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Dr. David Tomme

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The Voice!

Our Winter
Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:15am ~ Classic Worship
9am ~ Bible Study for all ages
10:30am ~ Worship
Grief Share ~ Sunday's 2 PM
5pm ~ Evening Bible Study
& Youth Bible Study
Wednesday
11:30am ~ God's Masterpiece
Lunch Bunch
5pm ~ Fellowship Meal
—brown bag meal
6pm ~ Study of Jeremiah
with Pastor
6 pm-Women's Bible Study ~
6-7:30 pm ~ AWANA's
& Youth "Team Fusion"

Your Staff

Dr. David Tomme

Pastor

Andrew Denton

Interim Worship Leader

Tom Willson

Minister to

Children and Youth

From your Pastor

I pray most of you realize the year 2019 is fast approaching! If you do not realize that truth, get ready for it is happening anyway! What goals have we set personally for our lives for the New Year! In Isaiah 40:30-31 the Bible says, *"³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall;³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* (NIV)

Will 2019 lead us to the point of "soaring" or "sinking"? I would like us to reflect on those terms in light of our personal lives as well as our church life! Perhaps there is some unfinished business from 2018 that you will continue to address in the New Year! Whatever the case, it is like taking a blank sheet and starting again in our walk with Christ.

I discovered this poem which reflects the direction we can take in our life for the New Year.

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase –
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;

Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing – your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give him my everything. All that I am.

--Mary Fairchild

Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you"—[this is] the Lord's declaration—"plans for [your] welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a

This one thing I know, God’s plans are sustainable!

As you approach the New Year, I’d like to make just two, simple recommendations about formulating goals or plan

1. **DON’T succumb to the pressures of the world.** Have faith that there is a place where your dreams and God’s path converge and you can find it. Don’t settle for less.
2. **DO take time to seek God’s plan for you** in the next few weeks and months. Ask for Jesus to help you and the Holy Spirit to guide you.
3. **FOCUS on the direction of His Word.** There are many voices in our culture contending for our time, heart, and life! What is God’s plan?

Secondly, what is the direction of our church for the New Year. It has been a while since we stopped the “wheels” of church life and discovered the plans of God for our church. I recently attended a conference that allows a church to discover that truth called *Church Unique!* *Church Unique* was written by church consultant Will Mancini, concerning “a new kind of visioning process to help churches develop a stunningly unique model of ministry that leads to redemptive movement.” Notice it is not a program but a process!

Church Unique guides churches away from an internal focus to emphasize participation in their community and surrounding culture. In this book, Mancini offers an approach for rethinking what it means to lead with clarity as a visionary. Mancini explains that each church has a culture that reflects its particular values, thoughts, attitudes, and actions and shows how church leaders can unlock their church’s individual DNA and unleash their congregation’s one-of-a-kind potential. Mancini’s work in the book is exemplified through the consulting work of Auxano, which helps church leaders create a Vision Framing Process. Through our giving through the Cooperative Program, funds were allotted for me to have the opportunity for the training.

Mancini explores the pitfalls churches often fall into in their attempt to grow, such as adding more programs, using outdated forms of strategic planning, or adopting the latest conference technique. He explores a new model vision casting and church growth that has been tested with leaders in all kinds of congregations, including mainline evangelical, nondenominational, and all sizes from church plants of a few hundred to multi-site congregations of tens of thousands.

The practices and ideas outlined in *Church Unique* will help leaders develop missional teams, articulate unique strategies, unpack the baggage of institutionalism, and live fully into their vision. The concept is more about simplicity but it is not simplistic! This diagram is a visual of the total process.

Frame Component	Missional Reorientation	Answers	Irreducible Question of Leadership
Mission	~Mandate	Question zero	What are we doing?
Values	~Motives	Question hero	Why are we doing it?
Strategy	~Map	Question how	How are we doing it?
Measures	~Marks	Question now	When are we successful?
Vision Proper	~Mountaintop + Milestones	Question wow	Where is God taking us?



As we face the year 2019, let us “SOAR” and not “SINK”! Both as an individual and as a church!



A NOTE from Andrew

The Dead Sea Scrolls were our oldest copies of biblical text. In 1979 archaeologists and professors excavating a site in Jerusalem's Hinnom Valley discovered a burial cave. Found in this burial cave was a tiny silver scroll and other tiny amulets dating to the Hebrew monarchy several centuries before Christ. After years of painstakingly cleaning the small and fragile amulets, they were carefully opened and unrolled to reveal the world's oldest surviving copy of a biblical text, a passage from Numbers 6:24-26: The Lord bless you and keep you; *The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.* As we end 2018 and begin with another year, this is my prayer for us as our church family. I pray that 2019 would be filled with giving, discipleship, and fellowship with one another.

In Christ
Andrew Dent



Tom's View From The Edge

What are your plans for 2019? Most people probably just muddle through the year, rolling with the punches and end up wherever they end up. Some people have vague goals for the year. New Year resolutions usually indicate some rather specific goals people make. Regardless, the New Year is coming in and we will all move through it to the end.

As we have just finished 2018, we can look back on the year and see exactly what we have accomplished with the 31,536,000 seconds we used up. And yes, we have all been allotted the same exact amount of time. Over half a million minutes per year. 8,760 hours. Where did they all go?

As we prepare to use 2019's allotted time, let's look at one small indicator of how we intend to use it.

Consider all your Christmas presents. Likely you didn't get everything you had hoped for, so include those things you didn't receive as well. Imagine them all spread out before you. As you look at those things, consider them from God's perspective. How will they help you accomplish what God desires for you to do? Will they take precious minutes and hours away from God's work? God has prepared works in advance for us to do, but how often do we distract ourselves from engaging?

Ephesians 5:15-16 (HCSB)

¹⁵ Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—

¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

We must prepare ourselves in every way to use every moment wisely. Don't we want to hear our Savior say "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

Tom Willis

Up Coming Events to Plan For in January



- 1/1 ~ New Years Day—Church Office Closed
- 1/2 ~ No PM Activities
- 1/4 - 1/12 ~ Mexico Construction Mission Trip
- 1/5 ~ Christmas decorations taken down—*We Need Your Help*
- 1/9 ~ 6pm- All Wednesday Evening Activities Resume
- 1/10 ~ Adult 6 Ladies Luncheon
- 1/13 ~ Noon Missions Team Mtg.
- 3:30 ~ Trans/Prop Meeting
- 1/20 ~ 3:30—Admin Committee Meeting
- 1/27 ~ 3:30 Deacons Mtg.
- Feb 1 ~ 6pm- Youth Workers Meeting @ Dave Willson's



January Birthdays

Ethan Gilman	1/3	Brian Byassee	1/16	Dorothy Merkle	1/23
Kenton Verhoeff	1/3	Ron Wilson Jr.	1/18	Donny Whitlock	1/23
Aletha Mayes	1/5	Michael Moore	1/18	Vincent Klabunde	1/24
Fran Walker	1/5	Janet Young	1/20	Gale Ross	1/25
Nancy Thomason	1/9	Andrew Denton	1/20	Bobby Young	1/26
Emily Byassee	1/11	Craig Denton Jr.	1/20	Emily Mandry	1/28
JoyAnn Hoyt	1/14	Jayme Byassee	1/23	Mark Chambers	1/29



Start making your plans now...

Mexico Construction Mission TripJan 4-12, '19

Sign-up sheet available on table by office

Cost will be determined by how many attend.

JOSEPH WAITED
13 YEARS.

ABRAHAM WAITED
25 YEARS.

MOSES WAITED
40 YEARS.

JESUS WAITED