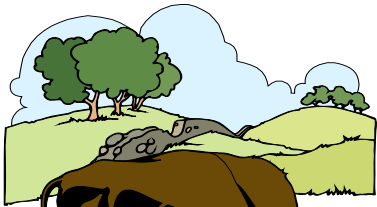


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"He opened for us a new
way, a living way . . ."

Hebrews 10:20



Survive or Thrive?

by Sam Renfro

January 2012 "Time and tide wait for no man." How true those words seem to be at the beginning of the year. We barely have time to reflect on what has taken place over the past twelve months until we are already three weeks into the new year. My thoughts turn not so much to what has happened last year but more to how we want the upcoming months to look. We all know this past year was a tough one for a lot of people. Families, businesses, churches and non-profit ministries suffered setbacks, failures and losses of many kinds. In other words, just surviving. If you talk to some folks about 2011 they will say, "Yeh, we survived." or "We made it."

I don't know about you but God has laid it on my heart to look at 2012 in a different way. I would love to have everyone jump on board with this thought for the New Year: "I don't want to just survive another year, I want to make this year a year to thrive." Let's not just survive in our marriages and other relationships, let's make them thrive. How about in our businesses as well as in our churches, let's do more than just survive let's do what we can to make them thrive. As far as Buffalo Ridge is concerned, I want us to thrive in our hospitality, our outreach, our ministry, our physical campus, our growth, our service, our income and our ability to help others in ministry.

In order to accomplish this we will have to make some changes in the way we think and the way we respond. For instance, if God puts it in our hearts to do something we should not hesitate to do it. We don't need to think through all the ramifications or fret the outcome, we just need to do it. Don't exist to survive but thrive!

I think that an article I came across in the *High Plains Journal* gives support to this thought and practice. In this piece written by Jennifer Latzke the question is asked "Today, will I be a worrier or a warrior?" She points out the stark differences between the two this way. "Worriers know that ships are safe in harbors, but Warriors know that's not why ships are built. Worriers run around the island looking for boats to save from the storm. Warriors stand tall as a lighthouse and shine the way. Worriers buy the ice cream cone and instead of relishing it, watch it melt in their hands and wish for more. Warriors ask for sprinkles and hot fudge and embrace the ice cream headache from eating it too fast. Worriers don't sing along, instead giving the excuse that they have terrible voices. They're content to hum along. Warriors know that the world would be very silent if the only birds that sang were those that sang the best. They sing out with gusto, even if it's off key and out of rhythm."

The work that we are involved in is too important to just sit around and worry that we might make a mistake if we do something. There are so many people in this world that need to be encouraged, helped, loved, supported and given the truth about a loving heavenly Father. Buffalo Ridge is a place where those people who are tired, worn out, over-extended and just plain exhausted can come and not be satisfied with just surviving. They can be recharged and energized to go back to their place of service and thrive; doing what God has called them to do.

Thank you for all you have done, we are blessed as you continue to support us with your prayers, pledges and presence so that we can
Thrive, not just Survive!



“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who by worrying can add a single



*hour to his life?...
O you of little faith?
So do not worry, ...
But seek first
His kingdom and
His righteousness
and all these things
will be given to you.”*

Matthew 6:25-33 NIV

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We'd like to thank all of you who sent extra gifts at the close of the year. It's always an encouragement to end the year on a positive note! 🎵

Another way you can help us all year is by using Goodsearch as you search the internet. You can find out the details by going to www.Goodsearch.com and select His Way Ministries, Ottawa, KS as your charity to support. You can download their toolbar and also use Goodshop and other connections which donate a portion of their proceeds to charity as well. Thank you for taking the time to check it out. Thank you to those who already use it regularly. We've been blessed! 🎵

Please remember His Way Ministries in your estate planning. Thank you!

January Guest Schedule:

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| <i>15-16 Individual</i> | <i>26 Pastors Group</i> |
| <i>23-24 Individual</i> | <i>27-28 Leadership Group</i> |
| <i>24-25 Couple</i> | |



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