



# the lighthouse

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## Who's Who in the Bible?

I am a favored son of a very famous king. I wanted to be king and tried to seize the throne from my father. That didn't work so I tried to weasel my way into the graces of other high officials. I even had myself proclaimed king at a festival. But there were other high officials who told on me so another king was immediately proclaimed king. I was so mad, I decided to wait until dad died and demand one of his beautiful concubines in marriage. You see, by marrying one of dad's concubines, I could claim the throne. That was a fatal error. The current king had me killed! Who was I? (Answer coming next month)



## Mission Moments

Do you know?

How many missionaries do we, as a family at Hope Baptist Church, support? To what countries are the missionaries carrying the word of God? To keep you up-to-date, we will bring you a paragraph each month featuring a missionary, their family, and their work.

## Something to Think About

Do you know who is watching you? Do you know who is listening? Would you be embarrassed if you arrived at the heavenly gates and saw a movie of your life?

## The Recipe Corner

Do you have a favorite recipe to share? We will feature a new recipe each newsletter, so email them to [mehartig@bresnan.net](mailto:mehartig@bresnan.net). The following recipe is being shared by Marie Hartig:

### Granola

- 4 cups quick cooking oats
- 2 cups coconut
- 2 cups sliced almonds
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup honey (the kind the bees make)

Mix oats, coconut and almonds well. Mix oil and honey together then pour into oat mixture and mix well. Put on a cookie sheet and bake at 350° about 45 minutes. Cool. Now chop or break up and add any or all of the following optional fruits:

1 cup dried apricots, 1 cup dried figs, 1/2 cup roasted cashews, 1 cup dried cherries or 1 cup dried cranberries. Mix well and keep in a tight container to keep it dry.

## A New Year Thought

*The new year lies before you like a spotless tract of snow; be careful how you tread on it for every mark will show.*



## Pastor's Personal Points

Burned out. Done for. Toast. Tired. Exhausted.

Have you ever felt like this? Okay, so let's take a break. Imagine sitting in a hammock hanging between two palm trees right on the ocean. White sand, blue water, and a nice breeze. No cell phones, no computers, no appointments, and no rush. Just imagine laying there enjoying the sound of the waves washing up on the beach. That sounds so nice, especially when "the weather outside is frightful."

Even if you get to really enjoy such a vacation and not just imagine it, at some point you have to come back to reality. Are things different? Is life better? Don't get me wrong. I'm all for a nice vacation. Anytime someone wants to send me and Terri to Hawaii we will gladly go. But escaping for a few days, or even a couple of weeks, doesn't change life.

The problems and challenges are still there when you get home. The bills have to be paid, the alarm clock goes off, the car needs fixed, one of your kids needs their tonsils out, and one just burned himself in welding class, deadlines at work are coming all too quick, and you have to ...

Ah, if only we really could punch the "easy" button and instantly be back at the beach. The only "easy" button is on television ads, but in real life how do we cope?

Paul answered that question this way, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong." That would be pretty good advice for women also.

How can you "be strong" and avoid burn out? Exercise! Maintain your daily spiritual disciplines such as: Bible reading, prayer, worship, giving, and serving. Make a commitment to become stronger this year. You might even find an accountability partner to keep one another growing strong.

Grace and Peace,

Dan Taylor



## Youth Group

The youth group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Taylors' home at 4605 Lerch Lane. It is led by Terri and Dan Taylor. Several of the youth are leaders and helpers for the Team Kid Program. In January they will be focusing on strengthening their testimony skills, reaching out to kids in the Bonner and Hellgate schools as well as those in the community. Stay tuned for reports on this developing program.

## TeamKid

TeamKid is a program for children in the first through sixth grades. They meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00. Bible stories, related games and activities as well as a related snack. You can't get much better than that. In January, they will start a series about learning to be the person God wants them to be. Bring your children for Biblical teaching – in more ways than one!

