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Pastor's Word

The word for January is "objective".

One of the meanings of the word "objective" found in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, which fits how I am using the word "objective" is "something toward which effort is directed: an aim or end of action."

As we begin a new year filled with new opportunities and challenges, I set two verses before us to serve as our guide in navigating 2021.

These two verses provide us with four objectives for 2021. Four objectives we will direct our effort toward. Four objectives we set our aim on intentionally putting forth effort to accomplish.

The first is the command found in **Joshua 1:9 NIV** "*This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*"

- Here is the first objective: We will live knowing wherever we go in 2021 God goes with us.

The second verse is **2 Timothy 4:7 NIV** "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*" From this verse we are provided with three additional objectives.

- Objective two: In 2021 we will fight the good fight.
- Objective three: In 2021 we will finish the race.
- Objective four: In 2021 we will keep the faith.

I am planning to address what each of these look like either in a sermon or Bible study. So you will want to stay tuned in to the Sunday Morning Worship Service on the church's Facebook page and to the Wednesday Evening Bible Study time. It is important we understand what we are aiming at in 2021.

Pastor Jerry

Going with God in 2021,

As of December 31, 2020 we have collected \$410 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Even in this time of pandemic it's good to see God's people give and support our mission efforts overseas. But if you haven't given yet, it's not too late. You are encouraged to mail in your gift or drop it by the church office between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, Monday – Friday.



January Verse of the Month

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand."

John 10:28-29 NLT

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Prayer Calendar – January 2021

Alex Barrett

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Pray for our launch team of eight adults and six kids as we move and get settled into new neighborhoods. Pray for receptive hearts within the community of North Fontana. Pray for our kids to get a real sense of how they can be part of this great adventure in God's mission.

Travis Cunningham

Lead Church Planter
Story Church
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Pray for the planter's family as they work together in ministry. Pray the church will be established and will faithfully work to plant in other communities, too. Pray the Lord brings leaders who can help within the church. Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy.

Karo Ku

Lead Church Planter
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The COVID-19 pandemic made many changes and created challenges, but we're finding new and unique opportunities to serve and love our community for Jesus. We're continuing our journey of loving our community. Please pray for us so that we will continue to be able to minister to them.

Peter Park

Lead Church Planter
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Please pray for Peter and Herim that the Lord would: 1) help them grow deeper in dependence on the faithfulness of God and love for the city and the people; 2) open their eyes to better identify brokenness and opportunities to bring the power of the gospel; 3) empower the core team to gather more like-minded brothers and sisters who are willing to serve the kingdom together; 4) guide them through the process of making decisions regarding meeting location, target demographic and community outreach; 5) guard their hearts so they would live for His glory, not their own.

Follow us on the church's Facebook page at **First Southern Baptist Church**:

- "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays by Pastor Jerry; upon viewing you are encouraged to **Share** and **Like** so that it will be available to your friends on FB

Livestreaming of Wednesday's Bible study at 6:00 p.m. led by Pastor Jerry and/or Janice Lanford.

The church family is encouraged to continue to mail in their tithes and offerings, or drop them off at the church office during the hours listed. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in giving.

*A Penned Note from
the Pastor's Wife*



Welcome to 2021! Who could have predicted what 2020 would have looked like back in January 2020? So who knows what 2021 will look like? Well, God does. It says in Jeremiah 29:11,

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

We know what the hope is – eternal life in heaven. But the future? Not so much. Last year I called it "courageous faith in uncharted territory." And there were many times I had to remind myself about that courageous faith. The uncharted territory though was clear to me as it says in Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV),

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.***

So I say, bring it on 2021, because I serve a sovereign God who not only gives me hope but holds my future – safe and secure. God bless you church family!

Janice