

JANUARY 14, 2024 | 8:40 AM

HABITS: SMALL DISCIPLINES, BIG RESULTS

BEGINNING

<i>Praise</i>	Lake/Moore/Brown/Carnes/Barrett/Furtick
<i>Graves Into Gardens</i>	Lake/Brown/Furtick/Hammer
What's Going on in the Family?	Karen McAmis
Prayer for the Offering	Katie Herring
Song for the Offering: <i>King of Kings</i>	Ligertwood/Ingram/Ligertwood
Sermon	Blake Bengé
	<i>Habits: Beginning</i>
Song of Response: <i>Build My Life</i>	Yunker/Martin/Kable/Redman/Barrett
Recognition of Decisions	Blake Bengé
Special Recognition	Blake Bengé & Geron Gambill
Benediction	Blake Bengé

INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to info@snydermbc.com
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

In the tapestry of our Christian journey, habits weave the threads that lead us toward the divine image we strive to emulate. That image, of course, is Jesus Christ, the Image of the invisible God (Col 1:15). We are made in the Image of God. But through that first ancient disobedience against God, that likeness was sullied. In the Incarnation, God has sought to undo the original disobedience, and return us to our original conformity to His Image. God became human so that humans may retain the image of God.

But He does this through our cooperation with Him. Every small act, prompted by His grace, builds in us the habits that conform us to His Image. Just as a sculptor chisels away at raw stone to reveal a masterpiece, our daily habits shape us into reflections of Christ. Consistency in prayer, kindness and selflessness molds our character, carving away the rough edges of our nature. Through faith, hope and love, we may "become partakers in the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire" (2 Peter 1:4). So as we build our habits, let's keep our eyes fixed on the end goal, Jesus Christ. By Him we were made, in His likeness we were fashioned, and through His grace we will be restored to the Image of the Father.

~ Matthew Miller

HABITS | BEGINNING

This is part two in a three part series called Habits. Last week we asserted that habits have more to do with becoming someone than doing something. Habits are how we become, therefore what we want to become should precede what we want to begin. Now with a picture of who we want to become, we can begin.

Habits: things we do repeatedly and automatically that shape the essence of our lives.

The habit(s) we choose to develop and deploy in our life will determine:

1. _____ we go (our direction)
2. How _____ we will go (in that direction)
3. How _____ we will get where we are going

"Habit", the Biblical concept:

Habits are something we put on and take off. Like _____ they reflect who we are and set us up to do what we want to do. (Colossians 3)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, (3:12)

bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (3:13)

and above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (3:14)

Habit Homework | Beginning

By God's grace and God's aid I want to become and be... therefore I am developing the habit of _____ in my life, to God's glory and the betterment of myself and those around me.

Key to Successful Habit Development and Deployment:

Start _____

Four Things that Make Small Habits Strong:

1. Begin _____:

2. Begin _____:

Keystones: _____

Cues: _____

3. Begin with _____: (Ecclesiastes 4:11-13 & Proverbs 27:17)

4. Continue _____

Recommended Reading:

The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do In Life And Business by Charles Duhigg

Your Future Self Will Thank You: Secrets to Self-Control from the Bible and Brain Science (A Guide for Sinners, Quitters and Procrastinators) by Drew Dyck

Atomic Habits: by James Clear

Recommended viewing or listening:

This series was inspired by Craig Groeschel's 2019 series "Habits".
View these talks by searching: Habits | Life.Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAUDATE ENSEMBLES - PRAISING GOD WITH MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Our January-February classes are open for registration! This semester we are offering:

Adult & Youth Beginner Handbells (Sundays, 3:30-4pm)

Adult & Youth Piano Choir (Mondays, 5-6pm)

Children Orff Instruments & Recorders - Grades 1-2 (Wednesdays, 4-4:30pm)

Children Orff Instruments & Recorders - Grades 3-5 (Wednesdays, 4:30-5pm)

Register for any or all of these at snydermbc.com (click on Music Ministry - Instrumental Groups)

Any questions? Contact Donna Davenport at donnad@snydermbc.com

REVELATION: Jon Nahlen will be leading a study on the book of Revelation. This study will help us understand the book, current happenings in the Middle East, and God's final plan of redemption. Join us in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 6:15pm or in the Parlor on Sundays at 5pm.

JOIN US FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday, January 20, 8 - 10am in the Fellowship Hall The price is \$2.00 for a stack of pancakes, sausage patties, orange juice, milk and coffee. Please pay at the door. This event is sponsored by our Men's Ministry.

VIDEO TEAM: Next Sunday, January 21, you may notice some folks with cameras - be sure to smile - our team will be creating some video to help us prepare for the generosity campaign.

8:40 WORSHIP CHOIR REHEARSAL: One big rehearsal on Wednesday, January 24, 6:15-8:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for worship on Sunday, January 28. No prior commitment needed - open to all ages!

GRIEF SHARE - NEW CYCLE BEGINS ON JANUARY 24: We will offer 2 choices of sessions: Wednesday mornings at 10am or Wednesday evenings at 6:05pm. This 13-week grief support group focuses on important grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.

HILL TOPPERS LUNCHEON/PROGRAM: Thursday, January 25, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall! Our guest speaker will be Kemberle Braden, Chief, Fayetteville Police Department! You do not want to miss this special event. There is no cost; however, reservations are required by calling the Church Office (910) 484-3191. Deadline for registering is Monday, January 22.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH: Saturday, January 27, 10am - Noon The guest speaker will be Lisa Miller. No cost, but RSVP in the Church Office by Tuesday, January 23.

SAVE THE DATE: Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day - Saturday, March 16.

HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to www.snydermbc.com; select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

or

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

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