



## God's Faithfulness in the New Year

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The new year is a time to reflect, an opportunity to reset habits, and start anew. Many will make resolutions around diet, exercise, and priorities. Others will commit to more time in prayer or going to church. The new year gives us an opportunity to start over. Jeremiah, in the book of Lamentations, reflects on God's mercy resetting every day.



“ Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' (3:22-24)

No matter your resolution for 2021, you can be assured that God provides opportunities to begin again. My prayer is for you to find His grace and presence in your life in rich and full ways.

As we flip the calendar to 2021, much uncertainty remains in our church, our community, our nation, and our world. We are waiting on guidance from state officials before we resume worship services. I hope that 2021 will be a brighter year. But even if it is not, we will trust God to sustain us. Truly we can confess through the good and bad His great faithfulness in our lives.

## John in 2021

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As we move into the season of Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, we will be working our way through John's Gospel. We usually spend these seasons in the Gospels (Matthew in 2020, Mark in 2018, Luke in 2016). We have not spent extended time in John. We will not have time to cover every verse. So let me encourage you to begin reading the Gospel of John now. You will find reading the entire Gospel helpful as we move quickly from chapter to chapter. I am looking forward to studying this book with you in 2021. Here are the scheduled January passages.

- ▷ January 03 - Belief and Life (John 20:30–31)
- ▷ January 10 - Jesus's Baptism (John 1:1–18)
- ▷ January 17 - The First Miracle (John 2:1–11)
- ▷ January 24 - New Birth (John 3:1–8)
- ▷ January 31 - More Signs (John 5:1–18)

## Visitor Articles

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If you would like an announcement in the February Visitor, please email it to [wade@fbcmuncie.org](mailto:wade@fbcmuncie.org) by **Sunday, January 18**.

## Thank-You Notes

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**Don Jennings** – Thank you for remembering me with the nice basket of goodies. Thanks to Bob and Nina Oisten for dropping it off.

**Barb Turner** – WOW – Thank you from Barb Turner for the fruit and goodies basket. So good! Olivia, your picture was so pretty. Thanks to all the gals involved in it. I miss you all so much.

## Facebook Live Prayer Time

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During this season of social distancing, we continue a weekly Facebook Live prayer time! Look for one of our smiling faces **every Wednesday** at **7:00 PM**. Make sure to like our church Facebook page, First Baptist Church Muncie Indiana, to be able to watch and share any prayer requests or praises.

<https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmuncie>

## YouTube Channel

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Join us online each **Sunday at 10:45 AM.**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/fbcmuncieorg>

## January Birthdays

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We would like to say Happy Birthday to the following people in the month of January. Please let them know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

01/02 - Jillian Barr	01/18 - Lester Bryars
01/02 - John McClanahan	01/21 - Katie Shutters
01/03 - Dale Stone	01/21 - Sharon Jackson
01/08 - Bob Oisten Jr.	01/24 - Maggie Sims
01/08 - Debra Bradburn	01/25 - Gene Carr
01/08 - Gary Coon	01/26 - Veda Massoth
01/11 - Natalie Green	01/27 - Kelly Rodriguez
01/12 - Larry Bradburn	01/28 - Pam Kistler
01/12 - Mike Grafton	01/30 - Heidi Davis
01/14 - Grace Hahn	
01/17 - Andrew Heimlich	