

# The Byne Line

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1. Click the GIVING button on our church website: [www.byne.org](http://www.byne.org)
2. Click "Give", enter the amount, select a fund, and enter your email address.
3. Click CONTINUE, enter your payment method to complete the transaction.

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1. Text BYNE and amount to 73256
2. Click the link you receive in your text message response.
3. Select a fund, enter your email address and payment information to complete the transaction.

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

*Acts 20:35*

## VISION STATEMENT

To be a multicultural, multi-generational, Great Commission church that exalts Jesus Christ and leads people to discover their purpose in Him through love.

## Message From Bruce

### What is 2021 Asking of You?

What did 2020 ask of you? What did you hear?

Listening is critical to navigating uncertain times.

When you stop talking and listen closely, you hear the unspoken. The words not said. In fact, it is not even noise. It's a sense, an intuitive awareness. More than vibrations tickling your ear drum, it is the unspoken. Did you hear it?

What did 2020 ask of you?

Listen. Stop and listen. 2020 has been asking for healing, for justice, for peace, for calm, for courage, for certainty, for harmony, for understanding, for forgiveness, for wisdom, for love. In a phrase, 2020 has been asking for the heart and spirit of Jesus. Because He is all of that and so much more.

The world is asking that of us, His followers. All of the issues we've faced in 2020 – the political, the moral, the physical, the emotional, the relational, the financial – all of them are asking for Jesus.

So will 2021. It will ask for more of Jesus – from us, His followers, the ones in whom He lives and through whom He expresses His life. These days are asking for the hands, the feet, the heart, the mind, and the voice of Jesus. From us.

That may mean doing the thing no one else wants to do. Because that's what Jesus did. For example, He washed the feet of His disciples. No one else volunteered to do that. Everyone in

the room sat back and waited awkwardly for someone to pick up the basin and towel. So Jesus did. He stepped up when no one else did.

2021 will ask us to do what no one else wants to do. It will be tasks everyone else shuns, though everyone knows the tasks need to be done. They may look undesirable to us. They may look small and unimportant. However, they will be enormous opportunities. If we will show up when no one else shows up, the impact will create a rippling effect. Jesus taught us that it is by serving that we lead best.

In 2021 let us stop and listen. Carefully. To our times. Beneath the shockingly loud noise of the media and boisterous blah-blah-blah's of politicians is a silent and quiet voice beckoning for hope, joy, peace and love. Let's turn down the volume of the fear mongering sirens and listen with our hearts and souls to the invitation from the Spirit to step into this moment with the life of Jesus bursting forth from within us. Because our world is asking for Him.

### January Staff On-Call Schedule:

- 1/4: Bruce Pittman
- 1/11: Hal Pinson
- 1/18: Duane Logsdon
- 1/25: Bruce Pittman

### Byne Baptist Church Staff

- Duane Logsdon, Pastoral Ministries
- Sherlene Louis, Byne Preschool
- Donna Pinson, Financial Administrator
- Hal Pinson, Outreach & Missions
- Bruce Pittman, Family Ministries
- Cory Wise, BCS Headmaster
- Michelle Works, Food Service

# Happy New Year

**Bruce Pittman - Associate Pastor  
for Families**

We are discipling future generations to embrace and enjoy the life of Christ.



**January Challenge:** Have fun. That's your challenge in January. Have fun. Whether your children are infants, school age, teenagers or adults, have fun with them. I still laugh with my adult children every time we are together or even texting. Fun is one of our family's core values. Start the new year with laughter and joy and pleasure and games. 2020 was hard for families on many levels. We don't know what 2021 will be like, but what's so unusual about that? We never know what a new year will bring. Since uncertainty is certain, then make sure that as your family steps into a new year, you will do so with joy. Let laughter mark the journey for you. Plan activities, date nights, family weekends, and fun times so you can enjoy each other. Let January be the first month of a year you will enjoy. Decide to have fun.

**Preschoolers (birth-K5)** – Meets for Bible stories and lessons on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

**Children's Wednesdays**– Grades 1-5 Meets at 6:15 PM upstairs from the foyer. This is for children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We begin our mission emphasis for children in January with the Girls in Action (G.A.'s) and Royal Ambassadors (R.A.'s) groups.

**Children's Church** – We will have Children's Church on Sunday mornings, January 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Sunday School** – Grades 1-5 meet for Bible stories and life lessons on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM upstairs from the foyer.

**BYG (Byne Youth Group)** – High school and middle school students meet on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM in the Game Room. Snacks, games, and life learnings from the Bible. Pass the word! Students gather on Sundays at 9:30 AM for Bible study in the former Media Center (near church office).



**Hal Pinson - Missions Pastor**

**Missions**

Continue to pray for our missionaries around the world. We look forward to what God has planned for us after Covid-19.

**Lottie Moon:** Thank you for your **Lottie Moon** gifts. What a great way to support our missionaries.

**Operation Christmas Child:**

Please consider making **Operation Christmas Child Boxes** a year-long event for you and your family, small group, or friends.

