

# **New Years Eve Morning!**

We're on the eve of a brand new year! Newness is exciting! There's a sense of freshness, vibrancy and energy! This Sunday we're looking forward to celebrating the reality of the newness that Christ brings into our lives - the old is gone and the new has come! Baptism is a visual picture of that new life and identity in Christ - the past dies with Jesus, is buried and new resurrected life bursts forth as we walk in new ways with Him! We'll listen to the honest stories of two people who are being baptized before family and friends - saying to all who will listen - "In case you were wondering - Jesus is life and I'm following Him!" What a great way to begin the New Year!

When we gather as church there's always a warm welcome, good coffee and plenty of time to hang around connecting with each other. We share in each other's joys, pray with each other in times of hurt and pain, and encourage each other as a people who are living out the love of God!

Hope to see you Sunday morning!

#### Praise:

 When you take a moment to stop or at least slow down and reflect during this fast moving season - what reminders of God's goodness, care, love and character can you see? As a church body - we are thankful for the gift of relationship and the joy it brings. Thank you for showing and sharing that joy!

# **Church Events**

- Envelope pick up this Sunday
- New Years Eve Morning
  Gathering Sunday @ 11am



#### Prayer:

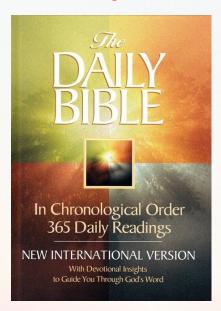
- Please remember to pray for Reta Campbell on her mission in Jamaica. Prayer for health, strength and wisdom as she ministers with and amongst the churches there.
- Remember Gail Lister and her family as her daughter Kelly is awaiting the birth of their new baby. Kelly is 32 weeks pregnant and was admitted to the hospital on Boxing Day for bed rest with the hope of delaying the birth for at least another 8-10 days. Please keep them in your prayers along with Kyle, Jeremy, Justin and the medical team. She is receiving antibiotics to protect against possible infection, is doing well and is being monitored very closely. Yesterday's ultrasound showed normal development and Kelly was happy to know the little fellow is a little bigger than expected! Please also pray for wisdom as they continue the medical treatments for the safe delivery. Having such a difficult time during Jeremy's birth will undoubtedly come to mind so this will also be emotionally very difficult for them.



### **HOPE Magazine!**

Light often brings the ability to see clearer and with that clarity there is hope! We have a great magazine resource from the Gideons entitled HOPE and it's available for free this Sunday. If you know someone that you'd like to give one to, please stop by the Welcome Centre to pick up your free copy or copies!

# **Bible Reading Resource!**



# Daily Bible Reading idea:

Start the New Year with a plan for reading God's word each day! Here's a great resource to help guide you chronologically thru the bible from Genesis to Revelation in one year! Also available from Amazon as a kindle download!

# **Family Communications!**



Church is a people who God's love and grace are changing! We get to be a large family! Families communicate the important stuff that's happening in their lives often around a dinner table! We'd love to celebrate, support and pray for one another when we hear about what's happening. One way to do that is with the Connect Card. Think of it as the family dinner table in convenient card form! You can pick one up any time and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday or the Connect Card box