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January

A Note
from our
Pastor...

Imagine this scenario: Your friend is moving Saturday. Are you free to help? The real answer is yes, but you want to answer no. Why? Because you're a human being and not a forklift. If only you had something else planned so it would be easier to say no.

“Got This Thing” is just that. The Web app uses your phone's location to populate your Google calendar with local stuff that's happening, pulled from public event information on sites like Eventbrite. Click on the “Get Busy” button and in an instant—your blank schedule turns into full calendar of events.

Nat Towsen, a 29-year-old comedian from Manhattan, conceived the idea in May 2015 during New York City's Comedy Hack Day. The three-day event paired applications developers and comics together to build humorous apps. Towsen and his team spent about two days coding and preparing for the final pitch. They

were ultimately crowned the grand prize winners for that year's festival.

More than a thousand people from 10 different countries have used the free service, and in the future, Towsen hopes to pull events from other sites, including Facebook.

The app has real potential as an event aggregation and discovery tool. It could make it easy for people to find things to do without having to do much. But, Towsen says half-jokingly, all of that is secondary: “It's for people who want to avoid doing things.”

While we might want to shake our heads and even chuckle a little about the kind of app that helps people pretend to be busy so they can avoid doing things, all too often we have overscheduled our lives.

All too often we have made so many commitments we lack the time to pause to worship and serve

the God who created us to honor and adore Him. Also, because of our overscheduled lives, many church members feel they do not have the time to serve in their church.

The life's blood of any church is the host of volunteers who make a commitment to serving God by serving in and through their church. These may be Sunday school teachers and helpers; they may be nursery workers; they may be committee members; or they may serve in staff support functions like folding bulletins or making sure pew racks are properly stocked.

There are several dozen positions of volunteer service that need someone to organize their life around that ministry and say, “I'm never too busy to serve my church.” Would you make that commitment this New Year?

Happy New Years!

Pastor Brian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Sherry Hudson | 3rd |
| Savannah Merriott | 6th |
| Beth Rice | 8th |
| Lawson Womack | 12th |
| Kevin Lott | 13th |
| Sheila Rushing | 14th |
| Kelly Spearman | 15th |
| Karen Lee | 16th |
| Beverly Lee | 20th |
| Jackson Franklin | 21st |
| Joe Tyler | 26th |
| Ruby Barnes | 29th |
| Betty Durland | 30th |
| Lynda Flowers | 31st |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| David & Darlene Hay | 14th |
| Jonathan & Beverly Lee | 25th |



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
FELLOWSHIP**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

FROM 12 TO 2 P.M.

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



**After Worship
Service
January 29th**

**Bring your favorite
CHILI!**



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2016. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me.

I would also like to thank Nancy, Ricky, Elaine, John, the Fox boys 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.



**FOR NURSERY,
TODDLERS &
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
DURING
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

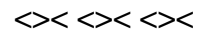
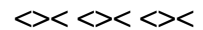
See Kay Sutton or Peggy Grice if you would like to help



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Make the Connection

AT 9:30 A.M.



Wednesday
Night
Worship
6:30 p.m.

*Adult Prayer
Youth/Children Bible Studies
Praise Choir Practice*

Church Council

January 4th at 5:15 p.m.
Monthly Business Meeting
January 15th after Morning
Worship

**Don't forget God
in your
New Years
Resolutions!**