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# **Starting New Year-2022!!**

After Christmas I came down with the coronavirus. It must have been the omicron because I never got real sick. It just wore me out for over a week. Everything started up the second week but we suffered from the omicron attack.

January 20 was Conclave, the youth ministers conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We had seven leaders who came and



everyone learned a lot and was enriched by the experience.

Two weeks later was the Super Bowl and we use that event as an outreach. Nate, our youth minister, opened with the meeting telling everything we were going to do that night and he gives a devotional. The kids can then watch the game, get something to eat, or get a bag that has something in it that they have to make a commercial about. At the halftime show, that gets to be more and more provocative, we play some games and then show the youth's commercials. Then everybody votes on which one they think is



best. The youth have a great time and it is a good time to introduce ourselves to new kids.

Since February ended with Mardi Gras one of the parents hosted a king cake

party. All of the parents brought their favorite king cake and everyone could sample the different cakes. It



was delicious but would put you into a diabetic coma.

With the pandemic, the hurricane, and the holidays, our attendance at our programs has remained strong. Our youth are really stepping forward with their relationship with Christ. The Collective, our college and career Bible study, is growing. We started a study about David. My Radio Talk show, the Current Word is exploding with current events.

So, please continue to pray for us.

#### Conclave!!

Conclave is one of my highlights of the year. It is a conference for youth minis-



ters. It's basically
divided into three
parts. There is the
main assembly
where some of the
best youth speakers in the nation
teach us. Then
there are breakout
sessions on all

topics of youth work that you can pick that best suits you. Third, is the main hall where youth ministries are set up to show you what is available to help your youth program.

This year was Nate, our youth minister, his wife Sarah and baby Ava; our adult sponsor and Connect teacher, Jeri; our two youth workers, Shantrice and James; and myself. Everyone learned so much and we all grew closer. That is why I love Conclave.

# Minnie!!

My last newsletter I told you about my dog Minnie, who got separated from me and appeared to be lost. I immediately put a notice on social media in the first week I got sightings of her. I went to all the vets, the SPCA and animal rescues, put up over 200 posters, and every social media site and went looking for her every day for a month. I never found her. It is harder not knowing what happened to her because you keep hoping she will show up. I really loved that dog.

#### **Ukraine!!**

In January my Collective Bible study started I & II Samuel on the life of David. The people of Israel wanted a king and God said that he was their king. All they had to do was obey God. But the people wanted to be like everybody else and they wanted a king. So, God agreed.

Their first attempt Saul, turned bad. David turned out to be a good king and so did his son Solomon. I'm sure the people felt like that decision was correct because by Solomon's reign Israel was one of the wealthiest countries in the world. But the seeds of destruction were already planted in Israel.

The people thought the decision was correct because the country had become wealthy and prestigious. But with the wealth came materialism and the people stopped following God and became selfish. And when you have a King, his power and wealth and maintaining them becomes his goal, not what God wants. He rules by what is best for him and not for the people.

This is why a dictator or oligarchy is so bad because the destruction of the world could be resting in the hands of one individual. And what if that one person was unstable and paranoid. This is the fear of most of the countries in the world who know what's going on in the Ukraine but are afraid to help because they are afraid that Putin is unstable and paranoid but yet controls the largest stockpile of nuclear weapons. Now we cry out to God to help us but we have put our control into the hands of a man.

#### I Own My House!!

February, I made my last payment on my house. It now belongs to me. Way back when I applied for a lower interest rate I found out that I could get a 15 year loan for only \$50 a month more than what I was paying. So I did that as well as paid extra each month toward my loan. It is a good feeling especially since all my insurance payments have gone up since the hurricane. I wanted to say a very special thanks to all the people who sponsor me in my ministry because if it was not for you, this would've never happened. Thank you for your generosity.

# **Bryon Jay Nicholas!!**

Byron was in our youth group when he was younger, but as he got older, he de-

cided to go his own way and drifted away from the youth group. On Monday, February 21, 2022 Byron was shot and died on the way to the hospital. He was only 24. There are other youth who run their own



lives and really don't listen to God, and they think they are in control, but are not. They don't realize they are not living under God's protection. Our prayers go out to his family.

# .Selling Collectibles!!

My friend Karl Olinde set up a web page to help Rareab sell my collectibles. It



helped me pay for my teeth. He is a good friend. Check it out for yourself.



# PRAYER REQUEST

- \*For our President and our country.
- \*For Bob's Ministry and his Support.
- \*For the Students in Bob's Ministry.
- \*For those whom **Bob Counsels**.
- \*For the Current Word, radio talk show.
- \*For Bonnabel & Destrahan high schools.
- \*For Be One Together.
- \*For Jacob & his walk with God.
- \*For all the Youth in bad home situations.

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