

**Memorable Event!** Debbie Hoffman's sister, **Cheryl Bridges**, was baptized December 24, 2013! She's also our sister now...her address is 209 Maxwell, Oakdale, CA 95361; her phone number is (209) 605-7840.

## A suggested prayer for each other for 2014...

*"...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."* Ephesians 3:16-19

### January Birthdays

5 John Aguiar 14 Juanita Small 21 Kelly Peña

### January Anniversaries

8 Bob and Debbie Pescador 24 Al and Sara Peña

(Note: if anyone is "missed" here, let Jim know)

#### 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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2014...I resolve to do better...

## Ten Guidelines for the New Year

By Dean Fitch

In your relationship to...

**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 Corinthians 13:5)?

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

**YOUR MIND:** Read and think about something noble and creative every day (Philippians 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 (Proverbs 27:5; 1 Peter 3:7).

**ACTIONS:** Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise, be extravagant in your giving to others (2 Corinthians 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!

**SUCSESSES:** Be thankful (Colossians 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 (Hebrews 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 (Proverbs 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 (Psalm 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 John 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive you and make you pure and clean by the Blood of Jesus!

## I MAY NEVER SEE TOMORROW

Author Unknown

*I may never see tomorrow; there's no written guarantee  
And things that happened yesterday belong to history.  
I cannot predict the future, I cannot change the past.  
I have just the present moments. I must treat it as my last.  
I must use this moment wisely for it soon will pass away,  
and be lost forever, as part of yesterday.  
I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet  
Be a friend unto the friendless, make an empty life complete.  
The unkind things I do today may never be undone.  
And friendships that I fail to win may nevermore be won.  
I may not have another chance on bended knees to pray,  
and I thank God with a humble heart for giving me this Day.*

## The Seven Ups

(from Housetoohouse.com)

1. **Wake Up** - Decide to have a good day. *"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he", (Proverbs 23:7); "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).*
2. **Dress Up** - The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. *"The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).*
3. **Button Up** - Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life" (Proverbs 13:3). "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips" (Proverbs 20:19). "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end" (Proverbs 19:20).*
4. **Stand Up** - For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10).*
5. **Look Up** - To the Lord. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).*
6. **Reach Up** - For something higher. As Jiminy Cricket sings High Hopes, always try to better your self. *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).*
7. **Lift Up** - Your prayers. *"Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).*

**Have a great day for the Lord!**