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When McDonald's began to open in Italian cities, the Slow Food movement started promoting traditional Italian meals that lasted for hours. Slow Food was designed to oppose fast food and its values of sameness, impersonality, and haste.

Based on the success of the Slow Food movement, some cities in Italy, including the city of Greve, started the Slow City movement. A slow city is committed to preserving its architectural heritage, traditional dishes, and inherited customs. Greve's mayor, Paulo Saturnini, founded the International Network of Slow Cities.

But as The New York Times reported there's been a backlash to the slow city movement in Greve—the city has become so busy that many

people don't have time to slow down. "Everyone's running," complained Mr. Saturnini's assistant who had to meet with the reporter because the mayor's calendar was so full.

In other words, becoming a slow city has led to an influx of tourists who now crowd the cafes, and the city has no time to slow down. Hence the title of The New York Times article— "Sometimes Slowing Down Can Really Get Hectic."

"The city has developed," one of the town's business leaders added. "But it has lost that aspect of genuineness."

To believers, God says "be still and know I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

God desires His people to pause, reflect and reconnect with the God who loves us and saves us. We must guard against allowing the busyness

of our lives to steal away our quite times with the Father.

It's often been said, if you are too busy to take time for God you are too busy. Each of us should make time to be still with God. Just as Elijah found out, it is often in the hushed tones of a still small voice God speaks the clearest (1 Kings 19:12).

When was the last time you slowed down, got alone with God and quieted your mind to hear God speak to you? Maybe you should pause right now and say, "Lord, speak for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Dalton Lemoine	1st
Elizabeth Lott	17th
Robbie Johnson	18th
David Hay	21st
Brady Henderson	22nd
Dakota Grice	27th
Evelyn McDonald	28th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kerri & Kenny Ponder	14th
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**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

According to the Bible, being part of a church family is important. Are you interested in serving? We have plenty of areas for you to get involved! Whether it is teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, working in the nursery or children's church or being on a committee...there's always a place for you to serve!



**Support our Hope for Bossier Food Bank by Donating**  
♥ Food  
♥ Time  
♥ Prayer

**Chili Cook-Off!**



**Sunday, January 31  
Bring your favorite CHILI!**



**Fellowship**

**Saturday,**

**February 13th**

**from 12 - 2 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall**



Dear Church,

The youth are gearing up for the year. The cake auction on Sunday, January 31st will have all proceeds going towards church camp fees. Friday, February 12th, the youth will meet to go bowling at Holiday Lanes.

The teens have decided to do a community service activity at Shriner's Hospital, but the earliest day available was March 15th, so keep that on your calendar also.

I thank you for the opportunity to minister to our young people and look forward to another great month this month.

Blessings,  
James



**Welcome to Our Church Family  
Ryleigh Jo Spearman**



**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.

