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Dear Joseph,

Our Pastor and his whole family was sick last Sunday. I was able to teach the pastor Sunday School class. Pastor Mike Pruitt preached the a.m. service, and I preach the PM service. Pastor said he was so thankful to have men that could fill the gap when he's not there ... but I can tell you right now ... It's not the same when he's not there. We really missed him.

Even in the Pastor's absence, we still had a nice baptism after the a.m. service. God continues to bless Buford Grove Baptist Church in a mighty way.

Pastor Carringer and I had a full day of visiting on Tuesday including a hospital visit to Mrs. Margie McCullough before her surgery.

We had our Wednesday "New Year's Eve Service" in the Family Life Center, and of course we're Baptist and we had to eat. In the Wednesday night service Buford Grove Baptist Church honored Pastor, Michael Pruitt, and his wife Raye. These two people have served many, many, many years of faithful service to the children and youth at Buford Grove Baptist Church. We recently obtained (through Pastor Mike Pruitt's connections) a huge playground set and installed it in the Family Life Center. I always like to give credit for Credit is due ... Yes, Mike through his connections did obtain this playground, however, I won't even try to name all the men that worked many hours to get this thing set up. Our children have enjoyed it tremendously.

I spent Thursday and Friday getting a classroom set up for my new "Soul Winning" class starting this Sunday. It will be running for the next 12 weeks, and I would really appreciate your prayers as God brings me to your mind.

My Saturday was a full day in the office ... studying for tomorrow... and getting the Barna-Post ready.

We are entering the year of 2026. Each year we know that changes will come. How blessed we are to know that we serve a God that never changes. He is the same yesterday today and forever. God help us to maintain a vibrant, daily relationship with HIM.

Let us continue to pray  one for another.



Assistant Pastor Mike Pruitte Enjoyed His Turn Stirring
The Baptismal Waters



Pastor Carringer and I Visited Mrs. Margie Before Her Surgery



Pastor Carringer Honoring Pastor Mike Pruitte And His
Wife Raye

Saturday Eve Barna-Post

"Thoughts To Ponder"

"Walking With God"

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Years ago, fitness experts stressed running for its health benefits, but more recently they say that walking is probably better. According to one study, adults who took 8000 or more steps each day had a lower risk of death over the next decade than those who walked only 4000 steps per day. Obviously, walking is good for us.

What amazes me is that we have apps on our phones and watches that will tell us

how many steps we take each day.



More important than walking for health is walking with God. Walking with God is used in the Bible to portray communing with God. In Genesis 3:8 We're told that Adam and Eve "Heard the voice Of the Lord God, walking in the garden in the cool of the day," as He came to meet with them.

The Bible states that Enoch walked with God. Genesis 5:22 And Enoch walked with God ...

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Jacob referred to the God whom his fathers did walk ... Genesis 48:15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

Many other Old Testament characters walked with God, even though it is not directly stated. One of these is Joseph, whom God blessed by having him promoted from prison to the highest position next to Pharaoh. David also walked with God, and God enabled him to defeat Goliath and many other enemies of Israel. Elijah was so faithful in his walk with God that he, like Enoch, was taken directly from earth to be with God.

In the New Testament, Paul gave various admonitions about walking. One of these is Galatians 5:16. Three others are in Ephesians: "walk in love" (5:2), "walk as children of light" (5:8), and "walk circumspectly"

I don't believe I could give any better advice ... to anyone ... than to start out 2026 walking with God.

If you're walking with God, you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh 🙌

How Is Your Walk With God?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



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Sinner Saved By Grace



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