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**January –
February 2012**

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Another Year...

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him belongs the glory, both now and to eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

“Another year older, another year wiser.” Another year is gone and a new year is here. Are you a year wiser? Do you know more than you knew last year? Are you more mature than you were last year?

When we are children, we think a lot about growing up. We are eager to grow up and have more opportunities to do more things. If we will have more opportunities and responsibilities, that also means we must know more and become more mature. For example, if you want to drive a car, you have to learn the rules of the road and you must be mature and responsible to drive safely and take care of your car. When we are children, we are eager for the opportunities, so we are willing to learn.

Even as adults, we continue learning. Sometimes there are new things that excite us. Most of you probably have e-mail, a cell phone, or a videophone. At first, you may have felt a little nervous about learning how to use this new technology, but you were probably eager because it opened up a new world of communication.

The Bible encourages us to grow in knowledge, but also to grow in grace and wisdom. That means we learn about God, salvation, His gifts for us, His plans for our life. But it is not only knowledge. God wants us to become wise. That means He wants us to use that knowledge in the best way. He wants us to mature, to grow up in faith and live as Christians.

Too many times, I think we forget about learning and growing. Be careful not to have an attitude that says, “I learned a lot as a kid, but I’m grown up now. I’m finished maturing.” We should continue growing in God’s grace every day.

Are you more loving than you were last year, even to enemies? Are you more forgiving than last year, or do you still hold grudges? Are you regularly reading and studying God’s word? Do you go to church every Sunday? Are you finding ways to help and serve other people? Those are a few questions to help you examine yourself. For all those questions, we want to say “Thank You, God, for forgiving my failure to grow. Help me depend on You and grow as Your child.” Then make a plan to learn and grow in those things this year!

Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

Soup Night. Word of God, Cedar Rapids, will have a Soup Night on Friday, Feb. 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. On a cold winter night, come to church and enjoy a delicious hot bowl of soup. Or enjoy two or three bowls, because it is all-you-can-eat. Stay for the games and fellowship. Cost is \$5/person.

Movie Night. Word of God, Davenport, doesn't have a date yet, but we will have another movie night soon. Watch for news about the next movie night!



Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of surgery recovery, physical challenges, and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Julie Lahane, DeWayne Teepe, Darlene Twachtmann, Doris Chia, Barb Saeugling and her mother-Luella Barnes, Lester and Betty Ahls, Mary Beth Carlson, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Norma Jean Mangrich, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Theresa Legg and her family, Kathy Anderson, Harold and Mabel Kinkade, Ruth Mettler, Curtis Bethurum, Carol Fuller.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Charles Pope, Paula Slavin, Dennis Evans, Cheryl McLeod, Carrie Kelley, Curtis Ketelsen, Sharon Pope, Mollie Schmitz, Martha Wrage, Joan Plumb, and Bob Orr. Thank God that Jeanette Evans is cancer free!
- ✦ For Pastor Dennis Konkell in Des Moines, as he begins chemotherapy to fight lymphoma.
- ✦ Pray that God will help all Christians to live as His people, forgiven, free, and growing and maturing in faith and life.



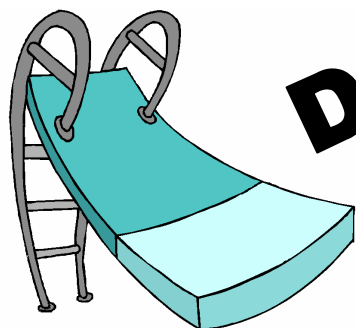
January

- 7 Curtis Ketelsen
- 9 DeWayne Teepe
- 14 Janelle Legg
Susan Sacco
- 15 Diane Yotter
- 16 Joanne Postel
- 19 Marian Edwards
- 24 Larry Plumb
- 30 Rosie Glime



February

- 3 Neita Dommer
Gerald Mitchell
- 5 Rebecca Daggett
Evelyn Powell
- 12 Curtis Bethurum
- 14 Roselyn Schultz
- 15 Ruth Mettler
- 16 Rickie Rowray
- 19 Lorne Schultz
Sarah Eckert
- 24 Gail Hanson
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Dive Into God's Word

Epiphany of the Church

In January and February, we celebrate Epiphany. Epiphany means “show” or “reveal.” We remember how Jesus did miracles and taught to show that He was the promised Savior. Last year, this study was about Jesus showing who He was. In this study, we will see that God also wants the church to show who Jesus is. In the readings in Acts, we will learn how the church spread the good news about Jesus and told everyone the truth that He is the Savior of the world.

1. Acts 6:1-7. What was distracting (bothering) the apostles so they couldn't do all their work?
2. How did the church solve the problem? Did it help?
3. Acts 7:55-60. Stephen died for being a Christian. How was his death witnessing about Jesus? In other words, how did his death tell people about Jesus?
4. Acts 9:10-22. Saul hated and persecuted Christians. Did Ananias (a Christian) want to go see Saul? Why did he go to Saul?
5. Does God want us to tell our enemies about Jesus?
6. Acts 17:1-4. When Paul visited a city, where did he usually go first to preach?
7. Acts 17:16-34. Paul always preached to the Jews first. Who else did he preach to? (See Acts 22:21. God sent Paul to go preach to what people?)

Daily Bible readings from dailybible.americanbible.org.

