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A Note From Our Pastor

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ATTACK is the title of a recent article written by former Secretary of Defense William Perry. He believes that the United States needs to prepare for the future by being less vulnerable and introduces a three-part strategy with the words: deterrence, prevention and defense.

The letters of John were written to assure Christians in an uncertain time when their faith was under attack. John knew that attack could come either from the outside in the form of persecution or trials, or internally when one gives in to sin. Look how John's strategy measures up to the best military strategists of today.

Deterrence means having power as great or greater than the enemy. John affirms, "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." John 4:4

Prevention means keeping the enemy from gaining an upper hand in a situation that could become dangerous. "Do not love the world or anything in the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2:15,17

Defense has to do with having ready a workable response if deterrence and prevention don't keep the next attack from occurring. "If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 2:1,2

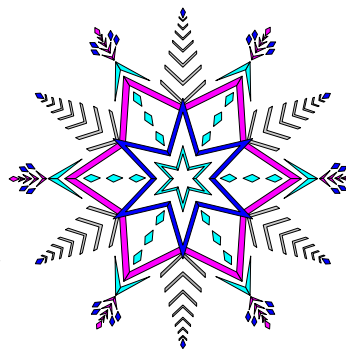
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to affirm your confidence as God's child even as we begin a year whose news brings us tidings of great uncertainty.

-Pastor David Kelly



Galen and Jill's January 2002 Prayer Up-date



Keeburu Waaga (Good Feast) family, friends and prayer partners,

Better than 2000 years ago God gave us all very good news. "Unto us a child is born, Emmanuel." That's news worth "shouting about"! So take time and effort to shout it out today. Hark! The Heralds Angels Sing - Glory to Our New Born King. Merry Christmas to you all, Galen, Jill and Elikia

Prayer Up-dates for Galen and Jill Johnson (Covenant missionaries working in Burkina Faso among Fulani Muslims in conjunction with SIM)

1] The annual SIM Spiritual Renewal Conference is to be held January 9-13. Our Colleague and friend from Congo-Zaire, Rev. Brad Hill, will be coming to guide us in these meetings. Pray that his theme, "A Walk Worthy of the Call" (1Thes.) will challenge us in our lives, our work and in corporate worship of our awesome God.

I invite you to read again John's letters to be able

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Memories by Margaret and Gundy

Prayer Up-dates, Continued

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- 2] While Brad is here we will be gathering Fulani Christians to discuss the Christian response to life's transitions (birth, marriage, death, persecution, divorce, barrenness, etc.). We hope to use Brad's visit as a stimulus for these needed discussions, so necessary to the development of a dynamic, sustainable Fulani church. Pray that these Fulani Christian leaders can clearly evaluate their own cultural norms and find dynamic equivalents that can represent Biblical values as they respond to cultural needs. Pray especially that they will not simply attempt to copy what others around them have adapted. (January 7-8)
- 3] We also ask for your prayers for a young Fulani couple taking their marriage vows. They, both Christians, will be heading to Benin in March to attend a four-year Bible school in Fulfulde. The husband has been one of the men helping me with the recording of Luke as well as other endeavors. The wife will have to learn to read to participate fully. Pray that the love of Jesus will be the foundation on which Joodma and Odile will build their new life together. (January 24-26)

Galen, Jill and Elikia (Elli) Johnson galenjill@harmattan.org



Bethany Potpourri Covenant Women Ministries

Last November each woman at Bethany received a THANKS A LATTE! hot band label to fit on your coffee cup to thank God for the big and little blessings you have received. We asked each of you to drop a coin in your cup, fill it up, and that in January we would collect them. Hopefully we can share not only our coins but our thankfulness.

Watch the bulletins in January for a notice about collecting these and then together we'll decide where our "THANKFUL" money will be sent.

Thanks A Latte!

Pop Can Report

Recycling pop cans brought in \$13.50 for the months of November and December. This money goes into Youth Ministry. Put your pop cans in the barrel outside of the nursery and Mary C. and Laurelle will cash them in.

January '77 - 25 Years Ago. Our church is located at 7121 Bloomington. Pastor is Rev. David Wilder. Choir Dir. - Wes Nyholm and organist Jean Tobisch. / Jan. 2nd through 9th is Worldwide Week of Prayer. On Jan. 6, prayer meetings will be held in the homes of Frances Williams, Fred Haar, Don Sallen & Esther Olfelt. / On Friday, Jan. 14 - 14 Bethany Senior High people leave for a weekend visit to North Park College. They are; Tami & Mark Ellingson, Mary Kass (Tami's friend), Rochelle Foster, Brenda Kolsrud, Barb Lokken, Carol Lund, Nancy Lundeen, Linda Newman, Skip Pilgrim, Mark Seidel, Dwight Soeffker, Alan Svac, Anne Vining & Patti Wahlberg. / At 6 pm on the 30th, Vietnamese Night at Bethany. A special meal will be prepared for our members by the Nguyen van Phu family.

