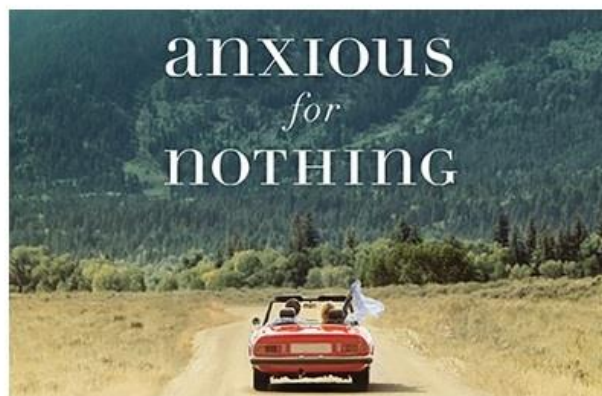


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New Message Series in January

Over the past few decades, studies have shown that Americans are the most anxious people in the world. We take the most medication for it, see doctors to treat it, and spend fortunes trying to relieve it. How have we let our fears get the better of us? In the message series "Anxious for Nothing," we'll reflect on the promises of Philippians 4:4-8. This passage from Paul's epistle contains an antidote to anxiety that will help you develop a mindset of resilience. Rediscover the power of prayer and take control of your thoughts. You can rest in "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding."

Jan 7th -- Rejoice in the Lord Always: Celebrating God's Goodness

Jan 14th -- Let Your Requests be Made Known to God: Ask God for Help

Jan 21st -- With Thanksgiving: Leave Your Concerns with God

Jan 28th -- Think About Things that are Worthy of Praise: Meditate on Good Things



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Moderator's Moment

"Repent"

"Feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin."

Well, we've all been there, or we wouldn't be human. Thankfully, God is aware of our human weaknesses and forgives us our shortcomings if we sincerely repent. How many of us have made snarky/un-Godly comments about someone? Yes, this seems to be a human weakness, especially if someone has wronged us.

Just this morning I had a conversation with a very close friend and made a snarky/un-Godly comment about a mutual friend, and regretted and prayed for forgiveness about it soon after. This mutual friend is very emotionally fragile and insecure and I try very hard not to let her know how her remarks are affecting me. It would devastate her if she knew because I'm sure she is unaware of how she's coming across. I pray to God for his strength to give me compassion and understanding for a dear friend who does not need my criticism but all the prayers she can get!

Praise God!

God's Blessings to you All!
Patty Reynolds



Birthdays

Patricia Thornhill, 1st
Marcy Ashby, 2nd
Marty Vanderham, 3rd
Betty Plank, 6th
Bonnie Engelman, 8th
Shelley Close, 19th

Katelynn Clevenger, 24th
Jennifer York, 29th

Upcoming Events

Crusaders' Dinner, Jan 6th @ 6:00 pm
Council Meeting, Jan 8th @ 6:30 pm
WinGS, Jan 10th @ 6:00 pm
Unity Circle, Jan 17th @ 1:00 pm
Elders' Meeting, Jan 20th @ 9:00 am
150th Anniversary Planning Meeting, Jan 21st after Worship
Ministry Leaders' Meeting, Jan 21st after Worship



Anniversaries

Butch & Sue Feeny, 18th
Robert & Jodi Church, 21st



MCC's Prayer List

Breanna Allen, Mary Anders, Pat Baker, Marcy Burnett, Lynette Cameron, Sue Cates, Evelyn Day, Earl & Charlene Dreon, Bev & Jim Ducey, Bob Engelman, Kathy Johnson, MaryLou Johnson, Darry Karunenberg, Joanne Kline, Sylvia Larssen, Don & Donna Long, Noah Lue, Rodney Millington, Earnie Pannabaker, Julie Rind, Linda Roller, Bob Runge, Matt & Ava & Andy Simmons, Margaret Simmons, Jerry & Barb Stinocher, Amy Thomas, Sandy & Tyler

Wentler, Ella Williams, Charles York, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of our prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit," please contact the Church Office.

2018 -- A New Year; A New Adventure

2018 is just around the corner. What a great time to recreate yourself even more in the image of Christ! I'm looking forward to sharing a new message series with you beginning January 7th that is especially relevant after the holiday season. Be here and bring a friend as we start a New Adventure together.

Blessings,
Pastor Chuck



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⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ... ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)