January		February	
1 Ephesians 1:1-23	16 Mark 7:24-37	1 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	15 John 7:25-52
2 Ephesians 2:1-22	17 Mark 8:1-26	2 1 Corinthians 14:1-25	16 John 8:1-30
3 Ephesians 3:1-21	18 Mark 8:27—9:13	3 1 John 2:1-17	17 John 8:31-59
4 Ephesians 4:1-32	19 Mark 9:14-32	4 1 John 3:1-18	18 John 9:1-41
5 Ephesians 5:1—6:4	20 Mark 9:33-50	5 1 John 4:7-21	19 John 10:1-21
6 Matthew 2:1-23	21 Mark 10:1-31	6 John 3:1-21	20 John 10:22-42
7 Mark 1:1-20	22 John 17:1-26	7 John 3:22-36	21 Psalm 23
8 Mark 1:21-45	23 Acts 6:1-15	8 John 4:1-42	22 Psalm 51
9 Mark 2:1-28	24 Acts 7:1—8:3	9 John 4:43-54	23 John 13:1-20
10 Mark 3:1-19	25 Acts 9:1-43	10 John 5:1-18	24 John 13:21-35
11 Mark 3:20-35	26 Acts 17:1-34	11 John 5:19-47	25 John 14:1-31
12 Mark 4:35—5:20	27 Acts 18:1-28	12 John 6:1-24	26 John 15:1-17
13 Mark 5:21-43	28 Acts 19:1-41	13 John 6:25-71	27 John 15:18—16:15
14 Mark 6:1-29	29 Acts 20:1—21:16	14 John 7:1-24	28 John 16:16-33
15 Mark 6:30-56	30 Acts 21:17—22:16		29 Mark 12:28-44
	31 Acts 22:17—23:11		

Keep His Word in Your Heart

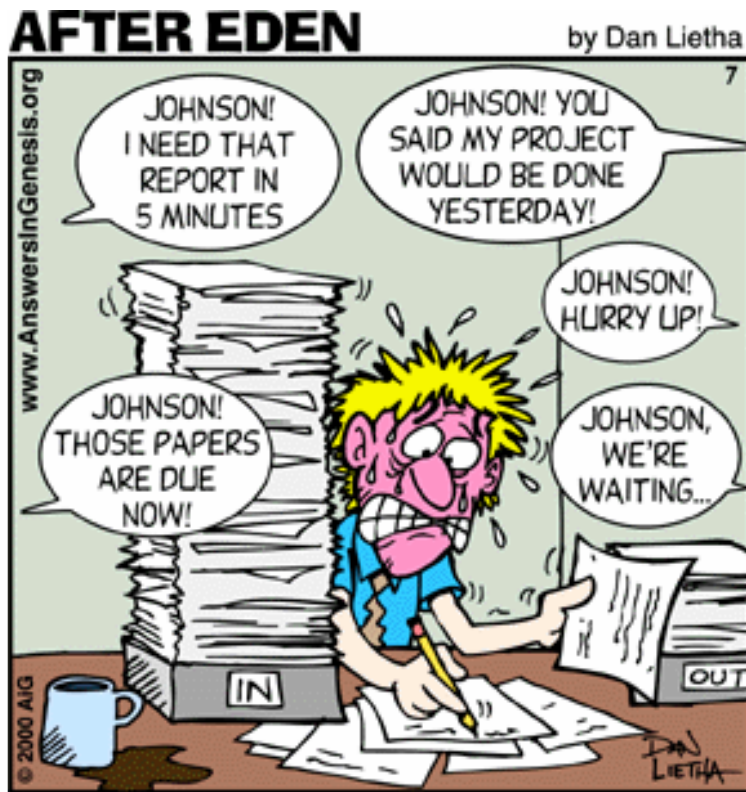
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Word List

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Moses taught the people of Israel about God’s law. He taught them how important it was for them to learn and live God’s law. God’s word is not only for Sunday morning. His word is for all of our life, for us to live all day, every day.

4 “Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord! 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 Keep these words in your heart that I am telling you today. 7 Do your best to teach them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as something special to see on your hand and on your forehead. 9 Write them beside the door of your house and on your gates.



Johnson believed Adam’s sin brought death AND deadlines into the world!

Answers to questions on page 3:

1. The widows needed food. The apostles were becoming busy taking care of food instead of preaching.
2. The church chose 7 men to take care of food. Then the apostles could focus on preaching. It helped a lot, and the church grew.
3. Stephen had faith in Jesus even when he died. His brave faith in Jesus and dying as a Christian showed how important Jesus was in his life.
4. Ananias didn’t want to see Saul. He went because God told him to go.
5. Yes! God wants us to love all people, also enemies, and tell them about Jesus.
6. He went to the synagogue (Jewish church) first. Paul preached first to the Jews.
7. Paul also preached to the Gentiles (non-Jews). Most Jews didn’t like Gentiles, but God sent Paul to preach to them about Jesus. God loves us, too, even if we are not Jewish!

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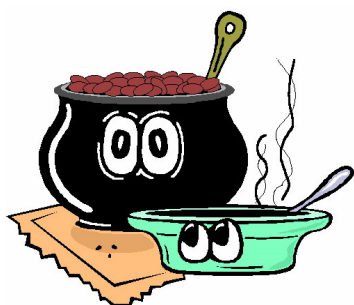
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Soup Night

**Friday, February 3
5:30 p.m.**



All you can eat!

**Various soups,
side dishes and dessert**



**\$5.00 per person
(all ages)**

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