



Just for **KIDS**

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

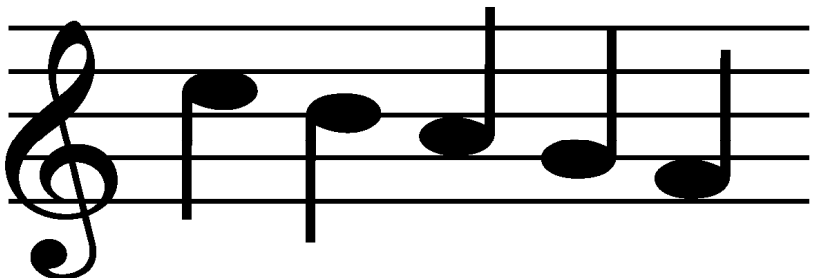
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

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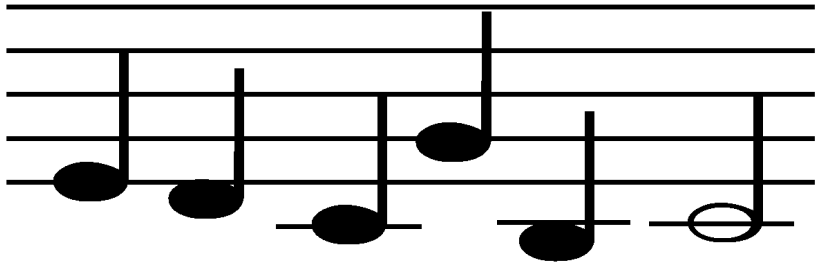


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BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

News for
January 2012

Full Christmas Services End 2011

The final Sunday of 2011 was Christmas Day. It concluded a busy weekend which set new attendance records for Waterbrook Bible Fellowship. A full house on Christmas Eve meant packing the auditorium with rows of chairs against the back walls. The still overflowing crowd went to 20-30 more chairs set up in the lobby to watch the service on the TV monitor. Christmas morning 30 people showed up at



Stephen talking to kids Christmas Eve

Founder's Plaza Nursing Home to sing carols to grateful residents during breakfast at 8:00 am. Deana Denton served up pancakes back at the 507 Ministry Center after the caroling. Though the Christmas the Christmas Eve and Day services had the exact same content, they each had a different feel as those attending worshiped together. All the kids went home with gift bags. It was a great weekend full of church family and guests.



(Above) Pancakes after nursing home caroling on Christmas morning. (Below) A great group of Waterbrook carolers sing to residents Christmas Day.



ANNUAL MEETING January 29th

The Waterbrook family will hold our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:30 am.

The 9:30 meeting will include the presentation of the 2012 Church Budget and ballot affirmation for the 2012 elders, including new elders Odie Hume and Walt Ransom. Pastor Jeff Denton will share some vision for the year ahead.

A fellowship time will be held after the meeting, with a **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** to be held for the entire church family at 10:55 am.

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3 Reasons Your Resolutions WILL Fail

A new year means new resolutions for many people. They range from being a better parent to losing weight to saving more money to having more fun. We all know the joke about resolutions - how long until you break it? No one sets out to be a failure with their promise for new living, it just happens. Or does it? I can give you three reasons most people will fail in whatever way they hope to grow this next year.

1. **Fear.** Maybe you're afraid of the pain it takes to get to where you want to go. Nearly 25% of people who purchase gym memberships for the new year never use that membership *one time* because they're afraid of not knowing what to do once they get there. Consider your spiritual goals. You know God is on your side in that area, so why be afraid of what you don't know? Take a step of faith and you may discover there are plenty of others searching, on the journey just like you. Be encouraged by Isaiah 41:10, "*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*" Nothing of value happens without some measure of faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Take a step out and see what God will do this year if you trust Him for something beyond what you know or expect right now.

2. **Focus on things that don't matter.** 1 John 2:17 says, "*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*" We can run around after goals and objectives that have no value in eternity. Those things, even when achieved, bring little satisfaction. This may not be as obvious in your goals as in the reason *behind* your goals. Ask yourself *Why* that particular goal or resolution is on your list. Are you going to the gym to take better care of your body or to be hot in time for summer swimwear? Trying to be more disciplined financially to be a better steward of what God's given you or so you have more shopping money? The goals and results may not be bad, but the motivation may lead to something that doesn't honor God.

3. **Procrastination!** You can have good goals, be willing to do whatever it takes, and have the proper motivation - yet still fail. Some people simply never begin. They talk a good talk, but never start the process of change. James 1:22 is straightforward, "*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*" Put it on the calendar today. Get an accountability partner. Text a friend today and ask for help. Get started.

As I'm praying through the Waterbrook names this month, please know part of my prayer is for 2012 to be the best year yet for each of you. Now, ask God what He wants you to do this year and get started! You have my prayer support behind you. Be sure to email me if you have something specific you'd like me praying for you as this year begins.



Pizza Party Lunch

No Pizza Party Lunch in January for Wave.

