

FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 07, 2023



Think on These Things...

I Corinthians 16:9 states: "For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." NKJV

We are now a week into 2024 and many of us have probably already broken a New Year's resolution or two. The reason we have broken, instead of fulfilled, resolutions and goals may be because our resolutions are unrealistic to begin with or maybe because we have run into adversity in our attempts to keep them and thus have simply given up trying.

Oftentimes we set physical goals, i.e. lose 75 pounds, run a marathon, hike the Appalachian Trail from start to finish, etc. that sound noble and good, but that are probably pretty far-fetched unless drastic changes take place in our lives. Spiritual goals can also be just as unlikely to attain (read the Bible in the original languages, witness to 120 different people every day, etc.) simply because we set goals that may take years to achieve, yet we expect to do so in a matter of days, weeks or months. Therefore, when we fail to keep a resolution or reach a goal once, we simply give up trying to achieve it at all, saying, "What's the use? I'll never be able to..." If this is you, then please let me encourage you to do a couple of things.

First, consider setting resolutions that are attainable with a disciplined effort i.e.: I will start walking 10

minutes a day, three times a week and work my way up to walking 30 minutes a day, five times a week; I will read and meditate upon a verse or two of Scripture daily, working my way up to a chapter or two daily by year's end. Second, realize that any goal you set will be met with adversity, whether it be a physical or spiritual goal. You see, the enemy does not want you to have joy, know God, experience positive change, grow in your relationship to God, have fulfillment in life or to show the love of God to other people. So, when you understand that God is opening a door to you in the form of a brand new year full of brand new opportunities, you will also be aware that the enemy will attempt to keep you from going through that door. The question we must now ask ourselves is this: Do I believe that God will help me if I walk (by faith) through the door He is opening to me or will I allow the adversity that I encounter keep me from walking through it? How you and I answer this question will largely determine what type of new year we will have. What does God have in store for '24? Let's find out together!

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers and blessing,

Trace

(I will be out of the office from 01/10 - 01/18. You can contact Jerry (706-573-2035) if you need anything in my absence. Love y'all!)

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (JAN 07)

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....9:30a
Worship.....10:45a
Children's Church

WEDNESDAY (JAN 10)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
i220 Youth Bible Study
Journey Kids - Bible Alive!

SATURDAY (JAN 13)

FRBC Thrift Store.....8:00a - 12:00p

January Birthdays

01/07 Lauren Keel
01/14 Noah Elkins
01/14 Serena Capes
01/22 Charlie Smith
01/24 Briella Hood
01/25 Sophia Dorrough

January Anniversaries

01/27 Charlie & Melissa Shirey

FRBC

Thrift Store

Opens this Saturday (Jan. 13)

8:00am - 12:00p



SUNSHINE PROJECT

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January Focus: Marie Richardson

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord,
thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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Jan 14.....Steve Thomas
Jan 21.....Ernest McCurry