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Pastor Jim's New Year Letter

What is your dream for 2012?

In 1988 Francis Ford Coppola directed a film titled, TUCKER: THE MAN AND HIS DREAM. The film recounts the story of Preston Tucker who tried to fight the Detroit automobile industry in 1948 by attempting to introduce a car named after

in broken English was, "Don't get too close to people, you'll catch their germs." But Tucker grew up thinking she was telling him, "Don't get too close to people or you'll catch their dreams."

We need to catch a vision to reach the unchurched among us. Let our New Year's prayer be this: God of great vision, help me to catch Christ's dream of being close to you and empower me to share your great love with others. Amen.

himself. In one scene, Tucker (played by Jeff Bridges) is talking about how his mother came from the old country. She was Italian and spoke with a very heavy accent. Tucker remembered that when he was young his mother repeatedly said to him, "Don't get too close to people, you'll catch their dreams." What she was actually saying

That can happen sometimes, can't it? We can get so close to people that we catch their dreams. I hope that one day we will be so close to Christ that we will catch His dream for us.

Visions and dreams are key elements for life's great achievements. "Where there



What if we took our lengthy lists of changes we want to make in the new year and narrowed them down — way down? Rather than making a half dozen or more commitments that we're unlikely to keep, how about zeroing in on a single word that captures the essence of what we want to achieve or become?

North Carolina pastor Mike Ashcraft encouraged church members to each find one word that points to or describes a characteristic or vision they wanted to achieve in the year ahead. The experiment turned into a movement, with ideas and testimonials available at myoneword.org.

is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

William Carey had a dream. He was the first missionary in modern history. His great dream was to go to Burma to preach the gospel at a time when church leaders are saying, "If God wants to save the Asians, He can do it all by Himself--without us!"

Many thanks



To all our bakers and buyers and to those who offered prayers for our Cookie Caper 2011 --- thank you so much. We raised \$405 to help with our church's new ministry "Kids Eat Free 2012."

Your gift is so appreciated. Please accept my heartfelt "thanks" to all of you for your generosity in presenting JoLynn and me a love gift. We are so incredibly blessed to serve as your pastoral family. Your gift of love is greatly appreciated. Pastor Jim

Yet Carey had a vision for missions and he would not be denied. His life motto was "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God." His dream eventually came to pass. Multitudes came to Christ.

Susannah Wesley Circle



No Jan. meeting



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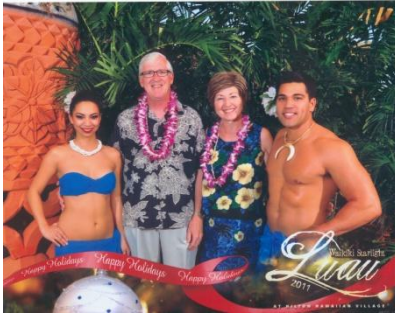
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Nutcracker Sweets



What's going on?

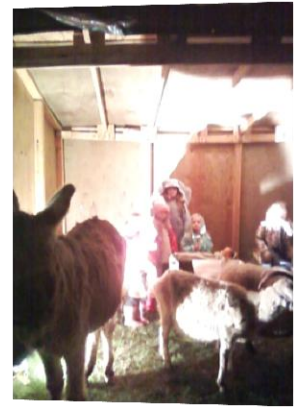


The Dray's 40th Anniversary

As part of our 18 day trip to the Hawaiian Islands this month, which was FANTASTIC, Karen & I enjoyed the Luau at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu on 12/19/11, our 40th Anniversary.



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Miracle on Main Street

Thank you for allowing us the joy and privilege of teaching your child! And thanks to all parents, Lynn Meadows, & Patti Paugh for all your help.

Rita Beach

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