



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Contemplating the New Year, I wonder how many people make resolutions and keep them. In googling New Year's Resolutions, there are multiple websites. USA.gov has popular New Year's resolutions and list about 13. You can click on anyone of those and it will take you to a website that will give you advice. This is your tax dollars at work. Another website had, "11 New Year's Resolutions Your Cat is Making for 2015." The list goes on and on.

One study in 2007 involving 3,000 people showed an 88% failure rate. This means most who read this have already failed at the resolutions they have made for this coming year. Now change is possible, but discipline and focus are required. Brother Dave Parks mentioned a website to me when we were discussing resolutions. This website encourages you to choose one word to be your focus for the next 12 months. Quoting from myoneword.org, they suggest: "Our resolutions seldom work because they are based on the type of person we're tired of being rather than who God wants us to become. Plus, resolutions can be 'broken,' leaving no room for the process of growth. What if our hopes for the year ahead centered instead on who God wants us to become, and the transformation process? It's okay to want to be a better you, and the New Year is a natural time to start. The question is, how? My One Word replaces broken promises with a vision for real change. When you choose a single word, you have a clarity and focus. You are moving toward the future rather than swearing off the past." The website continues with 3 suggestions.

- 1) Determine the kind of person you want to become.
- 2) Identify the characteristics of that person.
- 3) The final step is simply pick one word.

By continually focusing on the one word you will be able to gauge your progress.

May this challenge be for the glory of the Lord as we are conformed to His image.

⇒ *Pastor Steve*

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### {SCHEDULE OF SERVICES}

{ SUNDAY }

Sunday School - 10:00 am  
Morning Worship - 11:00 am  
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm

{ WEDNESDAY }

Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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"As grace led me to faith  
in the first place, so grace  
will keep me believing  
to the end."  
-J.I. Packer

[via @ShaiLinne on Twitter]



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# JANUARY AT A GLANCE

## week of Sunday, January 4

- sunday* 4 | 10:00a - Sunday School  
 11:00a - Morning Worship  
 2:00p - Baptism of Simone Bellmer  
 6:00p - Evening Service  
*wednesday* 7 | 7:00p - Evening Service

## week of Sunday, January 11

- sunday* 11 | 10:00a - Sunday School  
 11:00a - Morning Worship  
 2:00p - Veteran's Center Service  
 in Wilmore  
 5:15p - Choir Practice  
 6:00p - Evening Service  
*wednesday* 14 | 7:00p - Evening Service

## week of Sunday, January 18

- sunday* 18 | 10:00a - Sunday School  
 11:00a - Morning Worship  
 5:15p - Choir Practice  
 6:00p - Evening Service  
*wednesday* 21 | 7:00p - Evening Service

## week of Sunday, January 25

- sunday* 25 | 10:00a - Sunday School  
 11:00a - Morning Worship  
 5:15p - Choir Practice  
 6:00p - Evening Service  
 - Business Meeting  
*wednesday* 28 | 7:00p - Evening Service

# MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

## Roger & Julie Tate in Kenya

Roger and Julie Tate have served the Lord in Kitale, Kenya since January 2008. Their main ministry is indigenous church planting. Their first term was an eye-opening experience for them as they learned firsthand about weaknesses built into the Kenyan people, which effected their original method for church planting. The biggest problem they have noticed is that the Kenyan people tend to depend on the missionary and western funds very heavily. In their second term, they focused on simplicity in the Gospel, building deep relationships, and planting churches in homes.

They are currently in the middle of their third term which has brought a lot of changes for them: their daughter Emily is in college Stateside, their daughter Amy is in school in Nairobi, their son Josiah is still being schooled at home, and they are in the process of trying to adopt a little baby named Chloe.

Pray for them as they adjust to all these changes and also seek the Lord's guidance for the best way to proceed with church planting in Kenya.

The Tate Family is from Dayton, Ohio and were sent out by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bellbrook, Ohio, which was Roger's church home for more than 27 years. Roger was raised in church, but was not saved until the age of 20. Julie grew up in Grand Blanc, Michigan. She and her family were faithful members of Liberty Baptist Church in Burton, Michigan, where she made a profession of faith at the age of 8. Roger and Julie were actually childhood sweethearts.

You can keep up with what the Lord is doing through the Tates on the BFM blog at [www.baptistfaithmissions.org/BFM\\_Blog](http://www.baptistfaithmissions.org/BFM_Blog). You can also follow their personal blog at [www.tatesinkenya.blogspot.com](http://www.tatesinkenya.blogspot.com).



## BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25  
 AFTER THE EVENING SERVICE

## LORD'S SUPPER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
 EVENING SERVICE

*"Forgetfulness of God's grace  
 is one of the greatest tools  
 in the enemy's war against our souls."*

Mark Dever

## Choir Practice

Sundays at 5:15

beginning Sunday, January 11



## Happy Birthday!

- 1- Rupish Ghalley
- 1- Barbara Johnson
- 3- Becky Vance
- 4- Sarah Wainright
- 5- Jason Estes
- 7- Randy Thomas
- 14- Nikki Estes
- 15- Charlie Young
- 21- Roger Cruz
- 26- Helen Morgan