**Life Touch Sunday Ministry Opportunities:**

**January 31<sup>st</sup>** we will be visiting, calling, and writing cards for those who want more information about Byne from Share the Joy.

**Exercise Ministry:** Meets in the Blue Gym on Monday and Wednesday at **10:30 AM**.

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:**

Wednesdays are going well. If you are not in a class, come to **Prayer Meeting**. We pray and spend time in God's Word. We are meeting **in person** at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays in the sanctuary and on Facebook Live and YouTube.

**ESL Ministry Team:**

ESL has started and is going well.

**Benevolence Team:**

We continue to assist those who need assistance as God leads us and provides.

**COMPASS (Men's Ministry):**

Our **Check Point Supper** is starting back January 5, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



**Bereavement Ministry Team:**

Our Bereavement Ministry Team would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who assists in this great ministry. What a privilege it is to be able to provide a meal to a Byne Family after the death of a loved one.

**Thank you** to all who donated to assist us in providing meals during the time of Covid-19. We have still been able to bless the families through this ministry. We will continue to **accept gifts** for this ministry as you feel led to give.

**F.A.I.T.H Riders:**

**F.A.I.T.H. Riders** has resumed their ZOOM meetings. Our F.A.I.T.H. Riders participated in Share the Joy, leading in the prayer ministry. Thank You!

**Share the Joy:**

**Thank you** for all that prayed for and/or participated in Share the Joy this year. While it was different, it was a great way to love on our community during these unusual times.

**Byne Christian Preschool/School:**

**Please pray** for our school as COVID-19 has also affected the way schools have to do things. **We are in need** of office help in the Preschool/School office. If you are available to **volunteer** during the week, please call Hal Pinson.

If you would like to **make a donation** for these great ministries of Byne, please designate your gift for the Preschool/School.

These are two of our biggest ministry opportunities we have here at Byne. **BE A PART!**

**Thanksgiving Celebration:**

Our **Thanksgiving** lunch was a great time of fellowship. Hope to see you there next year.

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**How has God called you to serve?**

## Byne | Pathway to Purpose, Duane Logsdon

### With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Owen Glaze and Dot Hautman and to Karen Padgett in the loss of their loved ones.



#### “Time for a Workout”

**1 Timothy 4:7b–8 7b** On the other hand, *discipline* yourself for the purpose of godliness; <sup>8</sup> for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

**Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, *work out* your salvation with fear and trembling;

**2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and *discipline*.

Time to WORK OUT - your salvation that is! A new year, and with it, an opportunity to make a New Year’s resolution to whole-heartedly pursue your relationship with God and the disciplines of the faith which help to make that possible. Let me encourage you to read through the following “40 Day Spiritual Challenge” and prayerfully adopt a number of the action steps as you resolve to grow in godliness and become more aware of God’s presence, power, and provision in your life. Hey, maybe you will find that the 40 days turns into a whole year of walking closer with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ - and that is a very good thing!

#### 40 DAY SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

#### READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 40 DAYS:

- 1- Matt 1-6
- 2- Matt 8-12
- 3- Matt 13-18
- 4- Matt 19-24
- 5- Matt 25-28
- 6- Mark 1-6
- 7- Mark 7-11
- 8- Mark 12-16
- 9- Luke 1-4
- 10- Luke 5-9
- 11- Luke 10-13
- 12- Luke 14-19
- 13- Luke 20-24
- 14- John 1-5
- 15- John 6-9
- 16- John 10-14
- 17- John 15-19
- 18- John 20-Acts 4
- 19- Acts 5-9
- 20- Acts 10-15

- 21- Acts 16-20
- 22- Acts 21-26
- 23- Acts 27-Romans 4
- 24- Romans 5-10
- 25- Romans 11-16
- 26- Romans 17-1 Corinthians 9
- 27- I Corinthians 10-15
- 28- I Corinthians 16- 2 Corinthians 5
- 29- 2 Corinthians 10- Galatians 2
- 30- Galatians 5-Ephesians 4
- 31- Philippians 2-Colossians 3
- 32- 1 Thessalonians 3 - 2 Thes 3
- 33- 1Timothy 6- Titus 1
- 34- Hebrews 2-7
- 35- Hebrews 11-James 3
- 36- 1 Peter 1- 2 Peter 1
- 37- 1 John 1- 2 John 1
- 38- Revelation 1-6
- 39- Revelation 8-13
- 40- Revelation 16-21

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

**BYNE GOAL: \$10,000**

**RECEIVED TO DATE: \$6,453.02**

#### Special Prayer Emphasis

The Stewardship Team is hosting an Evening of Prayer on January 4, 2021, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this special event.



