



News from Creighton First Baptist Church



As we enter 2022, I have read more negative comments about the coming year and how horrible the last year has been. I personally think that it is all part of the results of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have had a different couple of years and combined with that and life that does happen, it could combine for a difficult year. As I look back on 2021, I cannot say every day was easy, but then again not every day was bad. I think for my family we had more blessings than difficulties the last year. I understand that may not be true for everyone, but I would like us to focus on the blessings.

When Paul wrote the book of Philippians, he was not looking forward to a New Year, he was in prison. He was not a harden criminal but was guilty of preaching the gospel. He could have set back in prison, felt sorry for himself, and complained. What Paul did is what we should do as we enter the New Year and every day. Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

My challenge for us as we enter 2022, is not for a bunch of resolutions, but two commitments. First is what Paul said, to press on and be a good witness no matter the challenges we face and then to have the attitude of Isaiah, in Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for Us?" then I said "Here I am! Send me." The Lord does not need great talent from us, He needs our willingness. Be like Isaiah and be willing.

Have a blessed year and I pray for the Lord to use you in a mighty way in 2022.

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# Coming Soon!

Happy New Year

**Men's  
 Breakfast  
 and Bible Study**

**January 8 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Creighton First Baptist Church**



**Valentines Banquet**  
**Saturday, February 12**  
**Beginning at 4:00 p.m.**



**Women's Conference**  
**March 12**

# Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 21, 2022, most likely in person or could possibly be accomplished by way of email. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.

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## January Memory Verse:

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen.



Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Bible Study	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening	5:30 p.m.
Fireside Chat on Facebook®	7:00 p.m.

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(leave a message, we check the machine regularly)

Check out our website: [www.fbccreighton.org](http://www.fbccreighton.org)



This month we are taking a break from our study of Jesus' IMs: Instant Messages from Jesus found in the New Testament. Our lessons, beginning January 5 will continue our study of the movie *Mary and Joseph*.



**Adult Bible Studies for Life**  
**How to Avoid Life's Pitfalls**

January 23: The Pitfall of Betrayal (Genesis 37:1-5,19-24,26-27)  
 January 30: The Pitfall of Temptation (Genesis 39:1-12)  
 February 6: The Pitfall of Injustice (Genesis 39:21-23; 40:4-8,20-23)  
 February 13: The Pitfall of Hard Times (Genesis 41:28-32,47-54)  
 February 20: The Pitfall of Bitterness (Genesis 45:1-5,9-11)  
 February 27: The Pitfall of Guilt and Grudges (Genesis 50:15-21)

**Youth Bible Studies for Life**  
**How to Avoid Life's Pitfalls**

January 23: The Pitfall of Betrayal (Genesis 37:1-5,19-24,26-27)  
 January 30: The Pitfall of Temptation (Genesis 39:1-12)  
 February 6: The Pitfall of Injustice (Genesis 39:21-23; 40:4-8,20-23)  
 February 13: The Pitfall of Hard Times (Genesis 41:28-32,47-54)  
 February 20: The Pitfall of Bitterness (Genesis 45:1-5,9-11)  
 February 27: The Pitfall of Guilt and Grudges (Genesis 50:15-21)

**Children Bible Studies for Life**  
**Jesus, The Teacher**

January 2: Jesus Visited Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42)  
 January 9: Jesus Taught About God's Care (Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34)  
 January 16: Jesus Healed a Man Born Blind (John 9)  
 January 23: Jesus Told a Parable (Luke 10:25-37)  
 January 30: Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-20)

**Preschool Bible Studies for Life**  
**Jesus, The Teacher**

January 2: Jesus Visited Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42)  
 January 9: Jesus Taught About God's Care (Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34)  
 January 16: Jesus Healed a Man Born Blind (John 9)  
 January 23: Jesus Told About a Kind Man (Luke 10:25-37)  
 January 30: Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-20)

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**HE IS WAITING FOR OUR CALL**

I sought God early in the morning  
 As I humbly knelt to pray  
 That His Holy Spirit would help me  
 To be mindful of Him all day.

I sought His presence at noonday  
 'Midst the crowds as we hurried along,  
 And my quest was graciously rewarded  
 In the strains of an old sweet song.

They came from the open doorway  
 Of a mission on the noisy street;  
 And my heart echoed back thanksgiving  
 For His answer sure and complete.

I sought Him again in the evening  
 With tasks of the day at end,  
 And my weariness quickly lifted  
 At the familiar voice of a friend.

It came from high in a tree-top  
 Bathed in sunlight's lingering glow,  
 Ringing joyfully in the notes of a wood-thrush  
 Calling softly to his mate below.

Our Father is ever mindful  
 Of even the sparrow's fall  
 And surely He is willing and waiting.  
 To answer His children's call.





## Candy-Coated Popcorn

**2 bags plain microwave popcorn**  
**12-16 ounces almond bark or white candy melts Sprinkles,**  
**sparkling sugar, crushed candy canes, or coconut**

Spread parchment paper or waxed paper on countertop. Cook popcorn according to package directions. Pour it in a very large bowl, and pick out any unpopped kernels. Melt almond bark or candy melts according to microwave directions on package, and drizzle over popcorn. Stir, tossing well to coat the kernels. Spread popcorn out on the parchment or waxed paper. Sprinkle with toppings of choice. Cool until hardened.

## Mexican Wedding Cookies

**1/2 cup unsalted butter, still cool but not cold,**  
**cut into pieces**  
**1 1/4 cups powdered sugar, divided**  
**1/8 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**  
**1 cup all-purpose flour**  
**1/2 cup finely chopped pecans**

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. With a mixer, beat together butter, 1/4 cup powdered sugar, and salt until well combined. Beat in vanilla. Add flour, and mix until it comes together; use a spatula to mix in pecan pieces. Roll tablespoons of dough into balls, and place on baking sheet. Bake about 13 minutes, until just set. Cool 5 minutes, then roll cookies in remaining 1 cup of powdered sugar. Set aside to cool completely, and then roll again in powdered sugar one last time. Store in an airtight container. Yield: approximately 18 cookies.



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