 th
Kathy Guthrie	8 th
Elizabeth Rice	8 th
Hope Spaw	10 th
Kevin Lott	13 th
Kelly Spearman	15 th
Randy Farrar	16 th
Mike Jessup	16 th
Karen Lee	16 th
Susan McLean	20 th
Beverly Lee	20 th
Linda Phipps	21 st
Randy Green	26 th
Ruby Barnes	29 th
Haley Horne	29 th
Juanita Carter	31 st
Lynda Flowers	31 st
Ethan Horne	31 st

ANNIVERSARIES

Mert & Juanita Carter	11 th
David & Darlene Hay	14 th
Jonathan & Beverly Lee	25 th

5th Sunday
 Soup Fellowship
 Sunday, December 30th
 Bring your favorite
 soup, chili, stew or



gumbo

WELCOME

New Members
Kevin & Elizabeth Rice
Natalea, Hailey
& McKayla



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2012. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me.

I would also like to thank Nancy, Ricky, Ruby, Carlie and Jere for your faithfulness in playing the instruments, working the computer and running the sound each week. We couldn't do it without you!!

We hope you were blessed by the Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all of you who attended.

Senior Adult Fellowship
Saturday, January 12th
from 1 to 3 p.m.

Fun • Food • Fellowship



For Toddler Nursery & Children's Church during Sunday Worship

Contact the Church Office if you can help



at 9:30 a.m.



Monday through Wednesday
 from
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Adult Prayer	6:30 p.m.
Youth/Children Bible Studies	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

Don't forget God in your New Years Resolutions!