

Church Family,

If 2020 has accomplished nothing else, it has certainly reminded us of the futility of placing a high value on independence and self-sufficiency.

James cautions us against making grand plans for the future with self-assured confidence: Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it. James 4:13-17.

The little boy wandered the aisles of the store, carefully looking down each one. He was obviously frightened, but when he saw a store employee he remembered what he had been taught to do. He timidly approached the employee and said, "I lost my Mommy." Within moments an announcement was made, and mother and son were reunited.

As a child it is easy to ask for help just as the little boy did. But as we grow older, it becomes harder to ask for help or direction, even when we are struggling. This passage from James reminds us that the Lord welcomes the opportunity to give direction to our lives, while warning us against devising plans apart from His will.

Those businessmen were making plans for a whole year, when the reality was that they couldn't even see ahead to the next day.

Thinking about all that is involved in life, and the many decisions we make day after day, we realize the complexity and hence the need for godly counsel.

The psalmist wrote: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart from generation to generation. Psalm 33:11

No doubt we have been presented with much difficulty and uncertainty here in 2020. But even in the midst of the challenges, our Lord has faithfully reminded us that we can rely on Him as the highest authority. He has promised to walk with us through every circumstance and challenge, so why wouldn't we confidently go to Him and ask for His direction and help?

- Bruce

Pastors Tim and Josh and your deacons are available to help with any needs you might have. On-call deacon for the next week is Elliot Fuller.

Elliot can be reached at 252-425-0376.

Pastor Tim can be reached at 252-432-6780.

Pastor Josh can be reached at 919-606-0537

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Weekly Update October 23, 2020

Loving God

Learning Together

Leading Others to Christ

Sunday Worship

In-person

10:30 a.m.

Face Coverings Required

Drive-In FM 107.5 Facebook Live
New Sandy Creek

TRUNK or TREAT

Please remember, that our drive through Trunk or Treat is set for next Friday night, October 30 from 6 to 8 pm in the side parking lot of the Family Life Center. We will have trunks and decorated tables set up. Pre-made Ziploc bags of candy and a small New Testament will be given out that night.

We could use donations of candy and of course, volunteers to hand out candy bags. Donated candy can be placed in the large bin in the Family Life Center lobby and if you would like to help that night, please let Jackie Ayscue know.

Thank you in advance for your help!!

-Jackie

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Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study 6:30 Meeting in Larry Johnson's LifeGroup Classroom Family Life Center Face Coverings Are Required

Churchwide LifeGroup
Sunday mornings 9:30–10:15
In-person in the sanctuary
or Facebook livestream.

Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes In-gathering is Sunday, November 15