

# MESSENGER

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## SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE GARDEN

Start your 2019 on a high note by joining us for Conversations in January. We meet once or twice a month on Sunday afternoons at the home of Nancy C. to discuss the week's sermon, and enjoy some heartfelt fellowship that will carry us through the New Year. All are welcome!

This month we'll meet on **January 13 and 27**. Arrive at 4:30 PM, and we'll be finished by 6:00 PM. For more information, please call the church office at (818) 249-6137.

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## PROJECT DOMINICANA JUNE 15-24, 2019

Looking for adventure and a way to grow your faith? Do what Jesus said to do: love your neighbors in the Dominican Republic. Project Dominicana is LCPC's mission to Haitian immigrants living in the Dominican Republic.

Now in its 17th year, this experience has been life-changing for many adults and high school students. This year's trip will give us the opportunity to strengthen friendships and continue work that

is touching the lives of the very poor. You do not have to be part of the LCPC family to participate, but you should be a person who is seeking to know more about Jesus.

Partnering with our friends from the Beraca Church in the poor village of Kilometer 6, we will continue building houses in that barrio. We will also send a medical team to offer remedial health care to poor Haitian-Dominicans living on the sugar cane plantations. This year's trip will include five and a half days of work along with Bible studies, regular worship, and evening recreation. We



will also spend some time debriefing at a beautiful beach at the end of the trip.

Our main goal in the DR is simple and compelling. We want to enhance the work of our sister churches as they reach out to the very poor and introduce them to Jesus. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you might help to encourage these efforts either as a team member or a support partner.

Trip brochures and registration forms are available in the church office or on the church Website. Contact: Mary Wilson at: mhw1@sbcglobal.net.

## OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS CONTINUES

by Andy Wilson

Every Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:00 PM during PEAK, all adults are invited to join our lively conversations in the Sanctuary. (Mature teens are also welcome.) Our goal is to "put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24).

Andy Wilson usually begins with a short presentation on a facet of spirituality that has a direct bearing on our daily life. Doug Given sometimes leads as well. We look closely at the Bible and consider the teachings of great theologians and Bible scholars. Then we enjoy open conversation focusing on real life struggles and victories.

The group has been extremely meaningful for

a large number of people. Typically between 18 and 24 people attend. Regular attendance is encouraged but not required.

Here is the tentative schedule for the winter/spring semester (subject to change):

- January 9** Who Wrote the Pentateuch? (First five books of the Bible)
- January 16** Living Psalm 23
- January 23** True (and False) Repentance
- January 30** Spiritual Warfare and Deep Healing
- February 6** Why Was the Reformation Necessary?

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# PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,  
Last month the LCPC Session conducted a special meeting to discuss the strategic plan that will guide us for the next two years

(January 2019 through December 2020). "All Eyes on God: 2020 Vision" was the product of much prayer, research, conversation and debate over the course of 18 months. I'm so grateful for the sense of unity and the sheer excitement that pervaded that meeting. The plan was amended and adopted and has now become a roadmap for us.

We have already shared many of the general ideas from the plan at various public gatherings (for example, during worship on Vision Sunday). But all of us on the LCPC leadership team are eager to share additional details with you. More than that, we're praying that starting this month, everyone in the family will fix their eyes on the Lord and on the good work He is preparing for us to do.

You will have many opportunities to hear the details of the plan and learn how you can get involved. For now I want to articulate some of the key ideas that guided our thinking as the plan was developed. And I want to let you know the plan for sharing the vision over the next few months.

*The core idea guiding the plan is that we want to do everything we can to encourage "Kingdom Growth."*

There are two aspects to the kind of growth we envision. We seek "discipleship growth" in those who know Christ and have given their lives to Him and we yearn to see growth in new believers. We want people who don't know Christ or maybe have been drifting away from Him to receive new life in His name. The emphasis isn't on numerical growth, though that will come as the Spirit moves. Rather, it's on reaching out to our neighbors and sharing Christ where they live.

