



A DESIRE TO CHANGE NEW HABITS FOR A NEW YEAR

2024

SERMON SERIES

JANUARY 21, 28 - FEBRUARY 4, 11

What if habits and virtues are not just something you do? What if they are also doing something to you? At the beginning of January our culture asks what resolutions or new habits do we want to bring into the new year. I believe this is more than just trying to go to the gym three days a week or our honest effort to speak cleaner. When a habit becomes second nature, they become woven into who you are. To participate in the habit becomes as natural and easy as breathing and blinking. At first it may be difficult, but when it becomes a habit, then you don't have to think about or chose to do these things, they simply come naturally.

The questions is - how do I acquire those virtues and habits? It may seem easy, but have you ever noticed the gap between what you know and what you do? Knowledge and new information do not always translate into a new way of life. Every smoker on the planet knows it leads to cancer, and yet they continue. One of the primary changers of bad habits is love. We are motivated by love to change and to grow. I would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming sermon series *A Desire to Change: New Habits for a New Year*. In this series we'll examine our desires and habits, and rehabilitate our loves.

Your friend and pastor,
Nathan

That's a Wrap! 2023



Oh What Fun the Christmas season was at FBC - Operation Christmas Child packing parties, Hanging of the Green, a near-capacity crowd at the 2023 Christmas Concert, pop-up caroling at Mrs. Alma's house, a rockin' good time at the children's musical, ugly sweaters, Christmas party games and so much more!




JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR! | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

TUESDAYS | JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que 

8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew, retired gentlemen enjoying coffee & cake, and doing tasks around FBC. Join the crew!

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry 

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 3

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal
No other scheduled activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

9:45 AM - First Sunday Breakfast, Banquet Room

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship



WEDNESDAYS | JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31

*Please note: Morning Bible Study starts January 17.

5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required.
Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at Noon,
or bring a brown bag supper.

5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of
worship and a devotional message from Pastor Nathan!

6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Activities

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 | DEACONS' MEETING - FOLLOWING WORSHIP

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 | BOOK CLUB | DETAILS TBD



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 | NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!

Join us for Coffee & Bible Study as Pastor Nathan begins a
new series in the **Gospel of Mark**.

SUNDAYS | JANUARY 21, 28 | NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS!

Ever tried breaking a bad habit? It's hard! Join us for
worship as Pastor Nathan unpacks why we do what
we do in the series **A Desire to Change**.

Notes...

Dear FBC Family,

I am so blessed to be a member of such a caring and supportive church family. The food, flowers and many cards helped brighten my days as I recuperated from hip replacement surgery. Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement.

Jimmy and I appreciate all your expressions of Christian love.

Janis Stapleton

Dear FBC,

Cornelia Elementary has been so blessed by you and all you have done to support our students and staff. Thank you so much for ministering to us so generously.

God bless you abundantly, Cornelia Elementary Students & Staff



Northeast Georgia Brotherhood of Veterans & Patriots

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNELIA
FELLOWSHIP HALL
8:30 AM - Breakfast
9:00 AM - Program
THE EVENT IS FREE.
ALL VETERANS & FRIENDS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY
DONALD & BONNELL TENCH

FBC Member John Edmonds, a Marine Corp veteran, will be the guest speaker. John served in Afghanistan's Helmand Province in 2009 during the building of Camp Dwyre, acting as security for the camp and military convoys.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

We are making room for handicapped-accessible seating in our sanctuary. The Tuesday Crew has taken up a back pew on the organ side of the sanctuary to make a wider space between rows to accommodate those with mobility issues. A custom rug has been ordered to cover the exposed flooring and to designate the space as accessible in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

JANUARY SERVICE REMINDER

JANUARY 7

Deacon of the Week
Sally Higgins

Patrol
Wade Hasty

Ushers
Phil McClain, Dennis Tedder
Ed Vaughn, Patsy Vaughn

JANUARY 14

Deacon of the Week
Dennis Tedder

Patrol
Ed Vaughn

Ushers
Grant Bentley
Bill Chandler
Myra Chandler
Steve Doran
Larry Whitfield

JANUARY 21

Deacon of the Week
Dustin Thomas

Patrol
Donald Crowe

Ushers
Doug Burrell
Donald Crowe
Kathy Crowe
Jack Irvin

JANUARY 28

Deacon of the Week
Leigh Thomas

Patrol
Mitchell Trotter

Ushers
Al Carter
John Edmonds
Jason Hughes
Mark Reed

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT | NOVEMBER 2023

Receipts:	\$49,634.00	YTD: \$468,168.86
Expenses:	\$46,305.20	YTD: \$522,451.76
Net:	\$3,328.80	YTD: -\$54,282.90*

*A note from Pastor Nathan: Thank you Church for contributions which allowed us to meet our budgetary goals and end 2023 in the positive financially. Our November giving statement does not reflect your generous December giving. The December numbers will be included in the February Good Tidings. Thank you again!

UNIFIED MISSION FUND | NOVEMBER 2023

Beginning

Balance:	\$22,510.02	YTD: \$15,325.90
Receipts:	\$6,767.01	YTD: \$45,270.49
Investments:	\$-3,025.05	YTD: \$-34,344.41
		Ending Balance: \$26,251.98

SPECIAL GIFTS -

Honoraria: Budget - Larry & Evie Whitfield