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# Friend to Friend

Honey Creek - New Providence Friends Church



## I KNOW I CAN!

by Chuck Hartman

One of my favorite childhood stories is “The Little Engine That Could.” I’m sure you know the tale: a little train engine stepped up to pull a large load of toys over a mountain. While several larger engines declined the task, one small but determined little engine said, “I think I can!” followed by “I know I can!”

Jesus faced a similar obstacle in Mark 9. “What do you mean, If I can?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes” (Mark 9:23). Jesus reminds us that everything is possible when we believe. Now, understand that God wants us to believe in a non-self-serving manner. Still, when we seek His kingdom and desire to honor His call for us, our attitude should be: “What do you mean if I can? I know I can!”

What is God asking you to do that seems out of your reach? Trust Him and say, “By His power, I know I can!” We are in a new year with new possibilities. It is time to take control of things that feel out of control and say, “By God’s power, I know I can!” Let this be your beacon of hope, guiding you through the challenges ahead.

Jesus also said that if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can speak to the mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will. Nothing will be impossible” (Matthew 17:20b). I have some mustard seeds, and I know how tiny they are, nearly as small as a grain of sand. So, Jesus says we can move an entire mountain with as much faith as a tiny mustard seed.

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God has given each believer a “measure of faith” to use for Him (Romans 12:3). Thus, no Christian can say, I lack faith. Scripture refutes any such statement. So, as this New Year begins, step up and say, “I’m going to use my God-given measure of faith to move every obstacle between me and what God is calling me to accomplish for His glory.

What mountain has been blocking your path? Who has been telling you that you cannot? Jesus says you can. I encourage you to have faith in God and listen to Him when He gives you the green light to accomplish a task. When He does, trust God and say, “By His power, I know I can!”



## UPCOMING USFW

January 4 | 1:30 pm  
Program: Jane Beare  
Hostess: Val Cook

February 1 | 1:30 pm  
Program: Ann Rains  
Hostess: Jean Daleske

March 7 | 1:30 pm  
Program: Marlene Reece  
Hostess: Jane Beare & Barb Chrisman



## MISSIONS MOMENT

\$390 was raised for the Pine Lake Food Shelf in December’s First Sunday Missions Offering. Thank you for giving generously.

The January First Sunday Mission's Offering will go to the Ramallah Friends School



## A PRAYER FOR YOU

God, it’s easy to focus on what is wrong in my life rather than what is right.

I find myself overwhelmed by all the injustice, pain, and division in the world.

Forgive me for the times I’ve chosen to feed negativity to spread hopelessness among my friends and family.

But I’m not alone in my grief. You are heartbroken by these things, too.

So, Lord, I pray for your guidance in sorrow.

I want to lament all that is wrong - without being consumed by it.

Teach me to balance grief with the assurance of your love.

May my heartbreak, empath, and faith play a role in your healing of the world. Amen

## Quaker Queries for Monthly Meetings

*The purpose of the Queries is to direct attention to the true source of spiritual strength, to promote and encourage individual faithfulness to Christ, to keep the (Church) Meeting in a healthy condition, and to cause the individual and Meeting to be actively employed in a ministry acceptable to God.*

**Do you love one another as becomes the followers of Christ? Are you careful of the reputation of others? When differences arise, do you make earnest effort to end them speedily?**

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm USFW	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Missions Offering	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:45 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group @ BLFC	<b>11</b> 9 am H.O.M.E.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 3 pm Men's Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:45 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group @ BLFC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5 pm House of Compassion meal	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:45 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group @ BLFC 7 pm Ministry & Council	<b>25</b> 9 am H.O.M.E.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1-3 pm Emma in	<b>31</b> 6:45 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group @ BLFC			

## Birthdays

January 2: Mahli Berends  
 January 4: Lisa Burns, Jarod Giguere  
 January 7: Cathy Callaway  
 January 13: Dan Cook  
 January 18: Ken Cook  
 January 19: Adam Rains  
 January 20: Julie Burkett  
 January 21: Rochelle Panthen  
 January 31: Judy Rushford

## Prayer & Praise

- Providential Homes
  - Dan Whitehead Family
  - Jesse & Sophie Lang Family
- Those with health concerns
- Dolores Whitehead, Arlene Brandt, Shila Stowe, Billie DeLawyer, Marcia Shaver-Floyd, Barb Chrisman

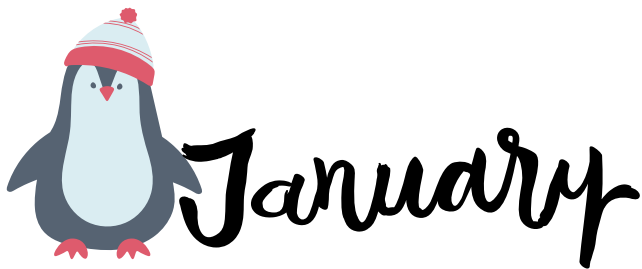
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