

NEW SLOGAN AND "FOCUS" FOR THE NEW YEAR!!!!



Not since the year 2000 did the numeration of the year lend itself to a focus and emphasis as this year "2020" will provide. I remember Y2K the fear of computers crashing and the sense that Armageddon was poised to strike gave us a sense that the things made be changed forever. The turn of the century is a big deal and a New Millennium made for some excitement. I played off the Y2K theme in my bulletin articles that year as a way to focus on starting the new millennium in light of Christ and the coming kingdom in the midst of the fears of the unknowns that would present themselves undoubtedly in the years to come. Of course it was not long into the year 2000, when we all remembered to not write 1999 on our checks, that the novelty wore off and so did the fear and need to change for the better.....

But this year "2020" seems to beg us to have better vision in following the Lord. I started to think about how this year and the denotation of perfect vision was the same. We always talk about hind sight being 20/20 for when we look back at certain situations and choices it is clearer in retrospect. We somehow excuse ourselves then of the responsibilities of our choice by blaming it on being "blinded" by the moment. So I thought what if we are better focused in this year of the Lord (20/20) and have clearer vision of Faith and Action? Having 20/20 vision in the year 2020 only made sense but was a great slogan.

What is 20/20 vision? We say it all the time... we know it means perfect vision but why? 20/20 vision is a term used to express normal visual acuity (the clarity or sharpness of vision) 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. If you have 20/100 vision, it means that you must be as close as 20 feet to see what a person with normal vision can see at 100 feet.



Most of us need "glasses" to correct our visual acuity to have the sharpness and clarity of 20/20 vision. So we need to put on those kinds of faith –Vision glasses to see to follow the Lord. Sometimes they need to be "Rose colored" as well to have hope in amidst the dismal state of the world today. Jesus made this "clear" in the stories that he told of spiritual blindness as well as the purpose of restoring the sight of the blind as a reminder of how selfishness and sin take away our vision.



"SO AS WITH THE START OF THIS NEW YEAR AND 20/20 VISION WE WILL FOLLOW THE LORD"

This will be one of the Logos I will be using with my Pastor's Notes throughout the year and on printed materials to emphasize a joint "New Year's Resolution (20/20) to focus clearly, to seek greater faith and not to "blindsided" by sin and the bright lights of the world's allurements! I plan to write bulletin articles that will reflect on the stories of blindness and healing from the scriptures as well as how to gain clearer vision with mercy and love. I also plan to add to our mission at the end of the homily suggestions of how to follow the Lord with 20/20 faith visual acuity!!!

So get ready to become familiar with this slogan and challenge for a remarkable year of better vision deeper faith and greater love!!!