50 Years Ago - January 1952. Bethany locates at 25th Ave. & 22nd St. Our pastor is Rev. G. Dewey Sands & the Director of Music is Elizabeth Teigland. / From the Jan. 3rd Church Board Meeting - a letter of resignation was received from Rev. Dewey Sands, effective Sept. 1 - A motion made and seconded that we accept his resignation, with regrets. A five member pulpit committee was selected: Enoch Nelson, Rudolph Olson, Willard Berggren, Waldo Carlson & Violet Lindquist. Also meeting that day was the Board of Deacons - New members received: Dorothea Berggren, Ruth Sutherland, Janet Anderson & Edgar Berggren. / On Sunday, Jan. 20, the young people and choir will present a service at the Christian Mission Retreat, 211 Nicollet Ave. at 3 pm. / Dorcas Bake Sale on Friday, Jan. 25th, at the Freeman Department Store, 27 & Lake St. It was a success, netting a total of \$65.75. / At the Board Meeting of Jan. 29, a recommendation was presented that we install gas heat in the parsonage. Waldo Carlson & Vern Pearson are to make all necessary arrangements. (And action taken was not noted. Ed.)

75 Years Ago - January 1927. Our church is located at 25th Ave. S. & E. 22nd St. Pastor is O.B. Olson. Organist and Choir Director is Prof. T.W. Fredrickson. / From Betania Vännän. (Bethany Friend Newsletter.) '27 Sunday School Supt. - Rev. O. B. Olson - Evangelistic Services, Jan. 20 to 30th. Speaker, Rev. Paul W. Rood. Swedish Jan. 20-24. - English Jan. 25th-30th. - Young People Society selected Peter Olfelt (Paul Olfelt's father) for President. Also, the President of Minnehaha Academy, T.W. Anderson, will speak at their Feb. meeting. / Jan. 1 - Annual Meeting. - Reports submitted by Pastor and all officers & organizations of Bethany. Election held for officers of the church. Chairman Enoch Nelson (Marilyn Anderson's grandfather) and others were elected. / Jan. 28th Dorcas Meeting. Reports were read and a motion made to give \$5.00 to Mrs. Almquist and \$25.00 to the Northwest Conference. - Mrs. N. P. Nelson, (Connie Newby's Mother) & Mrs. Frank Swanson will serve on the membership committee. Guest speaker for the day was, Rev. Paul Rood.



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		1 Erick Abramson Happy New Year!	2 Michael Amundson	3 Wally Abramson	4 Donna Abramson Annual Church Retreat at Covenant Pines	5 Miles Abramson 8:00 Men's Breakfast and Prayer Annual Church Retreat at Covenant Pines
6 Darnell Silas Tami Olson 10:30 Worship & Communion Annual Church Retreat at Covenant Pines	7 Alex Abramson 6:30-8 RCM Game time for kids	8 Lois Amundson 9:30 Prayer Group 6:30 Executive Board Meeting	9 Marilyn Anderson 4-8 Wednesday Night Activities	10 Sharon Anderson 7:00 Women's Bible Study in Library 7:00 RCM Advisory Board Mtg. at Bloomington Covenant	11 Lars Andersson	12 Linda Andersson 8:00 Men's Breakfast and Prayer
13 Marlys Wahlberg 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Quarterly Congregational Meeting	14 Troy Blazek 6:30-8 RCM Game time for kids	15 Susan Blazek 9:30 Prayer Group	16 Tim Hanson Emily Johnson 4-8 Wednesday Night Activities	17 Tiffany Blazek	18 Deb Berger	19 C.J. Blazek 8:00 Men's Breakfast and Prayer
----- <i>Meals On Wheels</i> -----						
20 Broadcaster Deadline 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21 Rich Borrell	22 Debbie Borrell 9:30 Prayer Group	23 Marion Sowl 4-8 Wednesday Night Activities	24 Lydia Borrell 7:00 Women's Bible Study in Library	25 Betty Engelbrekt	26 Violet Bosch 8:00 Men's Breakfast and Prayer
27 Kris Whalen 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28 Gen Browning 6:30-8 RCM Game time for kids	29 Vernice McClellan 9:30 Prayer Group	30 Doris Campbell 4-8 Wednesday Night Activities	31 Pastor David Kelly	RCM = Richland Court Ministry Wednesday Night Activities = 4-5 RCM Kid's Club 5:30 Family Dinner 6:30 Family Blazers and Choir 6:45 Confirmation Birthdays Pray for this person today	

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This month remember...

- Put away your Christmas Decorations!
- Pray for the Annual Church Retreat, and that we will be bonded closer together as a church family.
- Commission members, write your report for the 2001 Annual Report for the annual meeting in February.
- Attend the Quarterly Congregational Meeting on January 13th.
- The 2002 Church Directory will be printed, so make any corrections and additions

LET'S SAY THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who give so much of your time and energy to making Bethany Covenant Church a wonderful place to worship, fellowship and serve the Lord. Take the time this month to say "Thank you" to someone that you have noticed making Bethany special. Place your thank yous in the *Broadcaster* box in the

