

JANUARY 2012 BUSY FOR NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS

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JANUARY 2012 WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FBC SENIORS TO PARTICIPATE, EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH PRAYER, IN ACTIVITIES OF OUR CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (CBA) AND THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NEW MEXICO. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION COVERS MOST OF OUR FOUR COUNTY AREA: BERNALILLO, SANDOVAL, TORRANCE AND VALENCIA. IT INCLUDES BAPTIST CHURCHES NORTH TO CUBA, EAST TO MORIARTY, ESTANCIA AND BEYOND; SOUTH TO BELEN AND LOS LUNAS, AND ALL THE METRO AREA INCLUDING RIO RANCHO.

JANUARY'S FREE MONTHLY MOVIE IS TUESDAY JANUARY 10. IT BEGINS AT 1:00 PM AT DEL NORTE BAPTIST CHURCH'S CONFERENCE CENTER AT THE CORNER OF MONTGOMERY AND SAN PEDRO NE. POPCORN AND SODA ARE COMPLIMENTARY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CBA IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 AT FIRST BAPTIST BOSQUE FARMS. BOSQUE FARMS IS PASTORED BY SID WEST, BROTHER OF FBC'S DANA FOWLER. THE PROGRAM BEGINS WITH BUSINESS AT 5:30 P.M FOLLOWED BY A MEAL, SINGING, PREACHING AND REPORTS ABOUT THE CBA. OUR DANNY WHATLEY SERVES ON THE CBA BOARD, AND PASTOR MIKE IS ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A NEW CBA DIRECTOR.

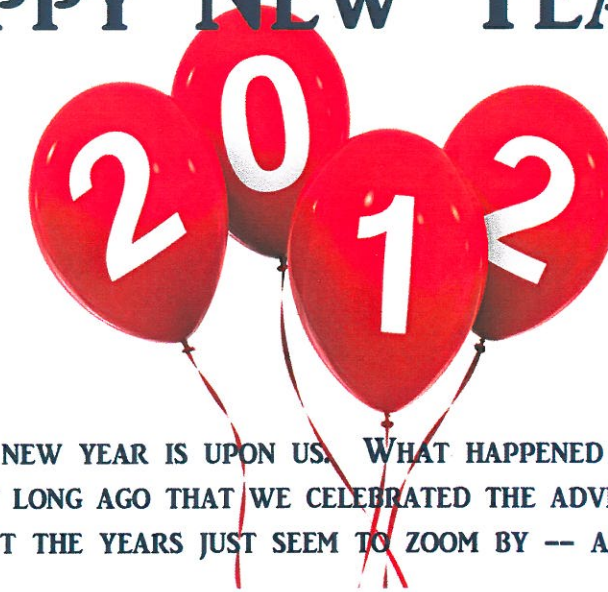
FRIDAY JANUARY 27 NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS WILL GATHER IN SANTA FE FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PERSONAL VISITS WITH MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE. I WILL BE TRYING TO MATCH THE ADDRESSES OF OUR SENIORS WITH THEIR STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES SO YOU CAN PRAY FOR THEM DURING THE 30-DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION WHICH GOES FROM JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

THE ANNUAL NM EVANGELISM CONFERENCE BEGINS MONDAY NIGHT JANUARY 30 AND CONCLUDES WEDNESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 1. HOFFMANTOWN CHURCH IS THE LOCATION. IT IS A "COME AND GO" KIND OF PROGRAM WHERE YOU MAY COME FOR ANY PART OF THE PREACHING AND MUSIC.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON OFFERS SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS FROM 1:45-3:00 P.M. AND REPEATING SESSIONS AT 3:15 - 4:30 P.M. SOME INTERESTING TITLES ARE "WITNESSING TO MORMONS," "ISLAM, A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE," "HOW TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH MORE VISITOR FRIENDLY" AND "HOW TO HAVE A FRUITFUL CHURCH."

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING EMPHASIS FOR SENIORS CONFLICTS WITH OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BUT IT ALSO OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INSPIRATION AND FELLOWSHIP. THE LUNCHEON IS \$12.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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by Karl Lee

WOW! A NEW YEAR IS UPON US. WHAT HAPPENED TO 2011? DOES NOT SEEM LIKE IT HAS BEEN THAT LONG AGO THAT WE CELEBRATED THE ADVENT OF THAT YEAR. I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT THE YEARS JUST SEEM TO ZOOM BY -- AND HERE WE ARE IN 2012.

BEFORE WE LEAVE 2011 COMPLETELY LET US PAUSE AND THINK BACK OVER THE YEAR AS TO WHAT WE DID OR FAILED TO DO. I DO HOPE YOU HAD SET GOALS. READY? OKAY, HOW DID YOU DO? DID YOU SUCCEED IN ALL YOU SET OUT TO DO OR DID YOU COME UP A WEE BIT SHORT? I KNOW I DID NOT MEET ALL OF MINE.

WELL, HERE IT IS A NEW YEAR AND NEW GOALS TO SET. I HAVE MINE I HOPE YOU HAVE SET SOME FOR YOURSELF. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE ANY THING EARTH SHAKING. HOW ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS: READ THE BIBLE THROUGH FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, OR PURPOSE TO SHARE THE "GOOD NEWS" WITH AT LEAST ONE PERSON A MONTH, PERHAPS JUST MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THAT PERSON THAT NEEDS JUST A BIT OF ENCOURAGEMENT. I REALLY THINK YOU CAN COME UP WITH A DOZEN GOALS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS NEW YEAR OF 2012.

IF WE ARE TO LISTEN TO SOME, THIS YEAR OF 2012 IS GOING TO BE AN EVENTFUL YEAR. I BELIEVE EVERY YEAR IS AN EVENTFUL YEAR. EVERY YEAR BRINGS ITS OWN SERIES OF EVENTS; SOME GOOD SOME NOT SO GOOD. THERE WILL BE SURPRISES THAT WE HAVE NOT ANTICIPATED. THERE WILL BE DISAPPOINTMENTS. HOWEVER, YOU AND I, REGARDLESS OF ANY OF THAT, HAVE THE ONE CONSTANT IN OUR LIVES, JESUS CHRIST. WHATEVER THIS NEW YEAR BRINGS, OUR "HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS CHRIST" AS THE SONG GOES. AND TRULY, IF WE HAVE BUT ONLY ONE GOAL LET IT BE THAT FOR 2012 WE HAVE SET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON HIM WHO IS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH, JESUS CHRIST.

DEAR SAINTS, MAY THIS YEAR BE FILLED WITH OUR JOY, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE MULTITUDE OF BLESSING WE RECEIVE MOMENT-BY-MOMENT FROM OUR LOVING FATHER.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MAY YOU BE RICHLI BLESSED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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