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Everyone knows that a letter carrier has one job—deliver the mail. Apparently a Brooklyn mailman spent a decade avoiding his job by intentionally hoarding over 40,000 pieces of mail over a ten-year period.

In September 2014, Joseph Brucato admitted hiding over a ton of mail (2,500 pounds to be exact) meant for customers in Flatbush since 2005, according to a Brooklyn federal court complaint.

A postal supervisor became suspicious that Brucato was up to something weird when he noticed his personal car was stuffed with undelivered letters. Investigators questioned Brucato about the stash of letters, and he admitted hoarding priority, first-class, and regular mail that had once been headed for Brooklyn businesses and residents in Flatbush.

It took five postal agents five hours to remove the massive stockpile of stolen letters from his apartment. If convicted, Brucato faces up to five years in prison.

The postal worker was entrusted to deliver letters containing messages from the senders to the recipients. The messages may have been bad news (like bills!) or good news that would bring great joy to the receiver.

Either way, the job of the messenger is to deliver the message.

I see a spiritual application in that story. God has given us a wonderful message of good news to share with others. However, many of us keep that message undelivered. We keep it from those God intended to receive it.

When we fail to share our testimony about what God has done through Jesus Christ, we fail in our sacred duty as witnesses. Jesus said,

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

This New Year, make a commitment to share the Good News of Jesus with someone. Don't keep the Gospel of salvation hidden in your heart. Share it freely with others.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

The Hope for Bossier

Food Bank

*would like to thank all who
contributed in 2014!*

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



*A Special
Thank
You!*

*Mrs. Faye, Mrs. Nell,
Diana, Kerri*

*Our Nursery workers who faithfully
take care of our babies each Sunday!*



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2014. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me.

I would also like to thank Nancy, Ricky, John, 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!!

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



Fellowship

**Saturday, January 10th
from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Fun • Food • Fellowship



**FOR TODDLER NURSERY &
CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

See Kay Sutton if you can help



at 9:30 a.m.

Church Council
January 7th
Monthly Business Meeting
January 18th

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!**