Another idea that continues to shape our vision relates to the money God has entrusted to us in the form of estate funds. We strongly believe the Lord is calling us to invest those funds in His ongoing work. We don't believe He wants us to hold the money in a perpetual endowment, or to use it to pay regular, ongoing expenses so our congregation will be relieved of the obligation to give to LCPC. Our friends left their extraordinary gifts to LCPC so we would use it to advance Christ's work in extraordinary ways. So we plan to invest the estate money we have recently received in missions and in dynamic projects related to our church campus that we believe will lead to "Kingdom Growth." The goal is to spend the money within a two-year window.

Even though my instinct is to squeeze every last penny 'til it screams, I'm all in for this plan. We're not a college or a charitable foundation. We're a church

that's called to do everything we can, here and now, to advance the cause of Christ. So I say: let's spend wisely, but let's spend now. (You will hear much more about specific spending projects very soon.)

A third idea guiding our strategic plan is that we want to become more radical in our outreach to the community and beyond. What does that mean? We're going to create a challenge grant fund that will help people turn their ministry dreams into a reality. We're going to ramp up – way up – on our work on the Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage and Hispaniola Partners in the Dominican Republic. And we're going to be more intentional about connecting long-time church members with seekers and new believers. We believe in mentoring. So the goal is to mobilize several groups within the church to help in ministries of discipleship. We've already started within Fellowship Ministry with events that are designed to help newcomers connect with the church family.

*How will we share the plan, fan the flames of excitement and mobilize the church family?*

First, the Session will be generating a brief, one-page overview of the "All Eyes on God: Vision 2020" plan. You'll receive it along with a letter from me. It will also be widely available at the church and online.

Second, the Session will be organizing a series of town hall style meetings to explain various aspects of the plan and solicit ideas for implementation. The 90-minute meetings will be open to everyone. Topics will include: mission work, improvements to the church campus and technology, strategies for improving our use of digital media, nurturing fellowship and deepening discipleship, sharing Christ with our neighbors, and more.

At this point you may be wondering: Will the plan work? Yes, absolutely, if we put our backs into it. That means getting excited about the work the Spirit is leading us into. It means adding that essential

ingredient to everything we attempt: *Enthusiasm*. Nothing works without enthusiasm. And nothing succeeds like enthusiasm as we lean into the work of the Spirit.

I want to end with Paul's benediction from his letter to the Ephesians. May these words inspire our thoughts and deeds over the next two years:

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (3:20-21)*

Love and good cheer,  
Andy Wilson

## JOURNEY

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- February 13** What Did the Reformation Accomplish?
- February 20** Spring Break – No PEAK
- February 27** Resting in Christ
- March 6** Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 PM – No PEAK
- March 13** Praying With Power, Part 1
- March 20** Praying With Power, Part 2
- March 27** When the Lord Disciplines Us
- April 3** Paul's Missionary Methods (and Us)
- April 10** World Missions Today
- April 17** Holy Week – No PEAK
- April 24** Resurrection and the New Creation
- May 1** Judaism Then and Now
- May 8** Christianity and Islam
- May 15** Christianity and Mormonism
- May 22** Sparks Talent Show!

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Happy New Year!

Wow, another year just flew by, faster than the one before. We try to savor each day, but somehow they just slip by. Since we cannot slow time down, let's try to make the days count for more – more love, more attention to our family and friends, more thanks to our Savior whose birth we just celebrated, more thought about what we can do for others, and more time to listen for God's word in our lives.

Our Deacons are always looking for ways to help and make a difference. We consider it an honor to serve and, in doing so, share God's love with those we know and those who may yet be strangers.

I spoke to a couple of our outgoing Deacons who have finished their three years of service and asked what were the most meaningful aspects of what they did during those three years. One Deacon who has been in charge of setting up our monthly communion services told me she loved getting the elements ready for this wonderful sacrament. She felt so blessed to be part of a world-wide worship, sharing Christ's words and actions with other believers at the same time, a truly awesome experience.

Another Deacon who served as a Meal Train and Food Pantry organizer and visited many of our

congregation who are unable to come to services felt especially blessed to be able to be involved in large projects where just one or two people could not be as effective. She learned while visiting shut-ins that life truly is short and that taking time to be with people makes a difference in her life and theirs.

