

JANUARY EVENTS

26 **E B Mission Banquet, FBC, Saratoga, 1:00 PM, Meal provided.**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 17 - 23 **Associational Week of Prayer**
- 22 **Frontier Mission Banquet, Laramie Valley Chapel**
- 27 - 3/2 **Mark, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Texas**

FRONTIER/ENERGY BASIN PRAYER REQUESTS

DOAM Mark Porter

Jail Ministry: Unity Missionary Baptist Church, Ernest Fitzhugh, Pastor

BCM, LCCC, Cheyenne: Aaron Bell, Director

BCM, UW, Laramie: Rhett Ivey, Director

Pastorless Churches: Trinity, Laramie; (Robert Timmons, Transitional Pastor) Snowy Range, Laramie, (Eldon Jones, Interim Pastor) First Baptist Church, Hanna.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Texas/Frontier Association Partnership.

Pray for North Cheyenne Pastor Dan Lindley's Mother-in-Law who has pancreatic cancer.

"God warms His Hands at man's heart when he prays."
John Masefield

HOW TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Welcome all the passing showers,
Count your garden by its flowers,
Count your days by joys, not fears;
Count the rainbows through your tears.

Count your world by friends, not strangers.
Count your town by hearts made strong;
Gratitude admits no dangers . . .
Count your blessings with a song.

Count your night by stars, not blackness,
Count your time by good deeds done;
God's sweet promise knows no slackness . . .
Count yourself His precious Son!

Ethel Colwell Smith

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**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

THE OLD AND THE NEW

Let this New Year be the beginning of a new life in each of us wherein "old things are passed away." Not the old thoughts, of course, which are still true: but those that remain to nurse and encourage our prejudices. Not the old emotions that are filled with kindness: but all anger and bitter feeling and railing. Not the old reverence for the authority of God: but all fears born of our unworthy service apart from Him.

Not the old gracious ministries that blessed mankind: but the harsh words, the suspicious looks, the clenched hands, and unwilling feet. Not the old habits that keep us in the straight way: but the new fashions that make us un-mindful of those things which hold life together in the unity of good manners. Not the old friends who grow more beloved each year because their worth is better appreciated: but the new associations made from mercenary motives.

Let all blessed old things stay, but let the clutter of our heads and hearts be removed, that new inspirations and new affections may come in to gladden our lives.

Chester Burge Emerson

DOAM'S DESK

1 Cor. 9:11-12, "If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ." NIV.

I said to someone the other day, "It does not make sense to me, that if a Church wants to reach the lost, that it would not take full advantage of all the resources that are available to it."

There seems to continue to be misconceptions that if a Church receives any help from the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention or the Association, that the Convention or Association will then interfere with the ministries of that Church. In other words, start telling it what to do.

Let me assure you that is not the case. In fact, all of the resources that are provided to the Church are provided to help the Church in its ministry without interference. If there are some prerequisites in order to receive some help, they are spelled out from the beginning, and the Church can then decide if it wants to receive that specific help. For example, a Church may not qualify for Church Growth funds if the Church is older than five years, or if the pastor has a divorce in his background. But in most cases, there are no strings attached.

Churches can receive study materials from the State office; have teams come and do specific training for Sunday School Teachers or VBS; or, they can travel to get even more specific training during events like Glorietta Wyoming Style.

A Church can receive specific research data for their area to help them find prospects for their Church; request help in finding mission teams for specific projects; link up with other Churches to go on mission trips. A Church can also get help for their pastor such as tailored annuity plans, etc.

So, do not be afraid to ask for help, because we are all trying to reach the lost for Christ.

Mark

Frontier Baptist Association Pastor's and wives' Christmas Fellowship



THE GATE OF THE YEAR

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of the day in the lone East.

So, heart, be still:

What need our little life,

Our human life, to know,

If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife

Of things both high and low

God hideth His intention.

M. Louise Haskins

IT'S GREAT LIVING IN WYOMING!

Guy Landers' son, Pac Landers,
with mountain lion

