

Upcoming Events

Meet Up Open Bible Study:

For study subject and location: see church website

New Address

Sandra Jones
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December Birthdays

17 Bill Brown 18 Alexis Brown 27 Sue Tanner
30 Richard Karns 31 Bob Pescador

December Anniversaries

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January Birthdays

14 Juanita Small

January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

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New Year's Resolutions

By Aaron Veyon

"I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your laws" (Psalm 119:30).

The term "resolution" (as we often think of it basically means "firm determination to take a course of action." With each new year people all around the nation make their new year's resolutions. With some it is to quit smoking; with others it's to go on a diet or to get more exercise (etc.). Though intentions are usually very good, for many it seems that their determination loses steam in just a short while.

The same kind of frustration can be seen in our spiritual lives. It's not good enough to just talk the talk, we must also walk the walk. There is little good in making noble plans if we will not put those plans into action and see them through.

God (our most perfect example) says of Himself, "...*Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it*" (Isaiah 46:11). Let's all follow God's example. And let us not only resolve to do the Lord's will, let us actually do it.

Suggestions for a New Year

By Robert Notgrass

As we think about this New Year, there are things that we need to remember to have a good year. The decisions and choices we make will determine the kind of year we can have. Therefore, let's notice some suggestions that will help us to have a good year.

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Apologize when we do wrong. The three words, “I am sorry” are difficult to say for those filled with pride. If you would, think of the relationships, homes and even congregations that have been destroyed because one who has committed sin, will not humble himself to repent (Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-17; Luke 17:3-4).

Accept good advice. *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly. . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord”* (Psa. 1:1-2). *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise”* (Proverbs 12:15). Now, certainly we must be able to distinguish between foolish and wise counsel.

Avoid conforming to the world. *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed . . .”* (Romans 12:2). We must all come to terms that the world is out to mold and shape us into that which the Lord does not want. Thus, when one begins to “love” the world and “live” like the world, we are unable to have a “good year” spiritually (1 John 2:15-17).

Act only after thinking. Some of the greatest problems we have in this life have been brought upon ourselves because we forgot to stop and think before we acted or spoke. Therefore, we need to “taste” our words and “weigh” the consequences of our actions before we speak and react (Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 4:29; Galatians 5:19-21).

Adhere to the Word of God. God has given us, through His Word, that which we need in this life (2 Peter 1:3). Hence, it is the Scriptures that provide and is profitable for our spiritual well-being (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, as we apply the Word of God to our lives, we are providing the means by which we can have a “good year” and ultimately a home in Heaven.

Appreciate God. Without God in our lives it is impossible to have a “good year” as He desires and demands. Thus, if we do appreciate and reverence God as we should, then it will be seen in our life (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Genesis and New Beginnings

By Tim Dooley

When I consider the first few chapters of the book of Genesis, I am struck by a couple of profound thoughts I want us to consider as we begin this new year and our chronological reading of the Old Testament.

First, these first few chapters are about new beginnings. The creation of the world, mankind, and all that exists. The beginning of mankind’s relationship with God. The renewed beginning after God destroys the world with a flood. The new beginning of Abraham’s life and walk with God. How do new beginnings in our lives effect our relationship and walk with Him?

Secondly, consider the patience, love, and righteous judgment of God. He didn’t smite Adam and Eve dead in the Garden of Eden. Yes, they suffered consequences for their sins, but God showed them mercy and grace. Cain was shown forgiveness, mercy, and grace for his sin. God was longsuffering in the days before the flood. How has God’s patience, love, mercy, and grace blessed our lives?

Lastly, consider how our actions may be causing the spirit of God to strive with us. Think if we are trying to make a name for ourselves or if we are working to allow God to make a name for us. We should seriously consider the righteousness of God. He doesn’t want mankind to be “accepting” of sinful lifestyles and behavior. He wants us to do His will and be faithful. *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts”* (Isaiah 55:8–9). Be faithful.

A Piece of Common Wisdom

“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

~ Carl Bard