

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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“*Redo! Redo!*” If you’ve played many games with children you’ve probably heard these words, sometimes shouted quite passionately! Kids like to start things over when the game isn’t going their way. It gives them a chance to “get it right” the next time. It’s too bad life isn’t like that. Wouldn’t it be nice to hit the “re-set” button and start the whole thing over again? That is, unless starting over means you forget everything you’ve learned and have to make the same mistakes over again! That’s one “re-do” I’d rather skip!

And yet, in a very real way, Christians do get a “new start” each day. We serve the One Who’s mercies are “*new every morning*” (Lam 3:23) and Who is “*faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” (1 Jn 1:9) He doesn’t just hit the “re-set button” and send us back to square one. He draws a new starting line and let’s the race begin again. But this time with the assurance that we will be upheld by strong arms of grace so that when we do stumble and fall, it will not be for long. God has begun a work in us that he is determined to finish. He will pick us up and dust us off as many times as it takes to get us home where we belong – where Christ’s blood has made a way and our Lord Himself has prepared a place for us.

It is with this assurance of mercy that we begin our new church year together today. Have we made our share of mistakes this past twelve months? Absolutely. Will there be more? I’m certain of it! And yet, as we continue together I am confident in this: that because our Father loves us and is committed to the glory of His Name among us, He will work all things – even our mistakes, sins and failures – together for our good and for His glory! Better than any “*do-over*”, we have a God Who is Lord over all and in all!

Let us live to the praise of His Glory!

Pastor Scott Lee

PS - Don't forget our congregational meeting immediately following lunch (provided downstairs) today. No worship service tonight.