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Happy New Year

Dear Central Family,

As I end this year and move on to the next, I took some time to review, to contemplate, to meditate. It was a good time to reflect, evaluate and embrace a new direction. Reflecting on what happened in 2020; I asked myself, “What did I accomplish?” “What could have been done better?” Thinking of a few things that I accomplished, I thanked God for strengthening me to do so. Thinking of many things that could have been done better, I felt myself down.

Then I recalled a book titled, “Whale Done!: The Power of Positive Relationship.” In that book, Ken Blanchard explains that both whales and people perform better when we accentuate the positive. He shows how using the techniques of animal trainers -- specifically those responsible for the killer whales of SeaWorld -- can supercharge our effectiveness at work and at home.

Interestingly, “Whale Done!” is pronounced similarly to “Well Done!” I recalled that the Lord said, “Well Done!” to his servants in the parable of the Talents. Our Lord sees how faithful we have been, rather than how much we have accomplished. If we have been faithful over only a few things, our Lord will pay us a complement. Therefore, let us not be stuck to past regret, but encourage and complement each other.

As Paul says, “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord —knowing that your labor is not vain in the Lord.*” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

“*His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’”* (Matthew 25:23)

Happy New Year!!

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

Pastor's Pen



Days to Remember

Hi All,

A warm Christmas wish for peace, cheer, and happiness and all the best for the coming year.

Happy New Year too! What a year!! 2021 has to be better! Doing well, staying healthy too! Keep to the house as much as I can. Read, watch TV and no crafts!! Have adjusted well—getting around better too!



Hi to all,

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JANUARY birthdays

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| 6 – June Salladay | 19 – Tiara Williams |
| 8 – Elyse Brunnemer | 22 – Cynthia Pechacek |
| 9 – Laura Ethridge | 22 – Kevin Hughes |
| 11 – Iona Hughes | 25 – Becky Suter |
| 13 – Svetlana Karnes | 29 – Jim Downs |
| 17 – Edna Mae Ulmer | 30 – Sandra Noggle |
| 19 – Shelby Pechacek | |



January Anniversaries

28 – Wayne & Cindy Medina



Planning Ahead:

- ◆ Thursday, December 31st, at 7 pm: Zoom meeting sharing of testimonies of 2020 and resolutions for 2021.
- ◆ Tuesday, January 5th, at 9:30 am: Zoom Bible Study
- ◆ Thursday, January 7th, at 11 am: Lois Lucas' funeral service at Memorial Garden
- ◆ Thursday, January 14th, at 7 pm: Zoom Bible Study with the reading of Isaiah 5-9



By Computer use the Link below for **all Zoom at Central:**

By phone: Dial (669) 900 6833 or (346) 248 7799

When prompted enter the **Meeting ID: 652 119 3190**

It may ask you for the **Passcode: 694292**

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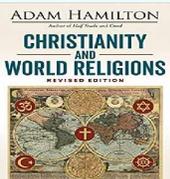


Want to Zoom to Bible Study?

Rev. Judy is considering gathering a group on Tuesday mornings to continue the study that was interrupted in March. Please call (237-9395) or email (bjowsley@msn.com) to let her know if you'd like to participate. This would be an easy time for new folks to join. The discussions are bright and fun and comfortable for everyone, regardless of your Bible knowledge.

“Christianity and World Religions” by Adam Hamilton is the book that was being studied. There will be a quick summary of the topics that have been discussed previously, so that everyone will be ready to continue with the study. Books can be ordered for new participants.

If you have a computer and internet connection, you will be sent a link to join the class on Zoom. Anyone without internet, will be able to phone in and join the discussions. Class will be 9:30 – 10:30 am on Tuesdays, beginning January 5th.



Stewardship

5 Principles of Gospel Stewardship for Christmas and Beyond.

While researching materials for this month's Stewardship Article, I came across the 5 principles of gospel stewardship for Christmas and beyond. This article can be found at [5 principles of gospel stewardship for Christmas and beyond — Southern Equip \(sbts.edu\)](http://www.sbts.edu/5-principles-of-gospel-stewardship-for-christmas-and-beyond). If you are called to read the entire article, the following 5 principles were presented with each being expanded upon and examples given.

1. Everything is God's
2. Unequal distribution of resources is part of God's design.
3. Gifts are given for his glory and the good of others.
4. Faithfulness is key.
5. What we do with our resources here will echo for eternity.

Recalling book reports from English classes in High School, or executive summary for the boss. This is my book report/executive summary of 5 principles of gospel stewardship for Christmas and beyond.

Everything belongs to God. If he did not create and give it, it does not exist. It is by God's design not luck that some of us are richer, more gifted, or have talented than others. It is what we do with what we have been given that counts. God's gifts are to be shared not hoarded or boasted about. God has entrusted us with tools, not to shine and display, but to be used to build His Kingdom and help others within it. God alone knows what he has given you and He will determine if you are a good and faithful servant. Our Christian goal is not to increase our own earthly wealth but to lay up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and thieves do not break in and steal. What we do here and now echo for eternity.

Stay well, Ernie Dunbar, Stewardship Lead



Hot Soup on a Cold Day

Food Sunday is January 3rd.

Hungry families in Colorado Springs will appreciate some soup or other meal items as the winds blow in January. Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!

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JANUARY MISSION FOCUS



We're Doing It!!

In faraway Angola, Africa, fish farms are being built and stocked, farmers are harvesting seeds and growing excellent crops, **and we are helping it to happen!** Through the financial support that we send to the General Board of Global Ministries for **Kutela Katembo**, he is accomplishing great things through his ministry as an agriculturist at the Kessua Mission. A second concrete fish pond has been built this year. And now, they have started raising pigs!! From the beginning, livestock husbandry has been a dream and target for the farm, and through your support they are realizing it. They started with rabbit, sheep and goats followed by beef cattle production. And in October they were able to purchase two pigs! Pigs reproduce 3 times a year, so this project is growing rapidly.

It's clear that the money you have contributed is helping in very real and practical ways. Central has pledged \$1000 per year to aid Kutela and families in the Kessua region. Please give as you are able during January. You may write a check to CUMC, with "Missionary" on the memo line, and mail it to the church. Thank you for sharing!