

Newsletter

Jan 2020

COASTLANDS

Facing the Future in 2020

We may or may not have made new years resolutions, but if we can make up our mind to face the future the right way in 2020, we will certainly get more out of this year.

In the 4th chapter of James' letter he gives three pointers as to how to move forwards into the future.

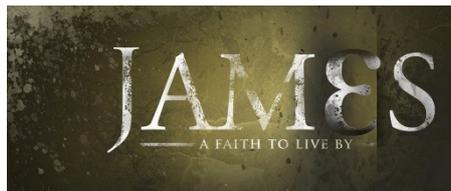
Firstly when planning and setting goals, be sure to include God. It is easy to leave him out of our planning, but if we do, we might find ourselves making the wrong decisions. It is important to have a dependent attitude towards God. Are we in God's will?

Secondly, do not presume too much about the future—it is so unpredictable and our own lives are like mist. We just don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we can live for today. We don't know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. So we put our trust in God and live for now.

Thirdly, lets not put off doing good. James says that is a sin. We want to make our lives

count. That involves doing all the things God has planned for us.

James is saying that none of us have any right to just plan our lives as if God doesn't even care. Check in with Him first. Consult Him. Do you have a tendency to take tomorrow for granted?



God says, live each day and each week as if it were your last. And plan for the future. But you can only live right now. That's what counts.

What have you been knowing that you ought to do but you've just been putting it off? ..."Someday I'll get around to it." James says, "Do it now." Right now! Don't wait. "Someday I'm going to give my life totally to God." Why not today? There's not a better time.

Live each day as if it were your last

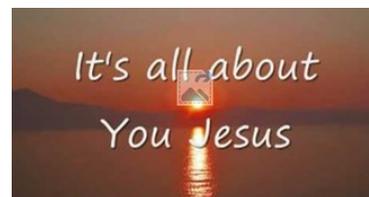
Jan Events:

5th Meet and Eat,
Farewell to Niall.

12th & 26th Face2Face

25th 10.30am to 12pm-
Billy Graham Association
Prayer meeting. ICC,
Newport.

1st Feb New Wine Cymru
together tour. 9am to
4pm



Alpha Update

Other news

Following a great Alpha Launch where several people would have liked to have come but were unable to, we had just 2 very special guests Sam and Chris. We decided to run it at my house which was a real privilege. Bry was such a blessing to me, he joined us for the meal, made the teas and coffees then washed up while we watched the film and had the discussion.

Our guests were relaxed and felt comfortable from day one, they had lots of questions and were able to share some of their life's experiences, we had some great discussions, laughter and tears were shared on several occasions. Jesus was definitely at the centre of our precious time together over those weeks. They both gave their lives to Jesus on the Holy Spirit day and they both wish to be baptised in the New Year, watch this space for the date. I'm happy to say Sam and Chris are attending Coastlands, Chris is volunteering at ReStore and will be meeting up with Garrison in the New

Year and Sam has joined a Lifegroup.

Our intern Garrison loved Alpha, he joined in heartily and was a great asset over the weeks. Please pray for this wonderful young man, he has said he will take Alpha back home next year and has already got some people in mind to invite to do it, I have every confidence he will be a great Alpha leader.

A big thank you to Mike for picking everyone up each week and dropping them home afterwards, for your sense of humour, your gentleness and humility, for the love you show to others and for helping with all those big important questions!

Lastly and most importantly a big thank you Jesus, it's all about you.

Teamwork makes the dream work!



Please pass onto Barbara Durbin any news items you feel needs to be included. We will also include information about one of the Coastlands ministries each month and an editorial from the leadership. Material to be submitted at least five days before the 1st Sunday in the month.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please email: coastlandsbarry@gmail.com

What's on at Coastlands?

Mon: 2pm - 3pm Foodbank

Tues: 7.30pm Lifegroup (email for Venue)
7pm Ceramics Painting

Wed: 10am-12.30 Knit and Natter
6pm - 7pm Rock Kids
7.30pm Lifegroup (email for Venue)

Thu: 9.45am Coastlands Caterpillars
4.30pm - 6pm Foodbank
7pm Just Love 2 Sing—Community Choir

Fri: 6pm Youth Club (11-16yrs)

Sun: 10.30am Service
11am Coasters (3-10yrs)
P.O.D. (11—16yrs)

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