



January 2010

An Unchanging God!

By Charles Stanley

The Lord's unchanging nature is one of His most comforting attributes because it applies directly to whatever we face today. He is our stability and security. Every other source will eventually fall short and disappoint us. We can and should base our confidence fully on Him because He never fails to accomplish His purposes.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Our Savior remains consistent and steadfast regardless of how uncertain our lives may appear. Time has no effect on Him, and our circumstances never surprise or confuse Him. Our heavenly Father is in control of everything that has happened, that is happening, and that ever will happen here on earth.

So if you're facing a challenging situation and wondering how to get through it, I encourage you to change your focus and actively place your trust in the Lord (Prov. 3:5; Isa 26:4). This is the sure way to enjoy His unshakable peace. Reflect on how faithful He has been to you and to those who served Him throughout history. This makes it possible for you to obey God with assurance and leave all the consequences to Him.

Paul writes, "Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). Through God's Word we see the evidence that He has consistently shown the power and wisdom to work everything out for our good—regardless of our circumstances. You can have confidence that just as the Lord led Abraham, Moses, David and Paul to victory, He also will direct you.

No matter what era, culture, region, political climate, or economic situation we find ourselves, His character and Word never change. Therefore, if we would like to have unshakable confidence during times of change and uncertainty, we must embrace God's eternal principles. This not only leads to a deeper relationship with the Father, but also increases your ability to weather the storms of life.

PRESCHOOL/KIDS

PRESCHOOL NEWS: Happy New Year! Our preschoolers will be learning about **What we do at Church** in the month of January while the babies thru 2's learn that **God Helps Me to Grow**. May you as parents, as well as your children, grow in your knowledge of Jesus daily.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR Will resume Musical rehearsal on Sundays at 4:45 PM in the PowerHouse room upstairs on January 10th. It's not too late to come join us. Auditions will be in just a few weeks.



Wednesday Night Children's Activities
Resume Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 PM.



Upward Practice begins
Thursday, January 7

Practice will be each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00—9:00 PM. Our first game is scheduled for Saturday, January 16th.

ADULT

Heartfelt Thanks!



Sincere thanks to all church members who gave donations and family gifts to ELC families! These families have been greatly touched and are very appreciative. One parent tearfully said, "I can't believe people who don't know me would be willing to do so much for my family." It was an awesome opportunity to talk about Jesus! Thank you AHBC family!

As I searched for something meaningful to add to the newsletter, I ran across the wise words of a man who has had an incredibly positive impact on mankind and thought it appropriate to share some of his thoughts as we usher in the New Year.

You are at the top when . . .

- You clearly understand that failure is an event, not a person, that yesterday ended last night, and today is your brand new day.
- You have made friends with your past, are focused on the present, and optimistic about your future.
- You know that success doesn't make you and failure doesn't break you.
- You are filled with faith, hope and love; and live without anger, greed, guilt, envy or thoughts of revenge.
- You are secure in who you are, so you are at peace with God and in fellowship with man.
- You understand that others can give you pleasure, but genuine happiness comes when you do things for other.
- You love the unlovable, give hope to the hopeless, friendship to the friendless and encouragement to the discouraged.
- You can look back in forgiveness, forward in hope, down in compassion and up with gratitude.
- You know that "he who would be greatest among you must become the servant of all."
- You recognize, confess, develop and use your God-given physical, mental and spiritual abilities to the glory of God and for the benefit of mankind.
- You stand in front of the Creator of the universe and He says to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Zig Ziglar Newsletter—22 August 2001, Vo., III, # 12

YOUTH



On March 26-27, 2010 in St. Louis we are going to try to ignite our teens' passion at the Blaze Tour from Dare 2 Share. Drawing from Isaiah 6:1-8, this conference will equip our teenagers to

encounter God in a powerful way. They will be transformed as they experience

The Fire That Burns (God's Glory),
The Fire That Destroys (God's Justice),
The Fire That Purifies (God's Mercy), and
The Fire That Rages (God's Love).

