



OUT OF MY MIND

I've read that in the collection of the New York Public Library there is a copper globe dating from 1510 called "The Hunt - Lenox Globe." On the globe is etched the outlines of the continents and countries as they were known at that time. Off the coast of Asia appear these words in the Latin language, "HC SVNT DRACONES" which means "here are dragons." They reflected the map maker's fear of the dangers that might lie ahead in unexplored and unknown regions.

The story is told that when one explorer saw the globe for the first time, he put his finger on those words and said "Whether or not there are dragons here I do not know, but I do know this, God is here." Whether the story is accurate or not, it expresses a truth that we need to remember as we enter a new year.

Some people will be tempted to respond to "the unknown" that 2021 represents like that ancient map maker and see only dangers and difficulties ahead. They will look at all the changes and challenges facing us and be tempted to see only fearful dragons lying in wait. But God's people shouldn't respond to the unknown with fear but rather with faith. We should take comfort and courage in knowing that no matter what unknown waters we may journey through this coming year, the promise we celebrated so joyfully at Christmas is still true. God is still Emmanuel, the God who is with us.

Nothing is going to happen in 2021 that will surprise God. Nothing will occur that he can't handle. No challenge will arise that God cannot meet, and no obstacle will be encountered that he cannot overcome. As we journey together through this New Year let us rely on the advice found in Proverbs: "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." (Proverbs 3:5-6 Message)

May God find us as individuals, and as his church, responding to those dragon-like challenges and changes 2021 sends our way, with faith and not with fear. Happy New Year!

Your Pastor,

Mike



Thank you for all the cards, food, gifts and other expressions of appreciation you gave us during the Christmas season. Your continued support and encouragement mean more to us than you will ever know.

With the Apostle Paul we say "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel."

In Christian love,
Mike & Lucy Wilkins



Item of the month for January is canned fruits and vegetables.

Please drop all donations off at RARA (350 Spotswood Drive, Lexington). Thank you!



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January 1 – Psalm 101

January 4 – Psalm 102:1 – 17
January 5 – Psalm 102: 18 – 28
January 6 – Psalm 103:1 – 12
January 7 – Psalm 103: 13 – 33
January 8 – Psalm 104: 1 – 18

January 11 – Psalm 104: 19 – 35
January 12 – Psalm 105: 1 – 15
January 13 – Psalm 105: 16 – 36
January 14 – Psalm 105: 37 – 45
January 15 – Psalm 106: 1 – 12

January 18 – Psalm 106: 13 – 31
January 19 – Psalms 106: 32 – 48
January 20 – Psalm 107: 1 – 16
January 21 – Psalm 107: 17 – 32
January 22 – Psalm 107: 33 – 43

January 25 – Psalm 108
January 26 – Psalm 109:1 – 15
January 27 – Psalm 109:16 – 31
January 28 – Psalms 110
January 29 – Psalms 111



1st Lannie & Loretta Ballard

Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Share it with us!



11th Tom Charland
12th Patsy Williamson
17th Margaret Tait
Mitch Fridley
22nd Wayne Oyler
24th Reba Miller
26th Beverly Shotwell



WHAT DO YOU SEE HAPPENING AT MANLY MEMORIAL IN 2021?

What's your vision for our church? Your dream for our church? Let's choose to focus on what God wants us to do, and let's do it with a joyful attitude! Let's all look for God's possibilities for Manly Memorial Baptist Church.

Let's consider safe outwardly-focused activities that connect our church with our community. And let's use our collective talents and interests to make 2021 a great year for Manly Memorial!



Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ... 1 Chronicles 16:11-12

Thanks to everyone who supported our church in 2020 with your prayers, and your time, talent, and treasure! As we turn the page to 2021, we do so with a renewed sense of optimism and hope.

Even though we have been unable to come together, the mission and work of the church has never wavered and is perhaps more important than ever.

The deacons continue to pray and are making plans for us to regather just as soon as we can do so safely. In the interim, please continue to financially support our church as we are the body of Christ. Stay safe, and may God richly bless you!

John Wranek



*Matthew 6:33,34
"But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."*

Let's try to be intentional about our Christian walk in 2021. Let's resolve to pray daily (and also stay connected and pray throughout the day), read God's Word (there are many suggested scripture readings, including those in this very newsletter), depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance, and surround ourselves with godly people who can support and encourage us.

Also, let's try to be that godly person who encourages one another. As Matthew 6:33 says, we need to put God first in our lives - every day. The more we study the Bible, the more we will know how to be obedient to God, how best to love others, how best to spread the gospel of Christ.

I intend to 'do better' about consistently studying God's Word this year. Join me. Encourage me. Encourage one another. Let's put our trust firmly in God - about everything - may it be unshakeable.

Best wishes for a healthy New Year,

Dale Raymond



Before we begin the challenges of 2021, I would like to take a moment to thank all the musicians who put forth extra effort to make our Advent and Christmas seasons so special under these trying circumstances. So many people contributed to this effort. That includes Don Heckman who made it possible for the music to be heard. Thank you all for your hard work, your dedication to our church and your love for the Lord. As we move into the New Year, we will continue to call on your time and talents. May God bless each of you in 2021 and continue to bless MMBC.

Lucy Wilkins



Happy New year to everyone! I hope all of you are staying well and safe going into this New Year! Hoping and praying we are able to get back to church soon! Recently I have discovered a new curriculum that will be launching on the first Sunday in January! Along with this new curriculum will be a new name for our Children's Ministry here at Manly.

This new ministry will be called Little Faith Ministries of Manly Memorial Baptist Church! Within that first week of January 2021, you will see a new Facebook Page created for this ministry along with new activities to do through the curriculums online format. These will be posted to our new Facebook page, the current Manly Facebook page, Instagram, and our website.

I am so excited about this new opportunity to grow and learn with your children even from home. Here's to starting 2021 with something new, in hopes that this new year will bring everyone new opportunities, health, and prosperity! Have a blessed start to your New Year, and I hope to see everyone in 2021!

Katlyn Smals



It's Personal: A Series on Zacchaeus

We all have one thing in common: We want to be seen, known, and valued for who we are. We don't want fake relationships; we want personal ones. In this series, we will study Jesus and His interactions with Zacchaeus. We will see five ways Jesus made it personal and what that means for our lives. We are taking a cue from the way Jesus did it to give youth an idea of just how to make everything, including their relationship with Him, a little more personal.

Week One: *Luke 19:1-10*

It's personal because Jesus knows your name.

Week Two: *Philippians 2:3b-4*

It's personal because Jesus knows what matters to you.

Week Three: *Philippians 2:5-8*

It's personal because Jesus understands your story.

Week Four: *Romans 8:39*

It's personal because Jesus loves you no matter what.

Week Five: *2 Corinthians 5:17*

It's personal because Jesus knows your potential.

