## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



## FREDRICK AND ANTOINETTE KEARNEY

Missionaries to Ghana, Africa

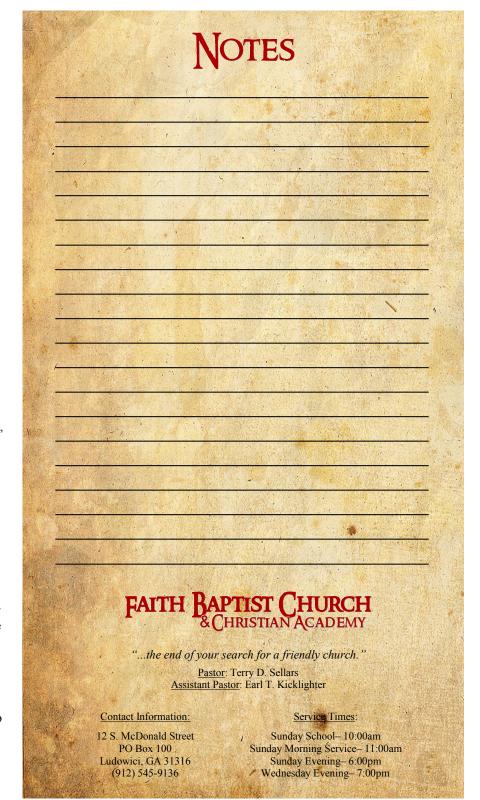
We are Fredrick and Antoinette Kearney. We are independent Baptist missionary church planters, serving with our family, in Tema, Ghana, West Africa. We are sent out by Faith Independent Baptist Church, in Glenn Dale, Maryland. Our pastor is Pat Creed Jr..

Through the faithful prayers and generous giving of our committed supporting churches, friends and family members, the Lord has made it possible for us to plant Lighthouse Baptist Church in the Ashiaman, Newtown community of Tema and recently started another church in the northern region in the town of Walewale.

The Lord has made it possible, through the power of His word, for us to make disciples who are making disciples. The children whom we led to the Lord and discipled ten years ago are now the faithful, committed and dedicated young adults who serve in the church. They preach, teach, soul win, disciple and lead all the work of the ministry. We have the wonderful privilege to mentor them as we see God do great things in and through their lives. We are presently looking at areas where these young men will be able

to begin Bible studies that will lead to future church plants.
Our ministry involves, soul winning, discipleship, Sunday School, Faith
Bible Institute, Bible club, bus ministry, adult and children literacy and
discipleship program, orchestra, medical outreach, school chapel outreach,
Men & Woman fellowship, True sons and True Daughters, Library Project,
Sewing Project, and Instrument repairs services. We are blessed to have two
of our sons in bible college and are preparing to be laborers for His harvest.

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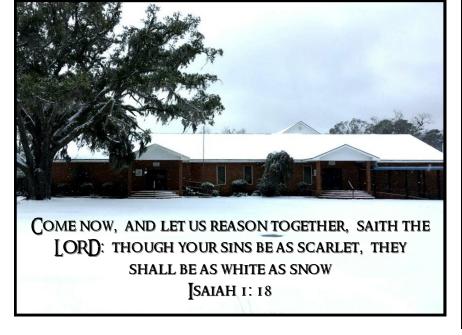
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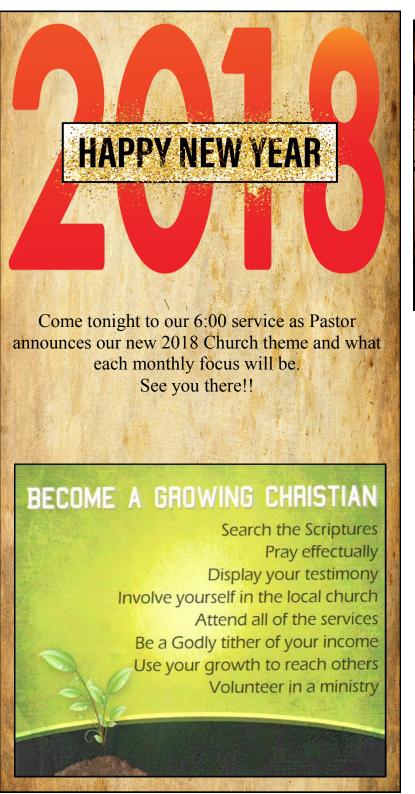


THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.

I CORINTHIANS 5: 17

THIS YEAR, LET US DISSOLVE ALL OUR HOPES INTO A SINGLE HOPE, TO KNOW CHRIST AND BE FOUND IN HIM. MAY THIS BE THE YEAR TO DESIRE A RADICALLY TRANSFORMED, DEEPER, TRUER, KNOWING CHRIST AS OUR ALL-SUFFICIENT ONE." -Elisabeth Elliot







After Christmas festivities conclude at the end of December, my thoughts often turn to the coming year. While my children are out of school and our daily rhythms are slow, I reflect on where the last year has brought me and where I hope the next will take me. Those reflections sometimes come with pain and regret over the mistakes I've made. Yet the prospect of starting a new year fills me with hope and expectancy. I feel I have the opportunity to begin again with a fresh start, no matter what the last year held.

My anticipation of a fresh start pales in comparison to the sense of hope the Israelites must have felt when Cyrus, the king of Persia, released them to return to their homeland in Judah after seventy long years of captivity in Babylon. The previous king, Nebuchadnezzar, had deported the Israelites from their homeland. But the Lord prompted Cyrus to send the captives home to Jerusalem to rebuild God's temple (Ezra 1:2–3). Cyrus also returned to them treasures that had been taken from the temple. Their lives as God's chosen people, in the land God had appointed to them, began afresh after a long season of hardship in Babylon as a consequence for their sin.

No matter what lies in our past, when we confess our sin, God forgives us and gives us a fresh start. What great cause for hope!

## GOD'S GRACE OFFERS US FRESH STARTS.

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