#### Daily Bible Reading for Quiet Times (suggestions)

<u>John</u>				<u>Ephesians</u>	<u>Philippians</u>	<u>Colossians</u>	<u>1 Thessalonians</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians</u>
1:1-18	6:1-15	10:22-42	15:18-27	1:1-14	1:1-11	1:1-14	1:1-10	1:1-12
1:19-28	6:16-24	11:1-16	16:1-16	1:15-23	1:12-30	1:15-23	2:1-12	2:1-12
1:29-34	6:25-59	11:17-37	16:17-33	2:1-10	2:1-18	1:24-29	2:13-20	2:13-17
1:35-42	6:60-71	11:38-44	17:1-26	2:11-22	2:19-30	2:1-12	3:1-13	3:1-15
1:43-51	7:1-13	11:45-57	18:1-14	3:1-13	3:1-11	2:13-23	4:1-12	3:16-18
2:1-11	7:14-24	12:1-11	18:15-18	3:14-21	3:12-21	3:1-17	4:13-18	
2:12-25	7:25-44	12:12-19	18:19-27	4:1-16	4:1-9	3:18-25	5:1-11	
3:1-21	7:45-52	12:20-36	18:28-40	4:17-32	4:10-19	4:1-6	5:12-28	
3:22-36	8:1-11	12:37-50	19:1-16	5:1-21	4:20-23	4:7-18		
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4:43-54	9:1-12	14:1-4	20:19-31					
5:1-15	9:13-34	14:5-14	21:1-14					
5:16-30	9:35-41	14:15-31	21:15-25					
5:31-47	10:1-21	15:1-17						

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### **ABIDE IN CHRIST**

Attend a corporate worship experience weekly.

Set aside a specific time and location for a regular quiet time. (5-10 minutes a day if just starting)

Spend time each day thanking God and giving Him praise (no matter your situations). Write these thanksgivings in a spiritual journal.

Start a spiritual journal: Make a list of things that hinder your spiritual growth and seek God's help to remove those hindrances.

### **LIVE IN THE WORD**

Memorize one Scripture verse each week.

Memorize an entire passages of Scripture. (i.e., 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm; the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12)

Start a spiritual journal: Take notes from the pastor's sermon and other Bible study experiences each week. Evaluate how the study applies to your life.

Establish a regular time for personal Bible study. Take notes from the study and evaluate how the biblical truth applies to your life.

This is in addition to your Daily Quiet Time

Read, pray, and take notes from a larger portion of Scripture (like if you were reading through the entire NT)

Read John and take notes / write down questions.

Use a spiritual journal to record this information.

Read one chapter from the Bible each day. Discover one action required and do it.

Read one chapter from the Bible each day. Meditate on the character of God described in the chapter.

Participate in an ongoing small group Bible study (Sunday School and/or LifeGroup).

Lead a small group study related to living God's Word.

### **PRAY IN FAITH**

Participate in the prayer ministry of your church.

Pray based on what God reveals to you in your Daily Quiet Time.

Enlist a prayer partner and meet regularly for prayer. (at least once a week)

Use a spiritual journal to record your prayers and God's answers.

Organize a prayer ministry for your church or small group.

Pray each day.

### **FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS**

Ask family members to identify ways you can improve relationships with each one.

Ask friends to identify ways you can improve your relationship with each one.

Make a list of people who have hurt you and ask God to help you forgive them.

Participate in an ongoing small group to build relationships with other believers. (Sunday School and/or LifeGroup)

Obtain an accountability partner who will meet with you, pray with you, and ask you questions which will help you grow spiritually.

Share quiet time insights, prayer requests, and notes from your spiritual journal.

### **WITNESS TO THE WORLD**

Write your testimony and practice sharing it with another believer.

Secure several gospel tracts and distribute them as the Lord leads.

Mark pages and verses in a New Testament for use in sharing the gospel.

Learn to share your testimony without using printed support.

Memorize the Roman Road

Memorize the verses from a marked New Testament

Make a list of non-believers you know and begin praying regularly for their salvation.

Fill out an index card with the names of non-believers you know, place in at the altar, and begin praying regularly for their salvation.

Spend time at the altar in prayer for the other names written on index cards.

Begin building relationships with the non-believers on your street.

Begin building relationships with non-believers at work.

Invite an unchurched friend to worship and/or Bible study. Meet them there and sit with them if possible.

Share your testimony as God provides the opportunity.

With your accountability partner list places you visit in a normal week. Brainstorm creative ways of witnessing to the people you regularly see at these places.

### **MINISTER TO OTHERS (a few suggestions)**

Volunteer for a ministry in your church where you can use your gifts, interests, and natural abilities.

Look for new baby bows on mailboxes in your neighborhood. Send a note of congratulations and drop off a gift or meal.

Volunteer to baby sit for a single parent in your church to give them a night out each month.

Volunteer to serve meals at a local shelter.

Volunteer to tutor students or help in a classroom at a local school.

Fiscal Year August 2020 - December 2020	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
	Year To Date	Year To Date
Church, School/ Preschool, Food Service	\$629,429.45	\$723,788.78
LIVING THE LEGACY	\$69,923.45	\$67,726.52