

Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life

Welcome

- So, the Christmas celebrations are done. If you were writing a note to yourself about how to manage Christmas next year, what would be the first item on your list?

Worship

- Read Psalm 145 aloud.
- In an open time, offer prayers stimulated by this Psalm.

Word

1. Imagine you are praying for someone facing a disciplinary hearing at work. What are the key things you'd be asking God for? In what tone would you be praying?
2. **Read Colossians 1: 1 - 14** perhaps in two or three contrasting translations.
3. Make a list of the key things that Paul and Timothy are asking for.
4. Compare and contrast with the things you included in point 1.
5. What do you notice about the **tone** of Paul's prayer?
6. What do you notice about the **perspective** of Paul's prayer? (From whose viewpoint does he view reality?)
7. Write a short prayer for your group inspired by our text.

Response

Arrange for everyone to have a copy of your prayer. Can you commit to being together in prayer for one another over the coming week?