

A Covenant for the New Year

"Christ has many services to be done.

Some are more easy and honorable,

others more difficult and disgraceful.

Some are suitable to our own inclinations and interests,

others are contrary to both.

In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.

But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves."

These Covenant Service words written by John Wesley have impacted my soul. He first used this service of covenant renewal in 1755 and published it in pamphlet form in 1780. Many United Methodist congregations use this liturgy on New Year's Eve or the first Sunday of the year. For many years, it has been part of my spiritual rhythm at the beginning of the new year.

Jeremiah prophesied of a new covenant which came to fruition in Jesus. *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people (Jeremiah 31:33 ESV)."* For the house of Israel, substitute your household or your life.

Wesley continues:

"Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things."

"Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing."

As I serve Jesus, this prayer resonates in my heart and soul.

There are experiences to which Jesus calls me that seem natural. I have the passion, giftset and experience to accomplish them. They create happy memories and are exhilarating experiences and bring the accolades of brothers and sisters.

Other times Jesus calls me to tasks that are very difficult for me. They are not experiences I would choose. Lacking confidence or desire, I prayerfully rely on Jesus to give me the right words and actions. Often then, the only reward from this activity comes from Jesus who says, "Well done good and faithful servant."

"I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal."

I try to approach all of these tasks as a willing servant and a fully devoted follower of Jesus.

Does any of that resonate with you?

As you turn the calendar to a new year, I invite you to pray these words.

Have a blest New Year!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brad

Happy New Year

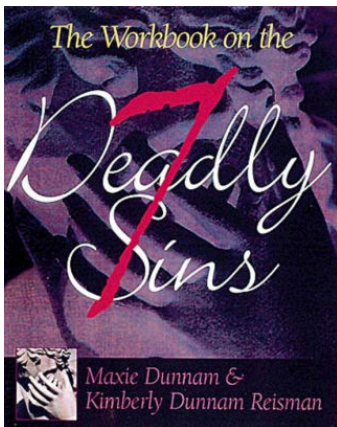
A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware.

-M.S. Lowmides



The Louisiana Mission Trip
is set for February 1-8,
2020. Please contact Carla
Gillen if you are interested
in going on this mission trip.



Maxie Dunnam and Kimberly Dunnam Reisman lead us to self-evaluation and retrospection in *The Workbook on the Seven Deadly Sins*. This eight week study for individuals and small groups explores how these seven sins (sloth, lust, anger, pride, envy, gluttony, and greed) are present in our personal lives and how we might deal with them.

The sermon series, 7 Deadly Sins, will begin February 6th. All adult Sunday School classes will be going through the work book. If you would like a work book, you can purchase one from [Christian Book.com](http://ChristianBook.com). If you have questions please let the office know.

THANK YOU!

Dear Liberty Chapel Friends,
Thank you for your generous
Christmas gift. We really
appreciate it. We are glad to be
part of this special church.
Pastor Brad and Sherry Martin

January Servant Schedule

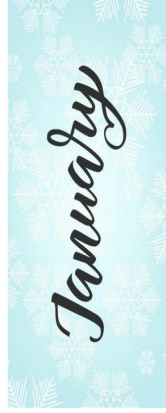
	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
8:15 Door Greeters				
8:15 Nursery	J. Mohler Family		N. Carter Family	Steph & Britt Gillen
S. S. Door Greeters				
S.S. Nursery	S. Clapp Family	Oberhaus Family	Gutierrez Family	Barnes Family
10:30 Door Greeters		Bostelman Family		
10:30 Nursery	Masuwa Family	Ainsley Quigley	Jones Family	Cramer Family
Greeters Welcome Center	O'Neal Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Nash Family	Masuwa Family

Prayer
 *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Bob Small (Glenn Small's father) – Surgery; Judy Strayer – Valve replacement surgery; John Bowers—Heart attack.

Long-Term Needs: Mike Collier—Health concerns; Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo “Bud” Zenz, Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	January					
5 Lucas Mohler	6 Juliette Smith Eliza Trapp	7 Cheryl Shadday	8 Jacob Clapp Tim Cobb Kelly McIntosh	9 	10 Eloise Griteman Blake Graber	11 Max Fetterman
12 Tyler Cobb	13 John Hartford Gretchen Tedrow Jim & Cathy Leatherman	14 	15 Hanson Saneholtz Trisha Carter	16 Aaron Shafer Nate Shafer	17 Laura Case Tom Atkinson Sherry Martin	18 Mark Jones
19 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	20	21	22	23 Austin Smith	24	25 
26	27	28 Leah Martin	29 Hadlee Amstutz Kelsey Ford	30 Louise Dalton Bob Griteman Connor Cobb Carl & Cheryl Carter	31 Hope Oelkrug Joe Gillen	
Birthdays and Anniversaries						If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the office know!! Thanks.



Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 9:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

Classic Worship
 Praise Celebration
 Classes for All Ages

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed 	2	3	4 7 am Men's Prayer Time
5	6 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Ad. Council	7 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30 pm Louisiana Mission Trip	8 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	9 3-5 pm ROCK	10	11 7 am Men's Prayer Time
12	13 6-8 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	14 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30 pm SPRC	15 12 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	16 3-5 pm ROCK	17	18 7 am Men's Prayer Time
19	20 9-10:30 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7:30 pm Evangelism	21 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	22 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	23 3-5 pm ROCK	24	25 7 am Men's Prayer Time
26	27 6:30 pm Missions	28 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	29 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	30 3-5 pm ROCK	31	

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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*“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is
overflowing to others.”*

Return Service Requested

January 2020

