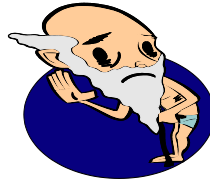


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SO LONG,  
OLD  
TIMER



366 Days.  
Give it your best  
KID  
One day at a time  
and *you* get an  
extra one

*From the Pastor - Larry*

**2011 at Grace**

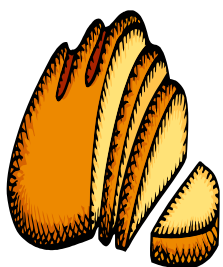
For we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,  
but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. *Hebrews 10:39*

Did you hear that. ☒ ☒ ... up there? The *Hebrews* blogger. We never found out who exactly that guy was but he sure was onto something. I wonder, when he wrote those words along about 65 A.D., if that was a very good year for shrinking back and being destroyed. They were known to have a few years like that back in those days ... along with the good ones. Us too, you say? Indeed. As it declares in Ecclesiastes, there is nothing new under the sun.

How did it go for you this year? Should you have stood in bed? Take two and call me in the morning? Or nothing could be finer? In any case God provided us with 365 days to live, learn, and light up our world. I notice he planned an extra day for 2012. If we make it through we will all get 1/365 times more life, learning and opportunity to light God's candle. The world, as they say, would be a better place if everyone lit *just one* little candle. I can't do much about the other seven billion candles but it *could* start with me...and with you. Let's do what we can do. Oh, by the way, the *Hebrews* fellow must have been prepared to move on with 66 A.D. Listen to what he says next. And remember....He had a much better chance of getting martyred than we do.

**2012 at Grace**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



SERMON SCHEDULE JANUARY 8, 15, 22  
JOHN 6 "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Please study this chapter keeping in mind Jesus' prayer  
**"give us *this* day our daily bread".**

Is one day's ration at a time sufficient?

**Is he sufficient?**

Your answers to those questions color your  
evaluation of New Year past, New Year present  
and New Year to come

BAKERS  
BAKE AND BRING BREAD  
TO CHURCH  
ALL WHO ARE ABLE and  
WILLING  
VOLUNTEER TO HELP PREPARE  
AND SERVE SANDWICH  
MAKINGS  
January 8, 15, 22. CONTACT  
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*SUNDAY GO TO MEETINGS at GRACE*

**Sunday, January 8**

Congregational meeting after service to re-open any questions regarding decision on building/land offer and... to discuss formation of a pastor nominating committee, and interim status of Pastor Larry.

Then eat!!!

**Sunday, January 22**

Annual Congregational Meeting after church. 2012 budget is primary item.

Then eat!!!

**Money for the Preacher**

After the church service a little boy told the preacher, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the preacher replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."



**YESTERDAY**

*Just checking...* to see if a certain pastor's wife reads this Gazette.

General James Longstreet from Killer Angels by Michael Shaara ... "Southern women like their men religious and a little mad. That's why they fall in love with preachers."

Timeless thoughts at the end of a year – about 1916 – Oswald

**Chambers. My Utmost for His Highest.**

Your reward.  
*Isaiah 52:12*  
"The God of Israel is

yesterday's sins and blunders. But God is the God of our yesterdays, and He allows the memory of them in order to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual culture for the future. God reminds us of the past lest we get into a shallow security in the present.

**Security for To-morrow.** "For the Lord will go before you." This is a gracious revelation, that God will garrison where we have failed to. He will watch lest things trip us up again into like failure, as they assuredly would do if He were not our re-reward. God's hand reaches back to the past and makes a clearing-house for conscience.

**Security for To-day.** "For ye shall not go out with haste." As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, unremembering delight, nor with the flight of impulsive thoughtlessness, but with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us. Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; it is true that we have lost opportunities which will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ...

Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands, and step out into the Irresistible Future with Him.