

# Audubon Baptist, *a Church in the Park*

SO WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY OF CHRIST

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## January 2020

### From Day to Day

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. 1 Chron. 16:23*

Do you sing to the Lord where you are planted in your everyday life? Are you preparing well for the future by being faithful in the work of today? The right here, right now?

Upwards of half of Americans make New Year Resolutions during the month of January. I am among them; perhaps, you are as well? While such resolutions have some foundation in religion, today it seems most simply want to improve an area of life, grow in faith, pour more deeply into relationships, and the like. We resolve to do better in the new year.

Not surprisingly, researchers report that 88% of such resolutions will fail by the end of February. Nearly all my personal resolutions follow the pattern and have not been sustained. Several years ago, I resolved simply to sit still and quietly for 10 minutes per day. To contemplate, think, meditate, and to rest. How difficult could that possibly be? It turns out, very. I made it 4 days. 4 days! It seems resolving is easy – sustaining is not. It takes work. The everyday kind of work.

A second scenario. Last evening, I spoke with several recent graduates of Southern Seminary. Both have advanced theological degrees and are aiming at lives of ministry. They are exactly the types of men and women that we in the church pray for in considering who we will one day hand the baton. They are gifted, affirm the calling upon their lives, and

want to be employed mightily in God's work. They yearn for tomorrow and searchingly seek "how to get there". Yet, they are stuck and tempted to miss the possibility of today.

Lastly, I know a man who is the son of a Pastor. As the son tells the story, his father was always about imagining the day the church would be much larger, doing bigger things for the Lord, maybe even personally going into overseas missions. And then my acquaintance recalls, "Never once in all of my upbringing did Dad read us kids the Bible. Not once. I am not kidding." This father missed the possibility of his todays.

The learning of all three scenarios is this – the enemy of today is oft the dreaming of tomorrow. While we desire doing big things for God, God measures our readiness by the faithfulness of our doing the work He has allocated to us this very day:

*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:21*

I made resolutions for 2020. I want to succeed in them and be a little bit better because of it. This much is certain – if I should be among the 12% that will accomplish resolutions this year, it will be because I have been found faithful in the work of 365 days. Today is a gift and its work is enough (Matthew 6:34) – truth permeates New Year resolutions, calls to ministry, and a father's priority of the home too.

*Pastor Jeff*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Isaiah 1-2; Matthew 1  
02 Isaiah 3-4; Matthew 2  
03 Isaiah 5-6; Matthew 3  
04 Isaiah 7-8; Matthew 4  
05 Isaiah 9-10; Matthew 5  
06 Isaiah 11-12; Matthew 6  
07 Isaiah 13-14; Matthew 7  
08 Isaiah 15-16; Matthew 8  
09 Isaiah 17-18; Matthew 9  
10 **Rick Mosley**  
Isaiah 19-20; Matthew 10  
11 Isaiah 21-22; Matthew 11  
12 Isaiah 23-24; Matthew 12  
13 Isaiah 25-26; Matthew 13  
14 Isaiah 27-28; Matthew 14  
15 Isaiah 29-30; Matthew 15  
16 **Danielle Clark, Ben Daye**  
Isaiah 32-32; Matthew 16  
17 Isaiah 33-34; Matthew 17  
18 Isaiah 35-36; Matthew 18  
19 Isaiah 37-38; Matthew 19  
20 **Dan Hatfield**  
Isaiah 39-40; Matthew 20  
21 Isaiah 41-42; Matthew 21  
22 **Kim Goodlett**  
Isaiah 43-44; Matthew 22  
23 **Adam Hyde**  
Isaiah 45-46; Matthew 24  
24 Isaiah 47-48; Matthew 25  
25 Isaiah 49-50; Matthew 26  
26 Isaiah 51-52; Matthew 27  
27 Isaiah 53-54; Matthew 28  
28 Isaiah 55-57; Psalms 140-142  
29 **Joy Campbell**  
Isaiah 58-60; Psalms 143-144  
30 **Mary Miracle**  
Isaiah 61-63; Psalms 145-146  
31 Isaiah 64-66; Psalms 147-150

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## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY (PREACHING SCHEDULE)

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| 1/5  | (Eph. v3:8-9)   | Pastor Jeff Akin    |
| 1/12 | (Eph. v3:14-19) | Pastor Jeff Akin    |
| 1/19 | (Eph. v3:20-21) | Pastor Jeff Akin    |
| 1/26 | (Eph. v4:1-7)   | Pastor Dan Hatfield |

## AUDUBON MISSIONS – REACHING OUT

Thank you to the Audubon congregation for your overwhelming participation in our seasonal missions outreach. Because of the generosity of this congregation, many were blessed with CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES containing toys and practical necessities too. The church also FULLY overfilled 12 FOOD BOXES of food and sundries for families in our community in need, some of which members in our community have personal relationships. It is an encouragement to one another when we can be practical hands and feet for those less fortunate than ourselves. Blessing to you.

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CAMP TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL “Winter” Supplies. Many children are without basic necessities such as gloves, mittens, head coverings, and warm socks! We are collecting supplies to give to the children, so they are blessed and comfortable through the winter months. Donations will be accepted through 1/5.

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## TRI-ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for January 8<sup>th</sup>! Members of the Audubon Baptist Church community are urged to attend the conference to be informed on the ministry and business priorities of our church. Reports will be given by the Deacons, Trustees, Committee Chairs, and your Pastors. Come be encouraged by all that the Lord is doing in our church!

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## MEN’S STUDY – BAPTIST FOUNDATIONS

A group of men gathers every 2<sup>nd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday to study together. It is an encouraging time of study, prayer, and fellowship with one another. Please consider joining us. 7:30AM in the church library. See Benaiah for more info.

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## AUDUBON BAPTIST WEBSITE

Sermons – Newsletters – the Monthly Calendar  
– Upcoming Events and more can be found at:

*www.achurchinthepark.org*