

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS—will be taken down on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. Your help will be appreciated!

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—are available for you on the foyer table. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Candace Hix.

READ THE BIBLE—A simple plan to help you read the entire Bible in 2017 is to read three chapters a day for six days of the week and to read five chapters on the seventh day. Reading the Bible daily helps you stay connected in God's Word, gives you peace, and will change your life. Pick up a Bible Reading Record on the foyer table and start reading!

GOOD NEWS CLUB—Would you prayerfully consider helping one day a week after school at the St. Clair Elementary School beginning on Tuesday, January 3, 2017? Please call Karen Weidman at 636-208-6212 to volunteer.

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY—is a day set aside by the Southern Baptist Convention to recognize men who faithfully serve in our churches and convention. Men are encouraged to sing in the choir and fill the choir loft on Sunday, January 15.

5TH SUNDAY SINGING—Our church will host the singing on Sunday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m.

**I am NOT
ashamed
of
JESUS CHRIST**
"HE IS MY REFUGE AND
FORTRESS; MY GOD,
IN HIM I WILL TRUST."
Psalm 91:2

Worship SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
& Children's Church
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

**INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION**



If our church services are cancelled because of inclement weather, please check the TV broadcasts and websites of the local TV stations:

KTVI (Channel 2)
KMOV (Channel 4)
KSDK (Channel 5)

Cancellations will also be posted on the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stclairsouthern.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

the gospel resounds

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$3,000.00
RECEIVED TO DATE: \$2,857.25

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"Sharing God's Life-Changing Love"

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From Your Pastor's Heart

CHRISTMAS. . . Many of you did so much to make this past Christmas unforgettable for Brenda, Ryan and me. There simply are not enough words to express our gratitude for the thoughtfulness and generosity of our precious St. Clair Southern family. We are thankful for each kind word, each gift, each card and personal note. We also appreciate the very generous love offering—it was wonderful! I know our church family joins me in expressing thanks to those who have made this Christmas season very special:

- The Salvation Army bell ringers
- The Christmas carolers who went to area nursing homes and an extra thanks to Karen Thompson for providing bus transportation
- Everyone who provided the beautiful poinsettias for the sanctuary
- Children's Ministry Director, Candace Hix, and the helpers who hosted the Children's Church Christmas party
- All the decorators who always make the church look so warm and inviting
- Everyone who gave so generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Your efforts will be rewarded in eternity.

A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER—According to polls, about 80% of Americans will make at least one New Year's resolution, but research says that many of those setting New Year's goals will have broken them by March. And yet, year after year people continue to make them. Why do they do this? Maybe they do because deep down they really want to improve.

The most popular resolutions are to lose weight, reduce debt and break a bad habit. However, there's one area of life that is usually overlooked that will impact practically every area of our lives and will help us keep our resolutions. What is this important aspect of life that is often ignored? ATTITUDE.

The psalmist wrote, "This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice, and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." These writers declare what many know to be true, and that is attitude is everything. Your attitude matters a great deal and it will determine not only how you face each day, but also how you face life. A good attitude will produce good results. Proverbs 18:22 puts it this way: "A joyful heart is good medicine."

Attitude is a matter of perspective. A shoe tycoon sent two of his top salesmen to a remote part of Africa. In just a few days he received a telegram from both. One read: "No one here wears shoes. The prospect for success is bleak." The other read: "Send more inventory, no one here owns shoes." A good attitude won't help you do everything, but it will help you do everything better. As you contemplate a New Year's resolution, why not consider one that will affect every aspect of your life? Focus on building a good attitude. This is the day the Lord has made! Choose to rejoice! Choose to be glad in it! May the Lord bless you and keep you in the new year. *Bro. Bill*



THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Sunday, January 1
6:00 p.m.**



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a day we mourn the innocent lives taken since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973. The Bible reminds us that all human beings were created in God's image. While most of creation was spoken into existence by a powerful and creative God, humans were sculpted by the hand of a loving Creator and endowed with the breath of life.

Since sin entered the world, people have been devising new ways to turn against one another and do violence to the dignity of their fellow image-bearer. In our generation this assault is pronounced, specifically in the wanton discarding of hundreds of thousands of unborn lives every year. Our views of human dignity show up in the way we treat our fellow human beings. Do we use our voices and resources to speak up for those who have no voice?

Consider what the Gospel tells us about human dignity. We should look to Christ, who is the perfect image of God, not only as our example, but as the perfect God-man who defeated the curse of sin and death that often moves us toward violence. His bodily resurrection gives dignity to our fragile frame and offers the hope that we too will rise, body and soul, one day in glory.

SANCTITY OF Human Life SUNDAY

January 22, 2017

"For you formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well."

Psalm 139:13-14