Beach House Party

Fun, games & food at the 507 building on January 18 at 7:00 pm. Caleb's mom is doing dinner this month.

What is Wave?

The Wave ministry at Waterbrook is a group for 6th-8th graders who meet in the Wave room at the 507 Ministry Center Sunday mornings at 10:55. Wave leadership consists of Jerry & Trona Jurden, Alan Greenwood, and Chad & Melissa McKay.

We have a monthly Beach House Party at the 507 building on the 3rd Wednesday of most months from 7:00-8:30 pm for food, games and activities. Plus, we usually meet the first Sunday of each month after church for a pizza lunch and games at the Jurden home until 2:30 pm.

Some of our favorite Wave traditions are the SuperStart (4-6 grades) and Believe (7-8 grades) discipleship conferences. Each is a high energy weekend designed for the specific age group. There's corporate worship, Bible study, small groups & lots of play!

We are in the middle of a curriculum from Simply Youth Ministry called "Jr. High Live," which is designed to dig into the Bible and put a practical, relevant face on deep biblical truths. Wave will touch on a range of topics important to pre-teen and early-teen years, such as changes, stewardship, serving, love and family. Through the study the students' relationships, discussions, and interactions are paramount as we study God's Word. We play games and watch video clips as they relate to our weekly lessons. Our January studies are "Changes" and "Just Like Jesus." In February we'll be getting into identity issues for developing into the person God made you to be.

Photos and more information about Wave available on the Wave Facebook page.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Class (High School Students) meets each Sunday at 10:55 am for Bible Study in the 507 Ministry Center with Justin & Charity Hartweck.

Wednesday Night Meetings

At the Waterbrook 100 Building for games & Bible study from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This is a great night to invite your friends!

Answer to the puzzle on page 8.

Answer: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.



SMIFF SNIFF, COUGH COUGH, - tis the cold/flu season!! Parents please remember to stay home with your children on Sunday mornings if they are coughing and have a colorful runny nose. We love having your children in the children's classes but we want to discourage the spread of unwanted illnesses as much as possible. We have very young babies and children with fragile immune systems prompting us to try to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Thank you so much for your cooperation!



Attention WBF church body!!! We have NO teacher for the first hour Preschool class twice a month. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. There is already a helper in this class but we have no one to begin this new year. Again, it is only a twice a month (everyother week) commitment during the first hour. Any questions concerning this very valuable opportunity to share God's love with some very cute, funny, awesome children please ask Sherri Barton (jsmnbarton4@yahoo.com) or Karin Tapee (ktapee@mail.com).

Newcomers Lunch Sunday, January 8th after church

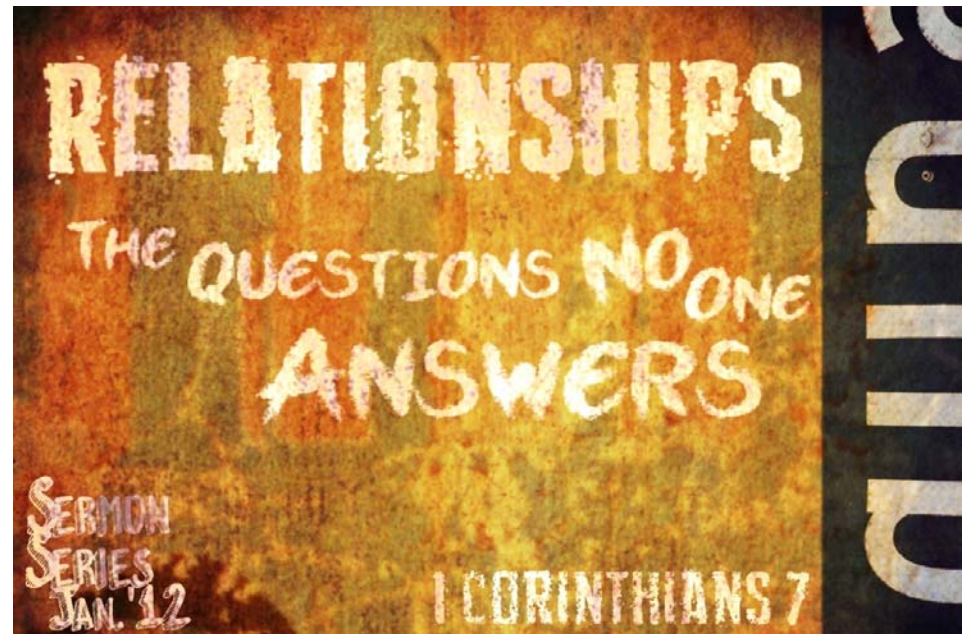
If you're new to Waterbrook, we invite you to this free lunch where you can get to know our pastors and learn the story of our church. Save a spot via the Sunday Info Card or online at Waterbrook.org

The Next Men's Night

An Evening with Chuck Norris



All men are invited to join us at a screening of the new documentary, "Answering the Call." This documentary was made by Chuck Norris as he visited troops in remote locations of Iraq. This documentary is being premiered in Dallas on Saturday, January 7th at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 (or \$15 if we get a group of at least 10). Mr. Norris will be at the screening and answer questions afterward. All men are invited, and guests are welcome to this Men's Night Out event. An immediate reply is needed. Sign up in the lobby on Sunday, January 1st or contact the church office.