This will be a life changing experience don't miss it. Watch for registration and more details soon.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| 1 | Connie Boyd
Whitney Burris
Mary Graff
Timothy Hanney
Jack Hinson
Randy Merriman
Stacy Shelton
Sara Viernum | 9 | Debbie Hess
Sabrina Mayberry | 20 | Pam Bierstedt
Vanessa Hall
Rashelle King |
| 2 | Keith Ellis
Bill Hubbs
Crista Merriman | 10 | Kyle Echols
Ruth Hill
Carla Mixen
Scott O'Daniell
Jamie Richardson | 21 | Gloria Blandford
Idegail Dover
Tiffany George |
| 3 | Michelle Hammer
Ben Johnson | 11 | Alyee Calhoun
Tori Hopkins
Sherry Stoner
Dustin Young | 23 | Holly Barringer
Dalton Clark |
| 4 | Travis Crain
Mariah Hileman
Sarah Roach | 12 | Oregon Dover
Gary Roach
Dylan Sharp | 24 | Joyce Beggs
Era Hardin
Amanda Houseman
Carl Hubbs
Molly Siebert |
| 5 | Kathy Carr
Robert Dillon
Danielle Knight
Michael Lilly
Joe Miller | 13 | Michael Boucher
Gina Boyd
Velma Eaker
Mike Hancock
Don Laster
Debbie Newberry | 25 | Carol Barger
Jodi Clutts
Paula Huggins
Ken Lacy
Charlotte Morphis
Lane Rhodes |
| 6 | Sheryl Gee
Christin Sangster
Donald Smith | 14 | Renee Brim
Will Hopkins
Wanda Lovitt
Jason Oliver
Corky Walter
Joni Yates | 26 | Eric Baker
Tonya Hickam
Damian Reed
Mary Tripp |
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Thomas Hanny
Lisa Spiess | 15 | Pamela Graham
Bill Hess
Chloe McFarland
Nathan Veach | 27 | Karen Funkhouser
Justin Graham |
| 8 | Jamison Moore
Ashley Newell
Nathan Ralls
Cindy Walker | 16 | Leslie Betts
Rene Hanney
Bill Pace | 28 | Weldon Davis
Debrah Lingle
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Riley Stockton |
| | | 17 | Bucky Echols
Lauren Hodges
Doris Parr | 29 | Kenneth Brimm
Robert Broomfield
Linda Dallas
Kirby Patterson
Jordan Rhymer
JoAnn Vedok |
| | | 18 | Clayton Virgo | 30 | Crystal Davis
Dylan Eaves |
| | | 19 | Payton Craig
Charlotte Echols
Lola Edmonds | 31 | Brian Glover
Cody Kraatz
Pauline Musgrave
Nikki Spiess |



January 2010 Happy Anniversary



- Wendall & Vernita Miller ~ January 1*
Jim & Cindy Walker ~ January 5
Kenny & Donna Taylor ~ January 7
Jesse & Jane Yates ~ January 10
Brooks & Elizabeth Tellor ~ January 13
Harley & Pat Rhodes ~ January 27
Bruce & Louise Williams ~ January 13

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship 8 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Child Choir 4:45pm Women's Bible Study 4:45pm Men's Fraternity 4:45pm Youth Praise Team 5pm Worship 6pm	Reach Nite 6 pm Upward Practice FLC	Men's Fraternity-FLC 6am Women's Bible Study 9am Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	Fellowship Meal 5-6:30pm Orchestra 5:30pm Cubbies & Puggles 6-8pm M&M's & Team Kids 6-8pm Youth Consumed 6:30-8pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	City Care 10 am Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	1	2
Church Council 4 pm	4	Deb/Fid MeD's 8:30 am	6	Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	9 4H Brenda Hileman FLC 9am-9pm
10 Space & Property 5 pm Deacon's Meeting 7 pm	11 Upward Practice FLC	12 Hathaway 1 pm Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	13 Business Meeting 7 pm	14 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	15 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	16
17	18 Upward Practice FLC	19 YAH 11 am Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	20	21 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	22 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	23
24	25 Upward Practice FLC	26 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	27	28 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	29 Upward Practice FLC 6-9 pm	30
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