

ABIDING PEACE Connections

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Unchanging Hope for an Ever-changing World

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
(Hebrews 13:8)*



As one year ends and another begins, columnists and commentators look back at the previous year. What changed? What stayed the same? Whose passing did we mourn? Whose new arrival did we celebrate?

At the same time, we make predictions about the coming year. What will the new year hold? What will change? What will stay the same?

As fun and exciting as it may be to reminisce about the past and dream about the future, it can also be a little sad and scary. Things will likely never be what they used to be. Loved ones who have passed away don't come back. Jobs that are lost seldom reappear quickly. Even when broken dreams and broken relationships are repaired, they rarely return to their former glory. Many times our experiences in an ever-changing world are difficult.

Yet we sometimes look at our lives and see a need for change. Many of us make New Year's resolutions: "I'm going to exercise more and eat less." "I'm going to save more and spend less." "I'm going to love more and hate less." But too often, our good intentions disappear, and only poor excuses remain.

No matter what (or who) changes from one year to the next, there is one who never changes—Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He always exists, from before time, throughout the course of time, and at the end of time for eternity. Jesus loved you before you were born. He loves you today, and he will always love you.

That's what Christmas is all about. Jesus loved you so much that he wanted you to experience his unchanging love forever. So he came into the world to live up to God's perfect demands in your place. He took the punishment for your imperfection and gave you the reward for his perfection. That reward is an eternity far away from this world's sorrows and disappointments—the unchanging peace and joy of a place called heaven.

Jesus—the same yesterday, today, and forever—promises to be with us, to love us, to care for us, and to give perfect peace with God to all who trust in him. Only Jesus offers unchanging hope to an ever-changing world.

Upcoming Events at Abiding Peace

Monster Movie Night

Join us, as two monsters lead us on an adventure the whole family will love!



Friday, January 21 – 6:30 p.m.

Free Movie
Free Refreshments
Free Family Fun

All are Welcome!

Encouragement for Daily Living

Check out our website where you will find a Faith Related Q & A with topics that are updated regularly such as: Divorce, Forgiveness, Prayer, Bible Study, End of the World, Heaven and Hell, and much more!

www.abidingpeace.org

Festival of Friendship

Sunday, February 13

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL A PERSON WHO...

- Knows everything about you—all your faults & shortcomings—and still loves you?
- Accepts you as you are but will not let you settle for being less than everything you can possibly be?
- Wants you to be totally honest and open with him at all times?
- Has experienced every kind of test you will ever face, has always overcome, and is eager to help you overcome also?
- Sticks closer than a brother?
- Was willing to lay down his life for you?

I would call him “friend....my very best friend!”

Only one person in the world is this kind of friend. **His name is Jesus!** We want you to meet him!

Schedule of Events:

8:00–9:00 a.m.Family Worship Hour
9:15–10:15 a.m.....Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30–11:30 a.m...Family Worship Hour
12:00 p.m.Free Lunch with Friends

Sunday Worship at Abiding Peace

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