We begin January with a new sermon series focused on chapter 7 of First Corinthians. This was the beginning of a section where the apostle Paul began to write answers to questions that had come from the new believers in Corinth. Chapter seven is especially focused on relationships. Pastor Jeff Denton will be teaching through this chapter and the questions Paul addressed. This includes issues of sex for married couples and singles, divorce, priorities for Christians and family. This series goes from January 1 to 22.



News for the WOW:

Women of Waterbrook

Women's Bible Studies

Our WOW studies are into the next set of THE AMAZING COLLECTION for this winter. These new studies kick off in January. Now is a great time to join a women's Bible study group. They meet at different times and days, and you can join the one that fits your schedule. The list of studies, and date they begin in January, is below. Contact Vickie Heath (972-496-9487) vickieheath@verizon.net for more information.

Winter Women's Bible Studies

TUESDAY MORNING 9:30-11:30 am

Resumes January 10 at the McClure home (832-229-1972)

TUESDAY EVENING 7:00-8:30 pm

Resumes January 3 at the Jung home (214-450-6531)

THURSDAY MORNING 9:30-11:30 am

Resumes January 5 at the Heath home (972-496-9487)

THURSDAY EVENING 7:30-9:30 pm (Meets every other Thursday evening)

Resumes January 19 at the Carnefix home (972-429-6063)



Women's Winter Brunch Women's Winter Brunch

It's officially winter and we need to huddle together for warmth and encouragement. Come join us Saturday, January 14, from 9-11 am at the 507. We'll feed you, laugh with you, and encourage you. Our special guest speaker that morning is Eva Bleeker. She'll encourage us with a few words about *Resting in the Lord.*

Bible Studies for Men

If you're looking for a Bible study for just men, here are two current opportunities:

- **Fridays at 6:00 am** - Charles Savelle teaches this indepth study. Currently in the book of 2 Timothy. Meets at the Braum's on Lavon Drive in Garland.
- **Saturdays at 8:00 am** - Larry Heath leads this study of non-Christian religions at the 507 Ministry Center on every other Saturday. Next - January 7 & 21.

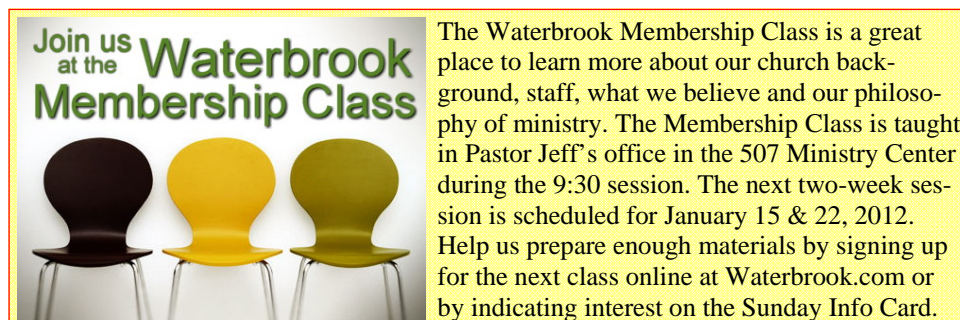
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New Elders to be on Affirmation Ballot at Annual Meeting

This year's **Elder Nominating Committee** consisted of Sherri Barton, Stephen Bramer, Dan Carnefix, Jacob Day, Justin Hartweck, and Karin Tapee. These men and women spent considerable time over the past couple months praying, receiving nominations, distributing questionnaires, interviewing, discussing, fasting, and more praying. Waterbrook has many qualified men and the challenge was to discover the two specific gifted individuals God had in mind for Waterbrook at this time in our history. The committee presented to the Council of Elders the results of their prayerful deliberations.

The Council of Elders accepted the two recommendations presented to them and after further prayer and discussion announced last Sunday that **Odie Hume** and **Walt Ransom** were presented to the membership of Waterbrook Bible Fellowship in December as prospective elders. According to our bylaws, a 21-day period was available for the members of WBF to show any just cause why either of the prospective elders would not be qualified to serve. Any concerns regarding any of the nominees were to be presented in writing to a member of the Council of Elders by December 31st.

Since no valid objection were raised during that time, these two men are being added to the list of the existing eligible elders and presented to the Church for affirmation at our annual church meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012. The two elders who complete their terms this year are Charles Savelle and Bob Word.



The Waterbrook Membership Class is a great place to learn more about our church background, staff, what we believe and our philosophy of ministry. The Membership Class is taught in Pastor Jeff's office in the 507 Ministry Center during the 9:30 session. The next two-week session is scheduled for January 15 & 22, 2012. Help us prepare enough materials by signing up for the next class online at Waterbrook.com or by indicating interest on the Sunday Info Card.