

Catawba Baptist



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January 2019

Walking in Newness of Life

In Romans 6:4, the Apostle Paul talks about us as Christians walking in newness of life. In other words, we can live a new kind of life because of our relationship with Jesus Christ. But, according to Rom. 6:11, we need to reckon ourselves “to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.” This process of sanctification requires repentance, surrender, and trust.

Reckoning ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin involves **repentance**. Not only did Jesus pay the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross, enabling us to spend eternity in heaven, but He also freed us from the power of sin. “Sin shall not have dominion” over us (Rom. 6:14). But we need to say no to sin, to turn from our sin, to repent, based on what Jesus did on the cross. Continuing in sin is not God’s will for any of us. We tend to rationalize, to make excuses, or to blame someone else for our sin. Instead, according to the author of Heb. 12:1-2, we should “lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us.” This is repentance.

Being alive to God involves **surrender**. Instead of wanting what we want, we want what He wants. We choose to focus on His will rather than our own. This does not mean that God never gives us what we want. Instead our priority is what God wants. Jesus had this attitude of surrender when He prayed in Lk. 22:42 “nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” He was all about pleasing the Father (Jn. 8:29).

The phrase “in Jesus Christ our Lord” implies **trust**. We cannot turn from our sin and live a life of surrender to God’s will apart from faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Jn. 15:5, “Without Me you can do nothing.” Paul said in Phil. 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” God is more than able to help us walk in newness of life as we repent, surrender, and trust. So be it in 2019.

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you”

Thank you for your patience with me as I attempt to serve as pastor at Catawba Baptist Church. Thank you for the atmosphere of love and graciousness that is experienced here. Thank you for your faithfulness in serving in so many ways, many of them behind the scenes. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. I am trusting God to help us to start off in the black, which we can do with regular giving of over \$18,500 by the end of 2018. Thank you for your commitment to missions and the Lottie Moon Offering. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in and through us in 2019 for His honor and glory.

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Weekly Events

Sunday

- 8:00 Men's Prayer Time
- 9:15 Sunday School Life Groups
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Pastor's Bible Study & Bible Study Electives; RAs, GAs, & Mission Friends (Birth-Grade 5); Youth; & College Age

Monday

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 7:00 C.A.R.E.

Tuesday

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 9:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 12:30 Praying for Our Nation
- 6:15 Catawba Kids JAM & Youth
- 6:30 Bible Study and Prayer

Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies on First & Third Wednesday

7:30 Celebration Choir

Thursday

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 6:30 Unchained Rehearsal

Friday

- 9:00 Staff Devotions

January Special Events

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| 1 | | Church Office Closed |
| 6 | 6:00 | New Bible Study Elective |
| 13 | 4:30 | Property & Space |
| 19-21 | | Youth Strength To Stand Conference |
| 20 | 4:30 | Church Council |
| 21 | | Church Office Closed |
| 24-27 | | Wild at Heart Men's Retreat |
| 27 | 4:30 | Deacon Meeting |



Music & Senior Adult

Homebound Member for

January

Betty Perry
2501 Ferguson Dr.
Rock Hill, SC

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Let's start 2019 off right:

- ~9:15 Sunday Morning Bible study,
- ~10:30 Children's Church (for 4 years - 2nd grade)
- ~6:00- RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends
- ~ 6:15-7:30 Wednesday Evenings, Kids Jam and Preschool Jam.

Wild at Heart Men's Retreat

Men are ordained to change their families, churches, communities, and much more. It is a holy calling but one that needs a healthy spiritual heart. This retreat is based on the best-selling book Wild at Heart by John Eldredge. The retreat is a very engaging look at how successes and failures have shaped men's lives and their God given pursuit of Battle, Adventure, and Beauty. John Eldredge and his team lead the retreat through a series of video sessions. Particularly engaging are the movie clips to illustrate their points from movies such as Braveheart, A River Runs Through It, The Legend of Bagger Vance, The Kid, and many others. The event will occur January 24-27 as follows: **Thursday and Friday evenings from 7p-9:30p** and on **Saturday from 8a - 9:30p** and finish up **Sunday morning by 10:30a**. There will be lots of break times so don't worry about being overwhelmed by the different sessions. The event is free and will be held at The Connection. There will be some attendees from outside of Catawba. You will be on your own for meals, but that will give you a great opportunity for rest, relaxation, and fellowship. Hope to see you there. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please see Chris Bragg with any questions.

CARE for January

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| 7:00 | C & A Team | January 7 |
| 7:00 | R Team | January 14 |
| 7:00 | E Team | January 28 |
| 1:00 | Senior Adult | January 14 |

Youth Group

Strength to Stand Conference

Please be in prayer for our students traveling to Pigeon Forge, January 19-21. The conference will focus on Standing Strong in Jesus with topics on hope, fears, trials and temptations.



Dear Catawba Baptist Friends

Thank you for the delicious salad lunch and the wonderful cupcakes you brought for our staff lunch! We so appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness! You have taken good care of us this year at Independence. Thanks again,
Independence Staff

Dear Catawba Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, visits, meals thoughts & concern for us over the past few months. What a blessing to know you are praying for us when there are times I don't know how or what to pray myself. God bless each of you for the kindness you have shown. Psalm 61:2 ...When my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
In Christ,
Jill Grasty

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the food, cards, flowers, and expressions of sympathy received upon our dad's passing. He was so blessed to be a part of such a loving and giving church. Thank you all for caring for our dad as you did.
Family of Paul Baker

