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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Have you heard the phrase, "There's no such thing as a dumb question"?

We all have questions of one sort or another. Some questions we openly ponder; some we keep hidden deep within ourselves fearing others might think less of us for entertaining the question at all.

I've been a student in the classroom off and on for many years and I don't think I have ever regretted asking my teachers a question. I have often regretted my teachers asking me questions! My teachers' questions sought to probe my understanding of the material. Often I learned I did not know what I thought I knew, especially when the questions were formally written out in the form of an exam.

The Socratic method of teaching, named after the

Greek philosopher Socrates, involves asking questions to stimulate critical thinking and illuminate ideas. Jesus often asked questions as a method of teaching or stimulating people to think more deeply about spiritual truths.

By some counts, the Gospels record over 170 questions that Jesus asked.

Throughout 2014, we will consider some of these thought provoking questions Jesus asked His followers and others who heard His teachings. Jesus' questions caused people to rethink what they thought they already knew about God. Many of His questions caused people to see themselves and others differently. Some were encouraged; others were put to shame.

The questions that Jesus asked cut to the very heart of our relationship with God and with one another. The questions force both followers of Jesus and those who are merely seekers to face the ultimate issues of Christ's identity and mission, and our response to both.

I hope that you and your family will make your commitment before God to be a part of our worship services every week as we explore the questions Jesus asked.

Carole and I wish you all a joyous and grace-filled New Years.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Sherry Hudson | 3rd |
| Savannah Merriott | 6th |
| Renee Elston | 7th |
| Bailey Schales | 7th |
| Zachary Dillon | 8th |
| Kathy Guthrie | 8th |
| Beth Rice | 8th |
| Kevin Lott | 13th |
| Kelly Spearman | 15th |
| Mike Jessup | 16th |
| Karen Lee | 16th |
| Beverly Lee | 20th |
| Linda Phipps | 21st |
| Randy Green | 26th |
| Joe Tyler | 26th |
| Ruby Barnes | 29th |
| Juanita Carter | 31st |
| Lynda Flowers | 31st |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Greg & Emily Irby | 2nd |
| Mert & Juanita Carter | 11th |
| David & Darlene Hay | 14th |
| Jonathan & Beverly Lee | 25th |



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2013. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me.

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

What a great job the children did on *We Three Spies!* Thanks to Courtney, Kayla and all of those who helped to make it such a great success!

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



at 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

WELCOME

New Members
Joe & Flo Tyler

The Hope for Bossier

Food Bank

would like to thank all who contributed in 2013!

A special thanks to Beverly, Beth & Carole for helping with distribution to those in need.



We are currently in desperate need of Clothes for Kids



Fellowship

**Saturday, January 11th
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

Don't forget God in your New Years Resolutions!

