

## New Home Baptist Church Newsletter December 2017



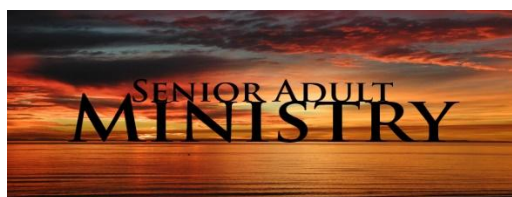
### From Pastor Brad's Desk

Let me be one of the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It's an exciting time of year as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child; praise His Holy name! It is my prayer that you would draw close to Jesus this season and be more fully devoted to Him than ever before!

In preparing for a new year, I spent a lot of time pondering and praying about the direction that I might lead New Home over the next year. There are many things that need attention, and I definitely am ready to see us make an impact on our community and love them out loud. However, as much as I desire so many things for New Home, one verse in particular kept coming to mind, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you" Matthew 6:33. Through prayers and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the word of God to my heart and mind, I believe I came to very clear direction to lead us as a body of believers. This next year I want to invest in the lives of our leaders and others who are hungry to shepherd them into a deeper walk with Christ. Then, I want to help equip them to invest themselves in discipling others. The strategy I have chosen to accomplish the task of discipleship is a study that has been proven over time; MasterLife. Here is the description from Lifeway: MasterLife is an excellent guide both to new and experienced believers to develop lifelong, obedient relationships with Jesus Christ. There are four, six-week studies in this series: *MasterLife 1: The Disciple's Cross*; *MasterLife 2: The Disciple's Personality*; *MasterLife 3: The Disciple's Victory*; and *MasterLife 4: The Disciple's Mission*. Within the MasterLife process, participants will be encouraged to practice spending time with the Master; live in the Word; pray in faith; witness to the world; live victoriously; nurture new Christians; mature as a disciple; and learn other key disciplines of faith.

So, in light of this, on Sunday evenings January 7-June 24 from 4-5:30 p.m., I will be leading a group through MasterLife. This study will be conducted in the Family Life Center in Kenny Spigener's Sunday School classroom. I'll be there to help you get where you need to be. Nursery will be available for children ages infant through Kindergarten as well as Amy Anderson will have Bible studies and activities for children ages 1st through 6th grade. Any youth that desire can participate in this study as well. This will take the place of our service in the sanctuary on Sunday evenings.

If you seriously desire a challenge to grow deeper in your walk with Christ as well to make a difference in the lives of others, please go ahead and sign up by December 10 so we can order books. Signup sheets are in the sanctuary foyer and coffee shop. Blessings!



"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21) As we enter the season of our Savior's birth, Donna and I would like to wish you all a blessed and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas. November was a busy month, starting with our church Thanksgiving potluck lunch and then our trip to Montgomery to see Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band. We had 27 who went to the concert and were blessed by the music. We are planning our senior adult Christmas Party for December 5 at 11:00 a.m. This will be a potluck lunch so bring your favorite dish. The meat will be provided. We will also have a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange, but the "rule" is you cannot buy anything, just find something in your home you no longer want or use and wrap it. Please plan to attend, help us celebrate the season, and have some great fellowship. We are planning a trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) on December 10 to see the production of "A Christmas Carol". The show is at 2:00 p.m. The tickets are \$35.00, and we need to make reservations soon to get our date. Come join us and see Scrooge be "redeemed". Here are just a few of the things we are considering for 2018 as part of this ministry:

- A trip to LaGrange, GA to visit and tour the Biblical History Center
- Going to Mt Hebron to participate in their luncheon and singing each month
- Going to ASF to see production of the "Miracle Worker" (Helen Keller story)
- Trip to Gatlinburg in late fall to attend "Celebrators" (Senior adult event)

Again, we will you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!



We are in the process of assigning deacons to each individual family. Once this has been completed, we will send out letters informing everyone who their deacon will be for the coming year. All the deacons wish you a safe and blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas, Ladies! Happy Birthday, Jesus!

We wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday season. Please join us at our Ladies Night Out (LNO) Christmas party on December 4 at 6 p.m. All ladies are invited. Please bring a finger food and a \$10.00 gift. We will meet at the home of Donna Stoner. As we look to the new year, we invite you to join us for our annual LNO dinner out in January for a great time of fellowship together (time and place to be determined; watch newsletter for information). Blessings, Lisa