

## *SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS*

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By now we've all said "*Happy New Year*" countless times and received the same from just about everyone. We are twelve days into 2025, wondering what's chasing us from 2024 and what new is coming. Politically, that's easy. Our current president and his team continue making decisions that have us blinking, wondering how anyone could be so incompetent, and in 8 days our new president will change directions.

Economically it doesn't look much different. Under the current administration everything is getting worse (\$36 trillion worth of debt). In eight days, the new team will be praying for a miracle or two to help us recover from arguably the worst president in United States' history.

Ecclesiastically, here's a wonderment: *in spite of the awful leadership in the world's richest and most Christian nation, churches in America and around the world have continued to grow*. But some things will shake your head. Hallmark, the greeting card and movie making company has gone PG. While that should encourage us, here's a thought: since Thanksgiving, all the movies running up to Christmas have been completely and entirely secular. Not even one mention of Mary, Jesus' birth, the angels or the Wise Men. Hallmark has gone woke. We can't wait until Easter to see what's coming.

Spiritually, you can look around and see that the world hasn't changed. It desperately needs a strong spiritual force to counter the undimmed demonic efforts and undisguised hedonistic activities of human beings. How is it that God can raise Jordan Peterson and Elon Musk and use their skills of mind and voice to fight the unspiritual and the wicked? Both of those men have fought unspiritual patterns and philosophies with spiritual force and commitment. Given each of their personal faith statements, that's a miracle!

So, welcome to 2025. We don't know what will happen. We do know Who will lead us. Moses knew this and explains what God has said in Deuteronomy 31:6 & 8 (New Living Translation):

*"So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you."*

# Welcome!

January 12th, 2025



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*



**Wednesday Bible Study** – we continue our study of the Rapture of the church.

**Baby Shower** – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM to 3 PM, here at the church. For more information, please see Ciera Bryce.

**Prayer** – every Sunday evening from 6 to 7. We join together to pray in an informal way, come as you are and pray was you wish. God honors the church that prays together.

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TEXT: Jeremiah 29:11

- A. **JOB – “PERFECT AND UPRIGHT”**
- B. **JEREMIAH – THE WEeping PROPHEt**
- C. **THE PROPHEt ELIJAH**
- D. **IS ALL THIS MERELY AN OLD TESTAMENT EXPERIENCE?**

Paul had a revelation of Christ as did no other person on earth. 2

Corinthians 1:8; Acts 19:17-20; 19:11-12; 2 Corinthians 1:8

Paul felt undeserving, unholy, and unacceptable to God. 2

Corinthians 1:9; 2:4; 7:5

Satan wants us to lose our confidence that God answers prayer – to

think that all of our interceding, fasting and seeking Him have been in

vain! 2 Corinthians 1:9

It was all about faith!

1. **We are not alone!** 1 Peter 4:12-13

2. **We will make it!** Psalm 55:16-18; 18:1-6; 30:2-3; 72:12

Jesus has sent the Holy Ghost to be our helper, and He will not turn a

deaf ear to your cry for help!

3. **Dive into God's Word**

Lay hold of our special promise, take it into the secret prayer closet

and hold God to it. Matthew 7:9-11; Ephesians 3:20

4. **Trust the Holy Ghost**

We have to acknowledge the Holy Spirit within us!

He has already put His resources within us – the Holy Ghost Himself!

Even when we are ready to give up, He remains faithful to deliver

us.