Our Deacons are in charge of tasks such as sending birthday/get well/sympathy cards, organizing rides for those who cannot drive on their own (including to church events and services, the doctor, shopping, etc.), sending out grief booklets, making sure the worship service hearing aids work, organizing the annual Blood Drive, taking the Sunday flowers to members of the congregation, meals home delivery, visitations, the Food Pantry, taking the minutes of our monthly meetings, and chairing the meetings.

Each of us has the privilege of serving in those capacities and in helping to serve special meals and with other events at church during the year. We feel blessed to be part of the mission of the church, pointing others to Christ and showing how His redeeming love is what saves.

Please consider ways you can help others, looking outside yourself, and seeking God's will in your life. Each day is an opportunity for service.

In Christ,  
Kerry Milbrodt

## LEE'S LATEST

The early Christians faced many difficulties, an out of control government ruled by leaders who were corrupt and self-serving, a culture that viewed their beliefs with scorn and distrust, and cataclysmic wars that felt as if the world was coming apart at the seams. How were they to make sense of the world around them? Was God faithful to His promises? Would God finally bring peace and hope?



In this situation, the Apostle John wrote a book to inspire, encourage, and discipline his readers. He described a great battle between good and evil and he used powerful language to help his readers understand. This January, I am beginning a six-week study of the book of Revelation. So many people struggle to make sense of this strange sounding book, but John was hoping that his book would help them make sense of the world around them.

Come join us as we learn how to interpret our world in light of God's promises and faithfulness.

Lee



## CFC FAITH UPDATE

Happy 2019 to all the wonderful CFC families! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are entering the New Year with hope and wisdom. I look forward to another year of Chapels and classroom visits with the awesome kids of CFC. This year, I would like to incorporate some more music and service projects into our Chapel times.

I look forward to talking with the elementary school age kids about their ideas for ways we can serve our community. I have no doubt they will come up with compassionate and creative ways to give to those in need.



Happy New Year and here's to 2019 overflowing with blessings! We ended 2018 with a month packed with Christmas celebrations left and right.

The **Cruisers Christmas concert** was a fabulous evening of carols and jokes led by the talented **Collins family** and a special vocal touch

by **Todd Marks!** The kids and youth groups had various parties throughout the month – a Cookies and Cocoa party, a “Girls Only” youth night, caroling at La Crescenta Healthcare, and a big **Kids Hope** party with 16 local families joining us for a great night of games, singing, dancing, and crafts. The **Cathedral Choir**, musicians, and **Monday@JoJo's** ensemble put on a spectacular show for the **Candles and Carols concert** with a big crowd enjoying their talents.

The **Christmas services** were beautiful as always, as we celebrated the birth of our precious savior. The nativity animals were also a big hit! Thank you to **Bryan and Whitney Lescher, Josh**, and the youth group for doing a fine job decorating the Sanctuary this year. Another shout out goes to the **Aharonian, Kuhn, Mixon, Cook, Van Horn, Collins, Granier and Pratt** families for lighting our Advent candles. It's a special tradition at LCPC and we look forward to it each year.

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# children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock



Happy New Year, everyone! In November, I was thinking about our church and its wonderful kids and the New Year. Out of nowhere, a goal for 2019 came into my mind and moved quickly to my heart and I am excited to share that goal – a New Year's resolution of sorts – with you. My goal – a goal that will have to be covered in prayer – is to create a deeper culture of worship in FISH, our Sunday morning program for 1st - 6th graders. My prayer is that we will be able to explore what worship means and help kids experience the power and joy of worship so that they want to continue living lives of worship beyond our church walls and beyond their years in FISH.

As we start a new year, we will also be beginning a new semester of PEAK! I am looking forward to seeing the Tiny Turtles, Lively Lambs, Fast Frogs and SPARKS back on Wednesday, January 9. As usual, dinner will start at 5:30 PM that evening and programming will begin at 6:30 PM. Kids will be looking at the book of Matthew and learning that Jesus has power over everything.

came for everyone, and is there for us every second of every day!

January is also the time for SPARKS to sign up for Winter Camp 2019 at Forest Home from February 8 - 10 and is open to 4th - 6th graders. It will be a weekend of worship, fun (maybe in the snow!), building friendships, and learning about God's promises. This year, the group will be led by Kristy Hicks. Our other adult counselors will be announced in January. All registration happens on the Forest Home Website now. Space is limited so please contact me at ashley@lcpc.net for the registration code. This year, the cost of camp has increased. LCPC is able to offer every child a \$40 subsidy bringing the cost down to \$145 per child. Scholarships are available. Please contact me for more information. The last day to sign up for camp is January 20. I hope your 4th, 5th, or 6th grader can join in on the fun!

