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PASTOR JIM'S THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS - FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Loving God! Have you ever considered how much you've changed over the years? On other hand, perhaps you think you haven't changed at all.

Speaking of change, this past week I spent time reading through five of the last "Pictorial Church Directories". The oldest one was dated 1974. I looked at the photos, read the captions, read through the names on the membership lists and read the stories.

Some people's names change, some got married, there are new babies. Some people got older, yet their faces and smiles remain the same. Some people are still attending our Church; it appears others have moved away. Some people have gone on to Heaven to be with our Loving God. There are new people, new faces, new smiles, and new babies. So many memories, for so many people, so many changes!

Then I realized what hasn't changed at all? *GOD'S LOVE NEVER CHANGES!* God loves us the same today as He did yesterday. God loves us the same in 2015 as He did in the early 1800's, when our church began.

I also realized something about God never changes. *GOD HOPES WE CHANGE EVERY DAY!* God wants us to love Him more today than we did yesterday. God wants us to love our neighbors, and our family, more today than yesterday. God wants us to understand His purpose for our lives more today, than yesterday. God wants us to serve Him more today than yesterday!

So my Friends, perhaps we should ask this question every day, "Dear God, what new and exciting plan do You have for me today?" Putting it another way, perhaps every day we should wake up and say. "God, Thank You for giving me another day to serve You. Then we should ask God, "What is the blessing You have for me today?" and "How do You want me to be a blessing to others today?"

I hope each of us change each day, as our understanding of God's love deepens, and we discover all of the new and exciting things He wants us to do for Him and our brothers and sisters, each and every day of our lives! I'm looking forward to seeing you in church.



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