

A NEW NEW YEAR

As we stand on the brink of another new year, let us think of the many opportunities and struggles it will provide. Let us think of those who will name the name of Christ in baptism, and let us work to help them make the most important decision of their lives. Let us think of those who will come back to the Lord, and let us pray for them and encourage them in every way for good. Let us think of those among us who will leave this world of sin and sorrow for the bright and sunny shores of eternity, where no sin or sorrow may be found, and let us learn from their godly examples. Let us also think of what we will use the new year for...

Will We Use It For Gaining A Better Knowledge Of God's Word?

There are many good things for us to learn in life, but none begin to compare with the value of a knowledge of the blessed Word of God. It will go with us through all other educational endeavors, it will accompany us through our working years, it will be there for the birth and rearing of our children, it will be there for us in our sickness, even going with us to the grave, and it will stand as a witness to our faithfulness in the after awhile. May we determine to spend some time each day of this new year studying the Bible. May it be of greater importance to us than all other pursuits.

Will We Use It To Mature Spiritually?

Will we apply the things we are taught in the Bible to our lives and thereby set a better example before others? Will we be diligent in attendance, showing all the world that there is no place on earth we would rather be than in the assembly of the saints worshipping God? Will we put to practice what the preacher preaches?

Will We Use It To Tell Someone Of Jesus Christ?

Remember, our family, friends and neighbors are rushing headlong into judgment. Have we told them what God requires of them in order to be saved? We see them daily, and would probably do anything on earth for them, but have we told them how to get to heaven? Is it really so difficult and risky to speak a word in the interest of their souls (Prov. 11:30)?

Will We Use It To Be Of Greater Service To The Church?

Will we be among those who volunteer to lead in prayer? Head the table? Make announcements? Will we volunteer to teach a class? You know, teaching is a wonderful way of helping others, but it also allows us to grow and strengthen ourselves in the faith. Will we make ourselves available for service this year? The church is a working institution composed of working members. Will we be such members in the next twelve months?

Will We Use It To Help The Elders Make Things Go Smoothly?

Will we refrain from activities that will cause trouble in the church? Will we be sure to be present for each assembly, for the elders have set the times so we may come and be edified and strengthened? Will we be kind to visitors? Will we listen to the teachers and preacher as they feed us the word of God?

If This Should Be Our Last Year On This Earth, Will Our Passing Bring Joy Or Sadness To The Angels In Heaven?

The Lord loves us all, and wants to see us in heaven; but it is up to us to repent and obey (2 Pet. 3:9-10, Acts 2:38). If we had to leave this world in our present spiritual condition, where would we go? It is a most sobering and serious thought, but if we welcome our last new year this year, what will become of us?

Tim Smith from *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

10 GUIDELINES FOR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

GOD: Be prayerful. Remember dependence and helplessness in your relationship with God are prerequisites for spiritual health. How about a thorough spiritual check-up this year (2 Cor. 13:5)?

OTHERS: Be helpful. Make a commitment to show love and encouragement to someone everyday (Rm. 14:19-22). Challenge yourself to be kind and helpful especially to those who least expect it (Eph. 4:32)!

YOUR MIND: Read and think about something noble and

creative every day (Phil. 4:8). Start the day with the Bible. Let the words of life fill your heart and mind before anything else gets to them!

FEELINGS: Express them with love and honesty. Whether fear, guilt, grief, rage, shame, or anxiety, express your feelings to God, self, and a trusted friend (Prov. 27:5; 1 Pet. 3:7).

ACTIONS: Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise be extravagant in your giving to others (2 Cor. 9:7). Give freely of your love, time, money, spirit, creativity, encouragement, and praise. Don't be stingy with the most important and powerful gifts in your possession, let your actions reflect the startling love of God!

SUCCESES: Be thankful (Col. 3:15). Most if not all of our successes are the result of God's grace not our cleverness or hard work. Count your blessings regularly.

TROUBLES: Be trustful. For some mysterious reason, many times, God has chosen to make us mature through trials and hardships (Heb. 12:6-10). Look for the hand of God in every circumstance and trust His guidance in the highs and lows of life.

HEART: Be careful (Prov. 23:7). Focus your love on the Father and Savior who reside within you. Be careful what you allow to creep in to this sacred space which belongs to God.

WORSHIP: Be still (Psa. 46:10). Expressing your love and adoration to God isn't reserved for Sundays only. Don't get too busy throughout the week to make continual offerings of praise to God. Jesus is Lord of every day!

SIN: Be repentant. Don't let any sin harden your heart or break the connection between you and God. Confess your sins to the Father every day (1 Jn. 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive you and make you pure and clean by the Blood of Jesus!

Dean Fitch from *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

BIRTHDAY

Janice Carter, 01-08.

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Sunday: Chris Edwards (AM), Linda Thomas (PM). Ledgia Campbell is in the rehabilitation center in the Marietta, OK hospital. Kathleen Camp's sister-in-law and Bo Marcum's sister are battling cancer. Please remember these in your prayers, as well as: Janice Carter, Allen Scott, Kim Clark, and Ralph and Helen Franklin.

AT HOME

Bob Adams is at the Del Mar Gardens, Room 229. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

David Adams will be in Nebraska for two weeks. The Hanson's departed for Florida last week. Julia Thrasher was in Ardmore, OK assisting her mother in the hospital. The Simmon's were visiting in North Carolina. Jeremy Keifer was away last week.

POT LUCK DINNER

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held this Sunday, January 8, 2006 following our AM worship. Please plan to come and enjoy the good food and company!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 15, 2006 following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY SEMINAR

The Saturday Seminar at the 39th Street congregation will meet on January 21 at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 AM. The subject will be the Beatitudes.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 57; Sunday PM, 42; Wednesday PM, 50.

Those To Serve

January 8, 2006

BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Brewer

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas
SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson
OPENING PRAYERJeremy Keifer
PRESIDE..... Myron Nebergall
ASSIST..... John Cody Carter
ASSIST.....Allen Scott
CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER Michael Simmons
CLOSING PRAYER..... Charles Tullis
LORD'S SUPPER..... Myron Nebergall

WEDNESDAY 11th

SONG LEADER..... Michael Simmons
INVITATION Jeff Nemechek

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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