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Tax Forms

Please be sure to let me know if you need a record of your giving for your income tax returns. —JL

Greetings from Texas — Mary, Mom and I are doing well. My eye continues to improve. At last visit, Dr. said he hopes for full recovery, but it may take 2 years. God's miracles are awesome, whether instant, or as He so often chooses, a process, teaching us faith and patience. — Don Kirby

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--Pastor Jonathan Lawton

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Start the new year right — with scripture. Seeds must be planted early to have harvest in summer or fall. Why not plant a scripture in your heart and mind today to bear fruit in the coming months? God's words to Jeremiah are a good place to begin: "*For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'*"

— Jeremiah 29:11(NIV)

Plans for the new year —



It's a New Year. And a new you! Let's make sure we get started off on the right foot this year. Step one... gather often for worship and fellowship.

(See times on back page.)

Step 2... What about reading your Bible every day this year? Surely you can read one verse a day. Consider reading a chapter a day. Billy Graham has a simple Bible reading plan:

Mondays, read from Genesis to Deuteronomy,

Tuesdays, read from Joshua to Esther,

Wednesdays, read from Job to Song of Solomon,

Thursdays, read from Isaiah to Malachi,

Fridays, read from Matthew to John,

Saturdays, read from Acts to Revelation,

Sundays, let your church activities guide your reading.

Each day, read from the section. Come back the next week and pick up where you left off.

What about reading the Bible all the way through this year? It can be done! Read 3 chapters a day during the week, 5 chapters a day on the weekends.



Remember, February is "Love Your Church" month. This is a time for us to really show our love for our church. And this all came about years ago, when someone asked "What else can I do?"

One of the ways to show your love is to help supply the church. There will be a list given out at church in February. And on this list will be supplies that are needed at church. Stuff like coffee and cups and so on...

Another way to show your love is to get involved. Attending church is great, but what about really getting involved? We really depend on volunteers. You can clean the church, decorate the church, lead the singing, play an instrument, lead a Bible study, start a new ministry, and even more.

So start getting ready now because "Love Your Church" month is coming soon!

From the pastor's heart. . .

It's getting harder and harder to sit down and write all the stuff for this newsletter. I don't know if it has become a chore or if I am getting older or both?

I started this off as a way to stay in touch with everyone. Hope everyone enjoys this newsletter each time it comes in the mail. I have heard from a few of you. I would love to hear from more of you.

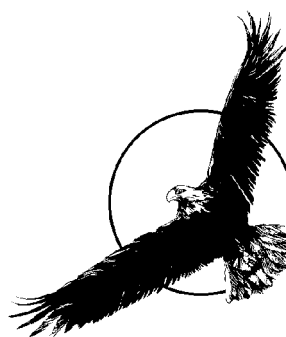
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Well, here we are heading into the New Year. What is going to be different this year? Will it be the

same old stuff? Or will it really be different this time?

I was reading something the other day that talked about New Year's resolutions. But this was different. Instead of making a list of things we are going to do, this called for us to make a list of what "Not To Do." I think I like this better! But that means I am NOT going to not lose weight, or I am NOT going to not exercise more, or I am NOT going to not read my Bible every day, and so on...

Whatever you decide for this New Year, make sure that you focus on what is the most



important thing. Remember what Jesus said, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." — Matthew 6:33 (New Living Translation)

Until next time,

— Pastor Jonathan



Through the Lodge Poles...

Jonathan: stays busy with family and working full time at school and full time as pastor. Sometimes it really is a challenge!

Terry: still has some health issues. Plus she has fallen a couple times at work and now has to go to physical therapy several times a week.

Jason & Jonelle: stay busy with raising LaQuan, Mystic, Baby Jay and Nizhoni. Jason is still unemployed, and Jonelle has been working recently.

Jennifer & Austin: stay busy with

raising Gabby, Belle and Baby Austin. Austin hopes to return to work soon. Jennifer wants to go back to school.

Melissa: is still working and making plans for the future..

Grandkids:

Tyras: is beginning to feel better, and has to see 2 specialists in Billings in January.

