

# THE MESSENGER



# WMU FOCUS

McLeod's NICU is January's MISSION OF THE MONTH in honor of National Sanctity of Human Life Day 2020. This year, National Sanctity of Human Life Day is celebrated in the USA on January 19, 2020. National Sanctity of Human Life Day is an observance declared by several U.S. Presidents who opposed abortion. President Ronald Reagan designated January 22, 1984, as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The date was chosen to coincide with the 11th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case that first recognized the constitutionally-protected status of abortion in the United States. Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the third Sunday in January, which represents the closest Sunday to the original January 22 date.



His successor, George H. W. Bush, continued the annual proclamation throughout his presidency. Bush's successor, Bill Clinton, discontinued the practice throughout his eight years in office, but Bush's son and Clinton's successor, George W. Bush, resumed the proclamation, and did so every year of his presidency.

When a baby arrives prematurely or with serious health issues, McLeod Neonatologists, Neonatal Nurse Practitioners and specially trained nurses step in, giving this fragile, young life a chance to survive and grow. The McLeod Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) carries the Level III distinction, one of only seven in South Carolina, indicating access to unique specialists, imaging capabilities and breathing support to care for babies weighing as little as one pound.



Some bigger items NICU could use:

- Car seats for 5 lbs. and up (for those who don't have one yet but need a car seat test done)
- Pack 'n Play

Smaller items needed:

- Premie clothes for both boy and girl
- Big blankets that can cover the top of the isolette

Snack items for NICU:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack-size chips | <input type="checkbox"/> Gum   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mints    | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack-size nuts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy |

Donations may be placed in (or beside if too large to fit inside) the boxes behind the sanctuary.

# CALVARY CARES

- Calvary donated 364 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.
- Christmas Prisoner Packets totaled 56.
- The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering received (as of 12.18.19) was \$17,657.05. Our goal is \$25,000.
- The deacons and staff of Calvary built a wheelchair ramp for a church member.

# WMU MEETING

- The WMU Leadership Team will meet in January on the SECOND Wednesday, January 8, at 5:00 in the conference room.
- Mission Engagers will meet at the home of Ann Jones on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30 pm.

# UPCOMING DATES



- January 5 - Awana resumes
- January 26 - Spirit Night - Baby Picture Night | Awana Store Open | Sparks/T&T jewels/patches given out
- February 2 - Super Bowl - No Awana



- January 8
- Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs resume

# MAN UP

We are having a Steak Night on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30pm in the Collins Family Life Center.

# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

According to the American Optometric Association “20/20 vision is a term used to express normal visual acuity measured at a distance of 20 feet. If you have 20/20 vision, you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance.”

As Christians, we have something better than normal 20-20 vision. In fact, a Biblical perspective gives us a whole new way of looking at a New Year!

Some may be discouraged by a New Year, because it means our bodies are getting older. But hear the words of 2 Corinthians 4:16: “Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day.” According to this verse, even as our physical bodies are wearing or being torn down, our spiritual lives are different. The Bible’s eternal perspective helps us know that we are not being broken, but being renewed. Look forward to the renewing.

2 Corinthians 4:17 goes on to say, “For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.” The troubles of our lives may seem anything but light and momentary. In the moment, it’s easy to find those troubles to be oppressive and the challenges of another scroll down the calendar to be unbearable or overwhelming. But The Bible’s eternal perspective tells us that our troubles are light and temporary compared to our eternal rewards. Look forward to the rewards.

2 Corinthians 4 concludes with verse 18: “So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” The Bible’s eternal focus urges us to emphasize in our thoughts and actions the things of God, because they will outlast the things of the world. Look forward to the revelation of things as yet unseen.



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —