

Freedom In Life

In the fall of 2012, I suddenly began experiencing severe pain in one of my kidneys. Thinking it was a kidney stone, I went to my doctor to find some relief. He referred me to another facility for size management but scans revealed it was not a kidney stone. Shortly thereafter, a urologist diagnosed me with kidney cancer. I had a complete left nephrectomy a couple of months later on February 14, 2013. This year I celebrate 13 years of begin cancer-free. It's a great milestone worthy of remembering. I never take that freedom for granted.

When I was young, I experienced another freedom. I remember coming to the realization that I wanted eternal life. Through the words of my parents, the lessons I learned in Sunday School, and other influences in my life, I trusted in Christ and was set free for eternity. That's a great milestone and definitely one worth remembering. I hope I never take that for granted!

After the cancer was removed, nothing really changed. My life returned to normal for the most part (minus the massive scar on my abdomen). On the other hand, everything changed when I became a believer. I chose to live differently.

What about you? How has your life changed since coming to faith in Christ? Would the world recognize any changes in your life since you have been set free in Christ?

The longer we live as believers, the more susceptible we are to taking our free gift of salvation for granted. It becomes a part of who we are and perhaps we forget to think about the eternal consequences had we not believed.

So with that in mind, what's changed? What are you doing today, this week, this month, that impacts God's kingdom? Are you making a difference that's noticeably recognized by the world? Jesus tells us that we are light and salt, and we can attest to the desperate need our world has for Christ.

I want to challenge you this month to be different. Make an intentional choice to do something out of the ordinary that's impacting God's kingdom—something you can accomplish that brings glory to God and extends God's grace to another person.

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16 ESV

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The month of

February

Calendar of Events

- Join us for these upcoming events.

 - 2 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
 - 8 - Super Bowl Party, 5pm
Bring your chili by 3:30pm
Judging begins at 4pm
 - 15 & 22 - Commitment Class, 9:15am
 - 21 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
 - 21 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
 - 26 - Gun Safety Class, 5:30pm

- FAMILY UPDATE

 - Pray for our Super Bowl party, that new connections and deeper relationships will be made with one another.
 - Praise God for the 37 women who attended this year's BBC Women's Retreat at the Brazos House.

February 2

7 p m

Evening of PRAYER

February 21

MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:30am

7:30AM



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

FEBRUARY 21

SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 8, 5PM




SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & 22

at 9:15am in the Fellowship Room

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Join us and take that next step of involvement at BBC.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Evening of PRAYER</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 * Doran Dick</p>
<p>8</p> <p>SUPER BOWL PARTY</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>HAPPY Valentine's Day</p>
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						<p>*Birthdays</p>