— The Montana Lawtons

January —

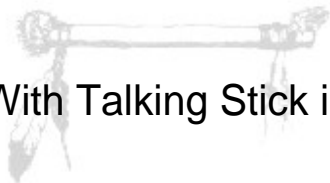
2 Dennis Swank
2 Dorothea Adams
7 Zoey Whiteman
9 Billie Sue Rondeau
10 Marsaiah Big Man Rock
11 Baby Jason Lawton
15 Keyan Russell
23 Xena Russell
25 Jonathan Lawton
30 Tommy Whiteman

February —

1 Samantha Hogan
8 Briana Russell
9 Jayden Sun Goes Slow
14 Sharmanda
Mountain Sheep
14 Austin Dawes

Mission Groups

July — Shalimar Baptist Church,
Shalimar, Florida;



With Talking Stick in Hand

(Will you take the "Talking Stick" next time? Contact Pastor Jonathan)

A Brief History:

Looking back at
Apsáalooke Baptist Church...

In 1979, a man by the name of Jack Coward met a Crow lady by the name of Ruby Swank at the Hardin Baptist Church. Ruby shared how she wanted someone to come and lead a Bible study in Crow Agency. Long story short... Jack Coward started a Bible study in Ruby Swank's home (in the back housing area).

In late 1980 or early 1981, Ruby Swank leased a one acre piece of land for the church. And Jack Coward was able to get two mobile homes. And this was the start of the Southern Baptist church in Crow Agency. Named the Southern Baptist Chapel, it was located on the spot where Tim (Oscar) Swank lives (which is just down the street from our current location).

Jack Coward was the 1st pastor. Over the years several pastors have come and gone... men like Wayne Sieppert, Sam Dauer, Reuben Kenney and Mark Custalow.

In late 1992, the Church of God had closed down and the building was for sale. Pastor

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

Mark Custalow led the church to buy the Church of God building and property. (The "old" Church of God building, built by the local congregation, was completed around 1954. It is still a beautiful building.)

In June 1995, Pastor Jonathan Lawton came. And things have never been the same! The first pastor of the church to live in Crow Agency, he is still here!

Things don't even look the same anymore. Some of the big trees are gone. There are new fences around the church property.

From the vision of Larry Bryant, of Vero Beach, Florida, a parsonage has been built, with help from many church groups. Providing more adequate housing for the family, it also offers space for home Bible Studies and meetings.

With help from mission teams and church groups from all over the country, the church building has been remodeled and given a face lift.

God has blessed through the years! Many have been saved, built up, learned, and found a place to serve. Pray for the continued vision of the church and God's blessing as we look to future year.

Until Christ returns...

Please pray —

Healing & Recovery

Christine Stewart, Terry Lawton, Ardena Other Medicine (nursing home), Sherry Fitzpatrick, Mary Beard, Austin Dawes, Scott Hartung, Jennifer Lawton, Gerald Lawton (Dad) Eric Lawton (youngest brother), Tyras Lawton, Baby Clint Fitzpatrick

Ministry leadership:

Pastor Jonathan Lawton

Music: Alonzo Ten Bear

Adults: Wayne Other Medicine

Youth: ???

Kids: Terry Lawton, Erlise Hogan,
& Jessica Other Medicine

Ladies Day: ??

◆ Pray for more Native leaders

We are praying for the salvation of the Crow people and everyone on the Rez, and for the churches and their leaders.

Join us at noon each day, wherever you are!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PRACTICAL CHURCH NEEDS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

- ◆ School supplies: pencils, notebooks, colored pencils, crayons
- ◆ Tree Removal
- ◆ Sports equipment and board games for children
- ◆ New baby blankets to use at Baby Dedications
- ◆ Wired microphone & cord
- ◆ Chairs for basement & upstairs
- ◆ CD recorder/copier
- ◆ TV & DVD player to replace ancient ones (high priority! HELP! They no longer work!)
- ◆ Laptop & projector

Priority needs:

Supplies for School: pencils, paper, crayons, notebooks, colored pencils, etc.

AN EAGLE-EYE VIEW FROM
APSÁALOOKE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Enough!

During this New Year, may you have:

- ❖ Enough happiness to keep you sweet
- ❖ Enough trials to keep you strong
- ❖ Enough sorrow to keep you human
- ❖ Enough hope to keep you happy
- ❖ Enough failure to keep you humble
- ❖ Enough success to keep you eager
- ❖ Enough friends to give you comfort
- ❖ Enough wealth to meet your needs
- ❖ Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow &
- ❖ Enough determination to make each day better than the day before.

Lord, please help us to use the 8,760 hours of this year the wisest way we can for you, and for your glory.

“And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”
— Romans 13:11-12, (NIV)



Looking for a church home?

*Apsáalooke Baptist Church —
like coming Home*

Sunday —

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship and

Children's Sunday School

Wednesday —

6:00 PM—Pot-luck &

Bible Study

Small groups —

Men's and Ladies' meetings at various times during the week. Check times & places at church.

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