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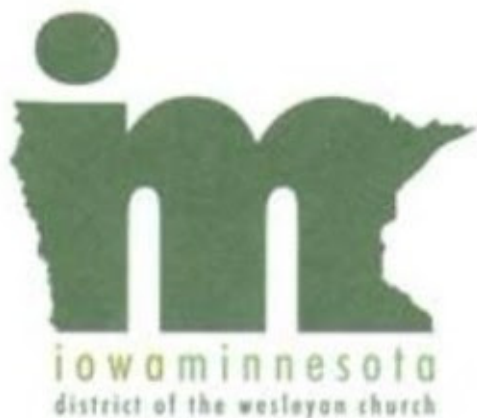
**January Newsletter**

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**He's Already There!**

Christmas is behind us and here we are, facing 2019. Looking ahead into a new year is kind of a mixed bag. On the one hand, there is something exciting and invigorating about a new year. Even though January 1 is really just another day on the calendar, there is something about it that offers hope and promise.

On the other hand, there is something a little ominous about a new year. We can plan, prepare and work, but the reality is that none of us really has any idea of what 2019 holds for us. How will my health be? How will the important relationships in my life fair? What challenges will I face in my ministry? We can hope for the best, but nobody knows. Well, that's not totally true. There is One who knows...

Theologians attempt to describe God by using 10 attributes gleaned from scripture. I say attempt, because who can describe God? Four of those attributes are moral, having to do with his character. They are righteousness, justice, love and veracity (meaning that he is absolute truth).

Then there are six non-moral attributes. He is sovereign (in control), omniscient (all-knowing), omnipotent (all-powerful), and immutable (unchangeable). But as you think about the new year, focus on these last two attributes for just a bit.

He is eternal. In other words, there has never been a time he hasn't existed and

there will never be a time he won't exist. He has no beginning and He has no end. In I Timothy 1:17, Paul describes God as "the King eternal." In Revelation 1:8, John says that God is the One "who was, who is and who is to come." God is present everywhere throughout time. In fact, time is a dimension that doesn't exist for Him.

Now couple that attribute with this one. God is also omni-present, meaning that He is present everywhere at once. Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the Lord are everywhere." In Jeremiah 23:24 God, himself, asks, "Do I not fill heaven and earth?"

So, try to wrap your head around this; God fills both time and space. There is nowhere throughout all of time and space where God isn't present. So face 2019 boldly, because the God you serve not only knows the future, he inhabits the future. HE'S ALREADY THERE!

Be sure to like our new Facebook page to get updates, photos and other info. And if you have photos, stories and updates for the page, send them to Tim at [tpurcell@iamandistrict.org](mailto:tpurcell@iamandistrict.org). The address for the IA/MN Facebook page is: [www.facebook.com/iamndistrict](http://www.facebook.com/iamndistrict).



**Trinity Bible Church, Cedar Falls, IA, Rev. Peter Salmon** In 2018 Trinity Bible Church encouraged their people to get into the Bible more by using the F-260 Bible reading plan from Replicate ministries. Vonice, a member of Trinity, shared the following testimony: ***"I shied away from reading my Bible as I never felt I really could truly understand it and it really honestly didn't interest me. I would listen to sermons and read articles of already digested information, but it just didn't fill my need. When [I started the reading plan], I vowed to God to make time for him at least 5 days a week. Big sacrifice, huh? But you know what? I started with the reading plan and I am telling you, God honored my vow and the Bible started coming alive!"***

## IA/MN MID-YEAR RETREAT

Feb. 4-6

Special Guest Speaker: Phill Tague

Held at:



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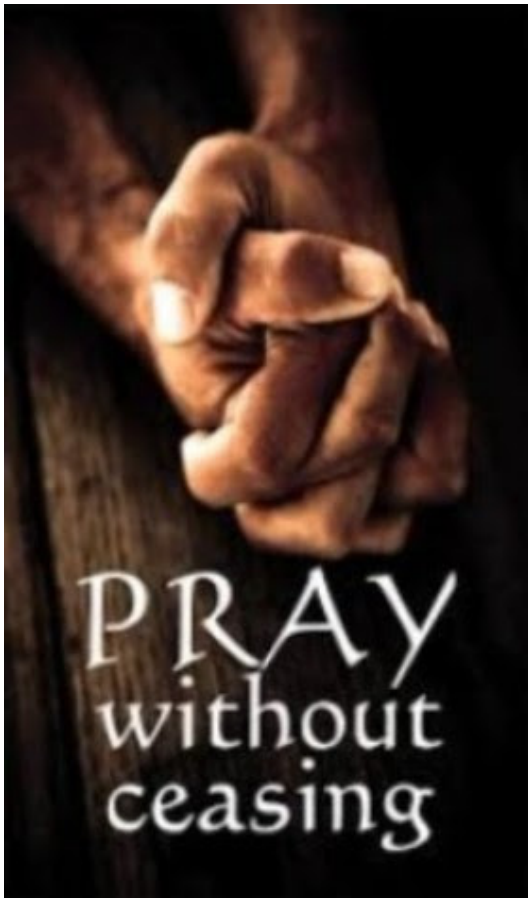
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**Reservations need to be made by Jan. 14 to get your room at the group rate!**

**This year's guest speaker is Rev. Phill Tague. Phill is the Lead Pastor of The Ransom Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Phill and his wife Stephani planted The Ransom Church in March of 2009, and have held on tight as God has done an amazing work, growing the church to over 2500 average attendance and 3 campuses. Most exciting though is the most recent shift in The Ransom Church's story, as God has called Pastor Phill and his team to launch Awaken- A church network and multiplication cooperative. Awaken boasts a two-year post-graduate residency program, a one-year church planter training program and a network partnership program for church plants. Phill and Stephani have three children: Trinity (age 15), Truitt, (Age 14) and Tucker (Age 4).**



Pray for the families of Della Matt and Alice Stoesz, both wives of former Pastor's in the IA/MN District, who passed away in the month of December.

Continue to pray for the Hagberg family. Both Dan and Becky have faced numerous health challenges since coming to Anoka in 2016. Becky also received word that her father is very ill.

Continue to prayer for our partners in spreading the gospel around the world. Global Prayer Partners [Monthly Calendar is attached here.](#)

## January Birthdays

Jan. 1 Alan Goracke  
Jan. 4 Dean Schmitt  
Jan. 5 Dale Holloway  
Jan. 15 Mitchell Cotrone  
Jan. 24 Tim Purcell  
Jan. 25 Brian Sexton  
Jan. 26 Janet Fischer



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We want to track the life of the  
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