Lastly, many of you know that our son, Carter Mark Pollock, was born on November 26. He was 14 weeks early and weighed a little over one pound.

He's continuing to grow and develop in a wonderful NICU at the time I am writing this. We expect him to be there for several months. Over the past few weeks, we have been really moved by the way God works through His church. We see His love and compassion reflected in our brothers and sisters in Christ. I just want to thank you all for your prayers. There is such comfort in knowing that our little guy is being lifted up by the church to an almighty God who loves him even more than Darren and I do!

Again, wishing you all a Happy 2019!

In Christ,  
Ashley Pollock

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## Kids Say The Darndest Things

**3-Year-Old:** "Jesus loves us so He shares His birthday presents with us at Christmas, right?"

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## CHURCH MOUSE

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We'd like to welcome the newest and tiniest member to our LCPC family – **Carter Mark Pollock**. Carter surprised his family **Darren, Ashley** and **Charlie** by arriving 14 weeks early on November 26. By God's amazing grace, Carter is continuing to grow and develop in the NICU and will be there for a few months. Keep the whole Pollock family in your prayers and we will all look forward to meeting Carter once he is big enough to visit.

**Chuck** and **Valerie Andrew** became grandparents again recently, welcoming a new baby girl into their family. **Adeh Jean** was born to **Alicia** and **Jeff Grell** on November 9 and she is adorable!

Another miraculous event happened in the LCPC family on December 6. Four and a half years ago, a severe infection wreaked havoc on **Skeet McAuley's** body. After numerous hospital stays, more doctors than he can count and almost 70 days in USC Keck's ICU on the transplant list, Skeet received the best Christmas gift of his life – a new heart. This heart was a perfect match and he has healed quickly and was back home after only a week and a half post op! Keep **Skeet**, his rock star wife **Karen**, daughter **Grace** and the donor's family in your prayers. We know Skeet will be taking that new heart on some great adventures very soon!

**PEAK** will be starting back up on Wednesday, January 9, with a new line-up of classes for adults, the old favorites for the kids, and of course **John Arangio's** delectable dinners. **Lee** will be starting a class on the book of **Revelation** and **Andy** will be the guest speaker in Pat's parenting class on January 30. A CFC 3rd grader was recently showing **Pat** her drawing. Pat complimented her by saying, "You have a gift for drawing. It's fantastic!" The girl replied, "Pat, you have a gift for talking." How can you pass up a parenting class with such a gifted teacher?

Be sure to check out the new **LCPC Website** which should be launched by now. It's much easier to navigate and looks great thanks to the hard work by **Y Wyroski** and **Paul Hofmann**. The online giving link is up and running and a convenient way to pay your tithe or offering.

We had a bit of a flood during the rains in December and the stage area and storage room behind it got a little soggy. If you had anything on the ground back there, you might want to check on it.

While Ashley has been on maternity leave, **Kristy Hicks** has been doing a fabulous job holding down the Children's Ministries fort. One of Kristy's many strong points is organizing. She has tackled several of our most cluttered areas, relocating items so they can be found easily. You

won't even recognize the room in front of Ashley and Lee's offices!

**SPARKS Winter Camp** at Forest Home is coming up February 8 – 10 for 4th – 6th graders. Sign-ups end January 20, so get your registration in soon!

Have you met **Becca Althoff** yet? Becca has worked at Mt. Hermon with **Josh, Jenna, Carleigh, Austin**, and **Becca Mencia** and is now pursuing her Masters and PhD at Fuller Seminary. Becca wanted to get involved with the youth at LCPC and is now leading a 6th - 7th grade girls' small group and helping Josh with other youth events. We are thrilled to have her here!

So far we have three **YAMmers** working at **Mt. Hermon** this summer – **Jonathon Karpman, Austin Granier** and **Becca Mencia**. There might even be a few more! Our high schoolers love to see familiar faces at summer camp.

