

PS's Ponderings



Maybe you've noticed it's been a tad chilly for the last few weeks. On the bright side we are supposed to reach a high of 26 degrees today — a veritable heatwave, right? At our house, the lake in the backyard is frozen solid and of course everything is covered in snow. Hold on to this happy thought though... it's only 72 days until spring. Two and a half months... <sigh>

Our home happens to have a 300 foot long driveway that is quite a steep ascent to our house, and because it is gravel, it is not easy to keep clear of snow unless I salt it. Yeah... it's **way** too cold for salt to work, so it remains covered with an icy layer of snow. No problem for my wife's 4X4 SUV, but quite an adventure for my 2 wheel drive pickup truck.

The lesson I have learned over the last 2 weeks? Momentum is key for me to get home! I just can't turn off of my street and drive up to my house; I don't even make it a third of the way up the driveway, but if I back up the street across from my drive and get a good run at it — I can make it all the way up. Momentum.

Momentum is obviously about forward movement. It's about advancement. It's about positive progression. And it can be quite exhilarating too! Don't believe me? Well how about strapping yourself into the passenger seat of my truck as I charge slipping and sliding up my snow covered driveway at 30 MPH? That'll give you a blast to your ticker. You know what? I kind of like the adventure of it! Sometimes I even let out a "yawp"!

As we move into a new year I am praying for some momentum. Momentum in my walk with Jesus. Momentum in physical fitness. Momentum in relationships and yes... momentum in our church. Peter writes... *"make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Peter 1:5-8 "In increasing measure"... sounds a lot like momentum to me.

So how about it? Are you willing to strap yourself into the seat with me? Lord... may 2018 be the year of momentum! May we as a people and as Your church charge forward in advancement. While it might not always be a smooth ride... the adventure is worth it! And help us to embrace everything that You bring our way!