## BURLESON THE BODYBUILDER

Our vision is to be a community of grace, telling the unsaved of salvation by grace, encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace, and extending grace to others.

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**BIBLE CHURCH** 

## **Making A Difference**

I am sure we can all agree that we are happy to see 2020 come to close. Unfortunately, the beginning of a new year doesn't necessarily mean all the years' problems magically vanish. The pandemic has not yet finished its course and the political situation is still a cause for concern, just to name a few problems.

The state of our nation, and the world for that matter, shouldn't surprise us. Our world is broken. The human race is broken. Sin has left us in a mess, and until the Day when Christ returns, we, as believers, must face these hardships with resolve. A resolve to accomplish a purpose that God has set before us; to be ambassadors of His Kingdom and to carry out a unique purpose; to draw others to Jesus.

That seems like a lot to ask of us. How are we supposed to carry out a mission of that magnitude when we are daily facing our own shortcomings and trials? First, we recognize that we are serving a God whose grace is sufficient for anything we may encounter, and that He freely gives us this grace and enables us to carry out His tasks. We read in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, *"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."* 

Too often, I focus on my own power, which in itself is nothing. It's no wonder I get discouraged or anxious. But when my eyes are properly fixed on Him, I find that I am able to fully rest in His peace.

Second, we can rest assured that the problems we are facing do not come as a surprise to God. He has gone before and has still prepared a unique work for us to accomplish for Him. Ephesians 2:10 tells us, *" For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Are we ready to carry out that task?"

As we begin this new year, let's be encouraged that He calls us to serve Him, and He gives us His abundant strength and power to fulfill His purposes for His ultimate glory.



## Join us for these upcoming events.

- 3, 10 No Youth Activities
- 4 Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 16 Ladies Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 16 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- We extend our deepest sympathies to Becky Charpentier in the death of her father.
- We also extend our deepest condolences to Tom and Therese Kirkpatrick in the tragic death of Tom's father (Tom and Therese were active members of BBC for many years and now live in Arizona).
- Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team as they seek the man God is preparing for BBC. Our team members are: Frank June, David Emerson, Marc Charpentier, Kim Hickman, Rob Matlack, Kati Thompson, Barbara Van Wart.







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## JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Birthdays					1	2
					HAPPY NEW X YEAR	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA	7pm Prayer					
10 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA	11 *Micheal Thompson	12	13	14	15	16 *Hudson Legacy 1:30am LAdice MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am
17	18	19	20	21	22 *Mike Lothes	23
10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group						
24 31 *Merle Ridlen Emma Matlack 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	25	26	27	28	29	30