



Upcoming Events:

January 2 – School Starts Back
January 9—WOM 7:00pm
January 14 – Jolly Seniors outing to Greenwood – 3:00pm
January 14—16 – **Strength To Stand Conference** for youth
whom have signed up
January 22 – Baptist Men's Day Breakfast – 7:00am

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Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Services - 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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“To be light by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and to be salt by standing against evil.”

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Each One Bring One



A Word from Our Pastor

It is a joy to greet you on the first day of the year. What a great year we had in 2011 as we celebrated El Bethel's first century. I think that we finished the year off on a very positive note in the way we celebrated Christmas during the month of December at El Bethel. I thank Tom and Ginger especially, as well as all of those who worked to make Christmas 2011 special at El Bethel.

As good as 2011 was, I am believing and praying that 2012 will be even better. As we stand at the beginning of a new year, my heart is filled with excitement and anticipation. Only God knows what the future holds. There will be challenges, but the possibilities and opportunities are limitless.

We will do some of the same things we do each January. We will begin the year with a message pertaining to the New Year. We will not be here tonight. Next week we will center on prayer and we will have a concert of prayer next Sunday night.

I will not be here the 3rd Sunday in January. Dawn and I will take 9 of our young people to the **Strength to Stand Conference** from January 14—January 16 in Tennessee.

Also, pray for the personnel ministry as we begin to look for a minister to our children and youth. We

will make the baby bottles available this year so we can continue to support the Piedmont Women's Center. The 4th Sunday in January will be Baptist Men's Day & we will have a breakfast beginning at 7:00.

I will also be bringing a series of sermons on the Life of Christ this winter and we will get to the Book of Mark eventually on Sunday Nights.

As we begin a new year, I want to ask you as a church family to do a few things:

1. Spend time in God's Word daily
2. Spend time with God in prayer each day
3. Give back to the Lord in tithes & offerings
4. Be ready, willing, & able to share the Gospel whenever the opportunity arises
5. Be faithful to our Sunday morning, Sunday night, & Wednesday night services
6. Be involved in at least one ministry here at El Bethel
7. Invite people to come & worship with us in our services at El Bethel

We are going to bring back the theme "Each One Bring One" for 2012. I trust that every member will try to get someone to join El Bethel this year. I also trust that every Sunday School class will make an effort to grow.

I hope as well that 2012 will be a good year for your individual family & for our church as well. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

Love in Christ,
Joe

Music Notes

Thanks to everyone who helped make Christmas such a special time. Many of you decorated, brought food, went caroling, sang in the cantata, helped with the children's program, or did something behind the scenes where you found a special need. All of these activities helped us focus on the real meaning of Christmas ~ the birth of Christ.

Now, it's time to turn the page and move into 2012. I hope we will all be open to God's leadership as we seek His will for our lives and for El Bethel. Let's all commit to being more involved, doing more for His church, and doing more for Him.

Happy New Year and may **GOD BLESS YOU** in a special way this year!

Tom

Jolly Seniors

Happy New Year to you all!
Many of us will make resolutions to do

different things and some of us will just wait and see how the New Year will start for us. As I think about El Bethel, I am excited about some upcoming events. Plans are already underway for our 2nd Relay for Life campaign. I know we are going to have a movie night with a great movie, *Courageous*. Then our annual Valentine Banquet will be a great community outreach.

Most of us haven't even thought about who we will meet this year. Who may not be saved? Who needs a church family with whom to worship? These questions should really be among our first thoughts.

Let's all try to bring someone to a worship service in January and start the year off right. Let the goal of bringing someone new to church each month, be among one of our resolutions for the new year. It may be difficult, but let's rise to the challenge.

Seniors, I appreciate you and your faithfulness. You all have been great role models. Your dedication to El Bethel does not go un-noticed. Thank You!

Seniors, we will go out to eat this time on Saturday, January 14. Meet at the church at 3:00 to go see Ollie Holder at Martha Franks and then to eat.

Happy New Year,

Butch & Kathy