Three of our Junior Highers recently starred in the Rosemont Advanced Drama production of **Peter Pan** – **Sammy Bouzoukian** as Wendy, **Katie Vergalito** as Tinkerbell, and **Callym Ecker** as Michael. **Brock Cary** will be starring in the CVHS **The Addams Family Musical** in February.

Good Luck with all those New Year's resolutions and I'll see you next month!



*December 15th saw the Abide ladies celebrate Christmas with the “No Boys Allowed Christmas Extravaganza!”*

I want to take this first *Messenger* of the year to pause and look back on the gifts of 2018, as well as to look forward to all God has in store for 2019.

In 2018, we saw the graduation of one of our largest groups of graduating seniors ever —almost 20 students including Emily Perkins and Michael Van Citters. When I first arrived at LCPC, those students were just graduating from 8th grade and it’s crazy to think how time flies. I’m so thankful to have been able to spend all of their high school years with them.

2018 was also the year that we took more Jr. Highers to camp than ever before, and our Jr. High group has been booming ever since! Talk about an incredible gift. Tuesday afternoons at Tasty Tuesday have become very Jr. Higher dominated with typically anywhere from 20-25 Jr. Highers showing up to hang out, do their homework, and have occasional deep talks.

And speaking of that boom, our biggest influx has been not just Jr. Highers but specifically Jr. High girls! And wouldn’t you know it that right at the time where we were getting all of these Jr. High girls out of nowhere, our dear friend and now Student Ministries intern, Becca Althoff, just happened to move to Pasadena to attend Fuller



## ABIDE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Seminary and step in as the girls’ small group leader. They regularly have “small” groups of 10-13 girls.

Lastly, this year we confirmed 12 new members of the congregation after they went through our 8-week Confirmation Class as well as having two new baptisms. Congratulations to our new LCPC members!

I feel so incredibly blessed and fortunate to have been able to be at LCPC this year and see our church family grow closer, and to see our student ministry blossom again after the loss of many students earlier in the year which leads me to 2019.

We want this next year in Abide to be dynamic in ways it’s never been since I’ve been

here. We want there to be an excitement in Abide this year, the kind that you **HAVE** to tell your friends about and that they can’t miss. The kind that makes you want to buy in even more and the kind that makes students feel not just welcomed, but crucial to the ministry. We’d ask that you’d pray for us this year. We want you to pray specifically with a heart of excitement, one that believes and feels moved for what God can do in the lives of the students of Abide.

This year, we have more students whose families don’t go to LCPC and come just because they want to be here than at any other time in my tenure at LCPC. Think about what that means. There are dozens of students in Abide right now who, if discipled, will be the spiritual heartbeat of their families. **INCREDIBLE!**

Please pray for us. Pray that this year our students would fall deeply in love with Jesus. Pray that our leadership feels energized and excited for what God wants to do in our ministry. Pray that our students embody the Abide slogan, “Be Here, Be Real, Be Bold,” And most of all, please pray that God is glorified above any other name because His is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen!

Josh



## Director's Corner

As you open your new calendars for 2019, take a moment to think about what lies ahead for you and your family in the coming year, or even years. Do you see a change in work coming, or moving your family either locally or away from Southern California? Will your child be entering Kindergarten this year or leaving elementary school? Do you have older children who will begin to look at colleges or career paths? Things both joyful and hard are undoubtedly ahead of you this year, even if you don't see them right now. Life has a way of taking us on a roller coaster ride each and every year.

I encourage you to seek out the joyous, hopeful, and fun times this year. Take mental pictures of precious moments so that when you need to bring them back to mind. You don't have to look at your phone or social media to remember them. You can help your children grow their sense of appreciation by pointing out the good times to them. By saying things like, "That was a really nice dinner, I liked talking with you," "Look at that sunset, we don't get to see it that beautiful every day," or "We are so lucky to have such a wonderful park near our house," we open their minds and hearts to the wonderful life and world around them.

