



13th January 2019

Denise Crook writes.....

'So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again. I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender.'

On Sunday morning during the song 'Everyone needs compassion' I was given a picture of Jesus drawing a line in the sand and a sense of Him saying, "This is a new beginning." As I've been pondering this, these thoughts came to mind; sometimes we can hold on to past hurts & regrets. We can be so filled with worrying about things that we forget to live in the now. Isaiah 43 v 18 says, *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."* And Amos 5 in the message version of the bible, (which happened to be part of the verse for today as I write this) encourages us to *"Seek good and not evil — and live!"*

On Sunday evening we heard from John 10, *'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'* So at the beginning of this New Year let's pull together, draw strength from one another as we encourage each other. Let's dwell on the good things, remembering Yahweh's redeeming love, forgiving each other as we have been forgiven, so that we can heal and be a people of purpose and love and live in the 'joy of our salvation'.

Philippians 3 *" I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover.*

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this;^[1] however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.

So let all who are fully mature have this same passion, and if any-one is not yet gripped by these desires, God will reveal it to them. And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion.

'So shine your light and let the whole world see'

Have a blessed new year,

Denise

Notices

CAP MONEY COURSE

Starting on 17th January 10am –12 noon at the Salvation Army. A 3 week course to get your finances under control. See flyer for details.

PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING

Monday 14th Jan from 9am. Everyone welcome to come along. Speak to Rachel Jolly for details.

MENS CURRY NIGHT AT SHAKILS

Tues 15th Jan at 7:45pm. Speak to Colin Arter for more details.

BEN BISCOE- CHURCH PLANTING TRAINING OPPORTUNITY IN CALIFORNIA.

Please pray for Ben as he settles into life in California and starts to learn about church planting from his former pastor.

He has to be self-supporting as his visa doesn't allow him to be employed. Please talk to Debbie Winson or Rose Hunt to sign up for his newsletter and/or make a donation to him.

ROTAS

If you need to check rotas please log on to Churchbuilder.

ECB DIARY

13th Jan	10.30am	Café Church Hospitality—New Series Relationships, Community Leader: Jackie Meek Preacher: Ian Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (café open from 6:30) India Ministry Update Leader: Helen Collier Preacher: Clive Collier
15th Jan	9.00am	Prayers
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.45pm	Mens Curry night
16th Jan	10.30am	Oasis small group
17th Jan	7.30pm	Board Games
20th Jan	10.30am	Informal Worship Hospitality - Table Talk/Cherish Leader: Nik Christensen Preacher: Erika Biscoe
	7.00pm	Evening Service (café open from 6.30) What is Hospitality? Leader/Preacher: Ian Biscoe

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