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JANUARY MESSENGER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR-ALL AGES

By Frances Cooney

To the young, we salute you. We look to you for answers to what the world has not yet discovered. We want that you will pray in seeking these opportunities. Your youth and freshness will serve you well. Know that you are loved. It may be beyond thought now but truth is you will be middle aged and one day, yes, a senior citizen. But for now grow where you are. In Luke 3:12-14, we find what had transpired between Jesus' birth and His ministry. "The boy grew in wisdom and status and was in favor with God and man." What an example in moving forward with life.

To you who are the young adults and those in or toward midlife, you have lived long enough to have experienced success and failure. We want failure to be minimal, but hey, we are human. God's grace sees us through both. Philippians 3:12-14 tells us to forget what is behind and press forward to the future. He gives us comfort when discouraged and grace to be humble in successes. Having by this time made a positive difference in our country, home and church, continue to grow in grace within your personhood. We are grateful for the many things you do and have done.

And now, some of us are of an older group. We don't give up. Aging makes us even more determined. We will serve where and when we can. See the humor through the next paragraphs.

"Lord I AM GROWING OLDER and will someday be old. Keep me from being talkative with the fatal habit of thinking I must address every subject and occasion— give me wings to get to the point.

Release me from craving to straighten out the affairs of others. Seems a pity, with my great store of wisdom, not to use it. But you know Lord, I want to keep a few friends.

I ask for grace to listen to tales of other's pains. Seal my lips on my own aches and pains— but they are increasing. But, maybe I can become sweeter as years go by. May I endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and lessening of cocksureness when my memory does not coincide with others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that possibly I can be mistaken. Make me thoughtful but not moody.

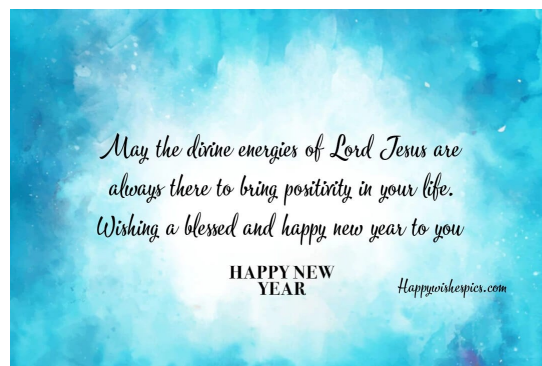
Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint— some of them are hard to live with— but a sour older person is the crowing works of the devil!

Give me the ability to see the good things in unexpected people and give me, Oh Lord, the grace to tell them so."

Said to be written by a 17th century nun

Now, on the more serious side, the Gospel of Luke tells of two Biblical seniors. Simeon who was righteous and devout. He is thought to be older than Anna. She was 84 and worshiped day and night. These were the lives these two wonderful seniors chose and loved. Simeon wanted to live long enough to see the baby Jesus. He did, and got to hold this child. Anna gave thanks and spoke of this child to anyone who would hear.

God Bless our Church.



Weekly Services: (services: in person & online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/
www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church

Life Groups are weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Go to: <https://parknaz.org/ministry-news/> for details

Weekly Prayer: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The January Messenger Continued..

SIGNIFICANT JANUARY DATES:

01: New Year's Day



12: Finance Committee Meeting

19: Church Board Meeting

20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



21: Gals w/Grace



31: Winter Jam



January Birthdays

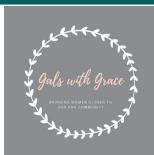
Ernest Szczepanski	01
Cynthia Lopez	05
Pat Whitney	15
Aaron Burnham	20
Adam Whitney	23
Frances Cooney	26
Israel Grimm	26

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed in the monthly Messenger? Please contact Joanne in the Church Office (office@parknaz.org) for it to be added.

GALS WITH GRACE

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge for a time of Devotion, Fellowship and Snacks! Feel free to bring a friend. The January Gals with Grace is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Joanne Murphy with any questions.



HAPPY 2025!



The start of a new year brings exciting changes to our classrooms as we welcome new babies to the Infant classroom and celebrate children transitioning to their new rooms. There's so much joy and anticipation during this time of growth and change!

January is also a time for our program to settle back into a calmer routine after the busyness of the holiday season. It's an opportunity to refocus and prepare for the wonderful year ahead, and we welcome this sense of normalcy.

Wishing you and your families the best year yet!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl Szczepanski or Nancy Lain in the school office.

SMALL GROUPS



Pastor Kasey leads a Small Group on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. They meet in the Church Lounge. This group resumes on January 7.

Harold leads a Virtual Small Group on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. They discuss questions individuals in the group have regarding the Bible. You may join this group at any time. This group resumes on January 9.

For questions about either of these groups please contact the leader directly or the Church Office at: office@parknaz.org and you will be put in contact with the leader.

WINTER JAM



Winter Jam is a Concert of Christian Bands. This year's Winter Jam is on Friday, January 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland. The cost is \$15 at the door for general admission. The bands include: Skillet, Anne Wilson, Micah Tyler and more...

If you would like to attend this concert with our Teens, please see NYI President, Stephen Murphy or contact the Church Office.

Go to: <https://jamtour.com/cleveland-oh/>

For more information.