Their days can be hard too. They miss you while you work, they didn't get to be leader of the class, they had to share a toy they didn't want to share, or they got hurt. All these things, while they may seem small to you and me, are big events in their lives but, by pointing out the moments of joy,

## GUSD Begins January 7

As school gets back in session after the winter break, here are some reminders for our school age program:

- Children need to be at CFC by 7:30 AM to get a ride to school.
- We will pick up children late for after school activities, but we need you to fill out a form to request that service, and we can only go back until 4:00 PM.
- If your child does not need a pick up for any reason on their CFC days, please call the office by 11:00 AM to let us know. Please do not email, call.

they can learn that life has a balance.

We read articles about the increase in both adult and childhood depression. Many researchers are suggesting that the presence of social media and the constant comparing of one's life to another is playing a part in this trend. The answer is not to increase the material aspects of their life, but to create a better sense of appreciation and contentment.

Pat

## 8 WAYS TO SPEND MORE FAMILY TIME WITH YOUR KIDS



Busy schedules preventing you from spending time with your kids? Here are 8 simple tips to weave time with kids into a routine

- Read together- a great way to share ideas & values
- Bring your child to school. Travel time = Together time!
- Do tasks together. From grocery shopping to building stuff together- it can be fun and educational
- Come home in time for dinner together- stimulates fun discussions
- Post- dinner walk & talks
- Share family stories & history
- Leave a message- Children love surprises
- Plan a monthly excursion E.g. museum/ park/ FFL picnics & events



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## Parenting With Pat

Our Wednesday, January 9, PEAK classes return. Classes begin at 6:30 PM but you are welcome to come for dinner at 5:30 PM. Children will be involved in classes from preschool - Jr. High. Child care is provided for children under 3.

**January 9:** Love and Logic – Setting Limits Without Waging War

**January 16:** Over-Scheduling Kids

**January 23:** Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun – Avoid Power Struggles

**January 30:** Andy Wilson speaks on parenting teens

## Important Dates

- December 31:** Closed for New Year's Eve
- January 1:** Closed for New Year's Day
- January 2-4:** Winter Day Camp
- January 7:** GUSD resumes
- January 21:** Closed for MLK Jr. Day
- February 2:** Daddy and Me Day

## Daddy & Me Day

I wanted to get this date out to you early so you can mark it on your calendar now. This is a long-standing tradition at the Center for Children, most likely one of the oldest ongoing traditions that we have. On this very special Saturday, February 2, we invite the preschool children to bring their dads to school with them. We begin at 9:00 AM with Chapel and then spend time in the classroom and outside. Dads get to meet other dads and find out what your child has been doing at CFC everyday. Come ready to move, sing, create, and have tons of fun. This year we are going to have a bicycle repair shop, so bring your oil can (no joke) and tools and help us get all our bikes up and running.

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

NEW SONG WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY), SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM  
SERVICE OF PRAISE (CLASSIC), SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM

Join us every Sunday through the spring for a life-changing journey through The Book of Matthew. Meet Jesus of Nazareth, the long-expected Messiah who brought God's Kingdom to earth. Learn why Jesus has a right to David's throne as Israel's true King. Discover for yourself how intimacy with him leads to a life that's joyful, satisfying, and abundantly productive. This month we'll look at sin, repentance, and new beginnings through

the eyes of John the Baptist (1/6). We'll explore the meaning of baptism (1/13). We'll learn from Jesus how to deal with temptation (1/20). And we'll hear reflections from our amazing youth about what it means to be called and commissioned by the Lord (1/27).

Regardless of where you stand with Jesus and his Church, these messages will challenge you with new perspectives on our life together.

## JANUARY 6 THE LORD'S SUPPER

Message by Andy Wilson:  
"The Book of Matthew: What Does God Require?"  
*For personal study: Matthew 3:1-12*

## JANUARY 13

Message by Lee Cook:  
"The Book of Matthew: What Is Baptism?"  
*For personal study: Matthew 3:13-17*  
Ordination and Installation of New Officers at 11:00 AM

## JANUARY 20

Message by Andy Wilson:  
"The Book of Matthew: Tested and Tried"  
*For personal study: Matthew 4:1-11*

## JANUARY 27 YOUTH SUNDAY!

Messages by Students:  
"The Book of Matthew: Jesus Calling"  
*For personal study: Matthew 4:18-22*

*Begin the New Year by reaching out to those without a church home. Bring a friend to worship!*

# Happy New Year!