

From



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From Your Pastor,

We are just a few weeks into 2022. The changing of the calendar year traditionally offers an invitation to a new beginning and a fresh start. For millions of people, the start of 2022 is a reminder that some things that we would rather leave behind have a pesky tendency to overstay their welcome. Like many other families, our family had to reschedule and/or cancel our Christmas and New Year's travel due to another Covid quarantine. Thankfully, the symptoms were mild but the disruption and disappointment were very real. While this was our experience, it was small in comparison, as many others came into 2022 still reeling from true loss and unrelenting grief.

We live in a culture that often overpromises quick and absolute solutions to every predicament that we might encounter. However, the last two years alone have made us even more aware that our quick, and seemingly complete, solutions are really just mirages. So much of what we experience in life is out of our control and beyond our ability to predict. And herein lies the hope we have every uncertain day, week, or year as a follower of Jesus.

In this edition of *Together at Dawson* magazine, we celebrate God's faithfulness in and through our church in 2021, and with great anticipation look forward to His leadership in 2022. Our hope in 2022 and always is:

...built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
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This new year will bring unexpected joys, unique opportunities, and unforeseen trials and sorrows, but through it all you can stand firm and strong because you have a sure foundation that never cracks or gives way.

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)**

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Eldridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping "D" at the beginning.

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