

# Elizabeth Baptist Church News

January 2017

## From the Pastor



The majority of Americans hold the Bible in high regard, according to The Bible in America, a new report from American Bible Society and Barna Group.

The report, which considers six years of annual research from American Bible Society's State of the Bible survey, indicates that two-thirds of Americans believe the Bible contains everything a person needs

to known in order to live a meaningful life.

The Bible in America also reveals that 80 percent of Americans view the Bible as sacred literature and 64 percent believe the Bible has more influence on humanity than any other text. And although just one-third of Americans profess to reading the Bible at least once per week, the majority of Americans (62 percent) express a desire to read the Bible more often.

Yet in spite of this positive perception of the Bible, the percentage of Americans who view the Bible as a book of teachings written by men has risen from 10 percent to 22 percent over the past six years. In this same period, the percentage of Americans who view the Bible as sacred literature has dropped, 86 percent to 80 percent, and the

percentage of Americans who say the Bible is not a sufficient guide for meaningful living has risen, 23 percent to 33 percent. So while the majority of Americans hold the Bible in high regard, Bible skeptics are on the rise. [<http://www.americanbible.org/features/state-of-the-bible>]

**I pray that you are one of the 62% who wants to read your Bible more.** For that reason, I am challenging you to adopt a Bible reading plan in 2017. In this newsletter you will find two plans to get you started. The first is a 90 Day plan that will take you through the New Testament reading two or three chapters each day. The second plan will take you through the entire Bible in one year reading one to six chapters per day. You may also use it to read through just the New Testament in a year by choosing to read on Saturdays and Sundays only. There are also many good Apps available for smart phones and tablets that offer a variety of plans. I use the free Bible app from Bible.com for my daily reading.

Psalm 19 tells us that God's word is ". . .more desirable than gold—than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey. . ." Benefit from reading it in 2017.

On behalf of the entire staff of EBC, I extend our gratitude to you for the generous Christmas bonuses.

## Brotherhood

During December the Brotherhood assisted with the Upward Sports Sunday activity by serving lunch after the morning service.

The RA's completed a Christmas Angel project to carry home for Christmas and were also busy bagging rice and beans for the EaglesWings Food Pantry.

We are pleased to report that Benjamin Faglie has completed the requirement for the Bronze Medal within the RA Chapter. Benjamin will be presented the medal during a morning worship service in January.

Congratulations Benjamin!  
Roy

## Youth Ministry

Our students had a great time at our annual Youth Christmas Party on December 10. We started off at the home of Paul and Ruby Kennedy for some delicious appetizers then moved to the home of Vince and Beverly Harrell for the main course of chili and cornbread. We ended the evening at Marty and Shellie Reinbott's house for dessert, basketball, and a spirited white elephant gift exchange. A special thanks to all our hosts for providing great fellowship and absolutely delicious food!

Our next event will be a movie night on January 21.

We are in full swing with preparations for our Upward Sports basketball season. We currently have 95 children signed up, and many are new families! It is never too late to sign up. If you know of someone who would like to play or volunteer to help, please let us know! We are thankful for the opportunity the Lord has provided for us to minister to these precious families.

In His Service,  
Don

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## Sunday School

Bible study is so important in your spiritual life. How can you grow without knowing all you can from God's Word? Sunday school will take you through the Bible at a pace anyone can follow. The more you attend, the more you learn, and the more you appreciate the truth and the lessons of the Bible.

I encourage each of you to participate in a class that is a fit for you. You will be blessed, encouraged, and uplifted by those around you as you encourage them. I hope you and your family had a Joyous Christmas and your New Year will be fulfilling as you grow in Christ.

Danny

## Music

We know that "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" because God brought "Joy to the World" at the birth of Jesus. How exciting it was for the choir to celebrate Christmas with the community at Monticello's Lighting of the Christmas Tree and then at the Opera House. Thank you to those who came

support the choir in these outreach opportunities! Sharing God's message of love in song enriches lives, sometimes in ways that others never know about. Thanks to the choir, children, drama folks, and sound people, who worked so diligently. We know that "our labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

By the way, this new year is a good time for you to consider joining the choir or helping with the children's choir.

Singing His praises,  
Merry



**~Sunday Schedule~**

9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 4:30 pm Choir Practice  
 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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**Wednesday Schedule~**

3:00 pm TeamKID  
 6:00 pm RA's, GA's, Mission Friends  
 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Happy New Year</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;"> <i>Baby Bottle Collection Jan 1 - Feb 12</i> </div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm BMW Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00 EaglesWings 10:00 am Day WMU After School Programs Resume 6:00 pm Evening WMU	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30 - 12:00 pm Upward Sports
<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Business Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30 - 12:00 pm Upward Sports
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Holiday Martin Luther King Office Closed	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 - 12:00 pm Upward Sports 5:00 pm Youth Movie Nite
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacons' Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30 - 12:00 pm Upward Sports
<b>29</b> Lord's Supper Special Event Soup, Sandwiches, Sharades	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**TeamKid**

Happy New Year everyone! We had a great time caroling to our shut-ins in December and singing in the Christmas Program with the grown ups.

After a holiday break we are going to be planning the rest of our year. I will be having a teacher's meeting this month to see what is working and what is not. We will be looking at materials for the future. I will be contacting the program workers for a good day to meet.

Blessings for a great year 2017.  
 Pam



**Women's Missionary Union**

All the WMU groups are busy with their many ministry ideas. During November, the BMW held their soup ministry, and the Day and Night groups sponsored a child for Christmas at the Florida Baptist Children's Home. December found the Day group preparing baskets for the shut-ins. The BMW and BYW groups hosted a wonderful family Christmas party on December 4. A great crowd attended and a good time was had by all. December always finds us in our Week of Prayer for International Missions and the collection for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. I hope to report in February's newsletter that our church more than reached its goal of \$4,000.00.

The GA's prepared goody bags for Backpack Buddies, and the RA's and GA's bagged beans and rice for the food pantry. Mission Friends continues to learn about missions. We remain active and excited about all the ministry and mission opportunities available to us. All of you are encouraged to be a part of the Women's Mission and Ministry organizations in our church.  
 Shirley

**Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**  
**Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT**

**Church Staff and Leadership**

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