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# The Weekly Word

*We are a Branch of the People of God, Rooted in Christ,  
Growing and Maturing together, Reaching out to others in Love.*



First Baptist Church

Salina, Kansas

December 30, 2020

## *Year of Interruptions*

A friend of mine asked me how to redeem an interrupted year. Like my friend in Kenya, many of us feel interrupted from our plans this year. When Covid hit, there were journeys that had to be cancelled, projects that had to stall and decisions that had to be deferred. Often, when we have made our plans and prepared diligently for something, God comes in and changes everything. Some of the most dramatic things that will happen in your life as a Christian occur without warning. On a day when everything seems to be following your routine, you can suddenly find yourself in one of those wonderful divine moments when God interrupts your agenda and sets a new one for you.

None of us fully knows what the Lord has in store. You never know what the Lord will do each day. So, before you start making critical comments about what you are going through, pause and seek God's will. That is the right attitude of a person who has faith in a sovereign God. Some of the greatest lessons are not always learnt at the destination but on the way.

We serve a miracle-working God whose power is unlimited. God is sovereign and is able to design the best set of circumstances to accomplish His purpose. As master over time and space, God is not limited by what He can do within any time frame. He can create new opportunities for us when we feel constrained and hemmed in.

To avail yourself of God's power, you must learn to accept His interruptions into your schedule. When He steps into your situation and starts moving things around in your life, do not panic. Just keep your faith alive and open your heart for the unusual.

*We do not know what 2021 holds but thankfully, we know who holds 2021.*

Pastor Joel Odondi

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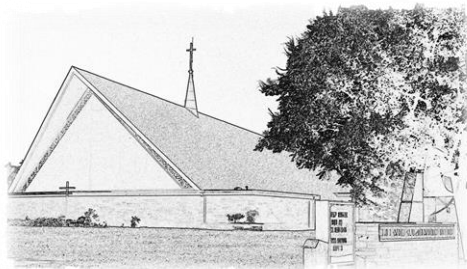
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## New Year, New Bible Study

When life feels depleted  
Does God care?  
I'm facing on onslaught of challenges,  
Will God help?  
When life grows dark and stormy,  
Does God notice?  
I'm facing the fear of death,  
Will God help me?

The answer in the life-giving miracles in the Gospel of John is a resounding yes.

Beginning this **Sunday, January 03<sup>rd</sup>**, the Library Class will be having a 6-week video of Max Lucado's new book "*You are Never Alone*". Start the new year off by joining in the study each Sunday morning during the Sunday School time.

## Storeroom Treasures

The storeroom where the Christmas trees and decorations have been stored has been moved to the corner room at the opposite end of the hall, across from the baby nursery. If you have items in that storeroom that are to be kept, please put your name or group name as identification. Questions? Contact Barb Karlin or Sherri Barragree!

### Communion Sunday - January 03<sup>rd</sup>

Whether worshipping in person or online, we will celebrate communion together this Sunday as part of our service. You can prepare in the following manner:

•**In-Person:** individual bread and juice serving cups will be available as you enter the sanctuary. Each person wishing to participate in communion will receive one before the service.

•**Online:** Have elements available (bread & juice) for yourself or family in advance. Call or text Pastor Kevin (785-643-6346) *before Saturday* if you would like to have the individual bread/juice cup to use at home.

## 2020 Contributions

The cut-off for having contributions credited to your 2020 giving, will be this **Sunday, January 3, 2021.**

Be sure to clearly mark these as **2020 offerings.**

All undesignated contributions will be credited to 2021.

### FBC Prayer Chain:

Church Office:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

825-4643 or Email:  
[officefbc@yahoo.com](mailto:officefbc@yahoo.com)

### After Hours & Holidays:

Barb Karlin: 827-4546  
Carol Colby: 643-9163

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30PM**

In-Person Attendance: 40  
Nursery: 5

**7:30PM**

In-Person Attendance: 70  
Nursery: 4

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00AM**

In-Person Attendance: 41  
Nursery: 0

**11:00AM**

In-Person Attendance: 22  
Nursery: 1

## Sunday Worship

January 03<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00AM: Sanctuary & Facebook Live**

Go to <http://www.fbcsalina.org> to access the online service.

**11:00AM: Fellowship Hall & Zoom**

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> to access the Zoom service.

Meeting ID: 896 0820 5576  
Passcode: 739656

**Message: Pastor Kevin**  
**"Before and After"**  
**Ephesians 2: 1 - 10**

**Worship Leader: Janet Andrusak**

## Verse of the Week: 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**January 03<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00AM** *Worship/Communion*

**10:15AM** *Sunday School*

**11:00AM** *Worship/Communion*

**6:00PM** *Praise & Growth Groups*

**January 04<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30PM** *Scouts*

**7:00PM** *Elders*

**January 05<sup>th</sup>**

**4:15PM** *4H*

*This  
Week  
on the  
Church  
Calendar*

**January 06<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM** *Prayer Group*

**5:30PM** *Gibbous*

**January 07<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM** *Out of Touch*  
*(Mattie's Grill and Chill)*

**January 09<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM** *Increase*