

“OFFENSES”

“Then He said to the disciples, ‘It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!’ ”

Luke 17:1 NKJV

Looking for a good resolution for 2011? Forgiveness sound like a possible? We’ve all been offended. The following is from John Beveré’s book, *The Bait of Satan—Living Free From the Deadly Trap of Offenses*.

THE DECEPTIVE TRAP

The Greek word for “offend” in Luke 17:1 comes from the word *skandalon*. This word originally referred to the part of the trap to which the bait was attached. Hence the word signifies laying a trap in someone’s way. In the New Testament it often describes an entrapment used by the enemy. Offense is a tool of the devil to bring people into captivity. Paul instructed young Timothy:

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may come to their senses and escape the snare [entrapment] of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

-2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26, EMPHASIS ADDED

Those who are in quarrels or opposition fall into a trap and are held prisoner

Lord, as we enter this new year, help us to let go of the baggage that weighs us down! Help us to walk away from offenses and leave the outcome with You—You who judge righteously.

to do the devil’s will. Even more alarming, they are unaware of their captivity! Like the prodigal they must come to themselves by awaking to their true condition. They do not realize that they are spewing out bitter waters rather than pure. When a person is deceived, he believes he is right even though he is not.

No matter what the scenario is, we can divide all offended people into two major categories: (1) those who have been treated unjustly or (2) those who *believe* they have been treated unjustly. People in the second category believe with all their hearts that they have been wronged. Often their conclusions are drawn from inaccurate information. Or their information is accurate, but their conclusion is distorted. Either way, they

hurt, and their understanding is darkened. They judge by assumption, appearance, and hearsay.

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Luke 17:1

*In Jesus Name—
“Laying aside every weight,”
Pastor Mason*

WEEK OF PRAYER

January 9—12



Week of Prayer will begin with a Candlelight Communion Service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, and conclude Wednesday evening, January 12. The doors of the church will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day for those desiring to stop during the day to pray, and at 7:00 p.m. each evening there will be corporate prayer.

We will be lifting up prayer concerns during the Week of Prayer. If you have a request, fill out a Prayer Request Form, available on the round table in the foyer, and leave it on the secretary's desk.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.

And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

I JOHN 5: 14, 15

ANNUAL BUSINESS



MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2011

Reserve the date now!

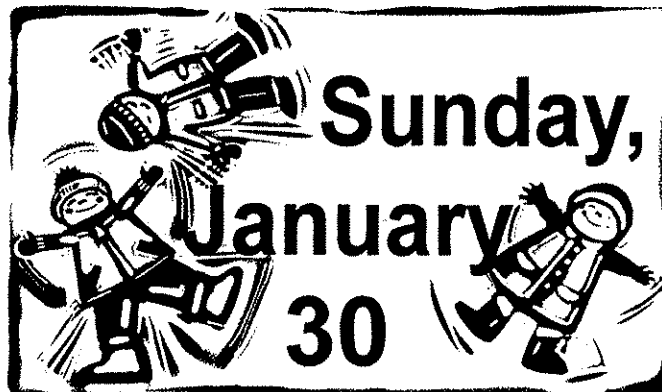
Committee Chairpersons & Department Heads

Written reports for the Annual Business Meeting are due in the church office by Monday, January 31.



During periods of hazardous weather conditions, please call the church (593-5136) or the parsonage (593-2537) before coming to a service. A message will be left on the answering machine if

a service has been cancelled.



SNOW DAY 2011

Keep the date open for our annual Snow Day (January 30). We are still working on a location but are planning the usual schedule for the day. There will be a dish-to-pass meal which will be served at approximately 1:00 p.m. Feel free to wear casual clothing to church.

Schedule for Snow Day, January 30

There will be **NO Sunday School classes** and the **Worship Service will begin at 10:00 AM.**

Watch for more information in upcoming weekly bulletins and postings in the foyer.

Nominations for Trustee

Nominations from the membership for one trustee to be voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting will be accepted January 16-30. Our current trustees are Tom Derrick, Ron Manning and Bob Stalker. Ron's term will expire February 2011. Duties of a trustee include acting as advisor in the temporal affairs of the assembly and general administration and maintenance of all properties owned by Wellsville Full Gospel Church.

~ Thank You ~

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. 127 shoeboxes were sent out from our church! That's 127 hurting children and their families being touched by the love of Jesus. Please continue to pray for these kids—you do make a difference!!!

- Kathi Dunham

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Check out our website! You can listen to the weekly sermon and adult Sunday School classes, read the bulletin, monthly calendar, and much more.