

## Upcoming Events

**Budget preparations** for 2019

**Establish Master Calendar** for 2019

**Corporation meeting:** Budget/Financial Report

**Business Meeting:** January 12

**Ladies Bible Class:** January 19

Final Preparations: Last Saturday in February 2019 meeting

**Hebrews class** Thursdays at 11:00

### The Best Resolution...

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

### December Birthdays

30 Richard Karns    31 Bob Pescador

### January Birthdays

5 John Aguiar    14 Juanita Small

### January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

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## 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.

**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; Lk. 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”* (Psalms 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).

### 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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**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)

### **The Last Mile of the Way**

Excerpts from article by Tim Dooley

Mark Twain once said concerning New Year’s resolutions, “Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever.”

I must confess that I have not always been successful in keeping New Years resolutions. Like most people, we make them with good intentions but find ourselves woefully lacking in determination and success.

Sadly many people who come to Christ treat the decision like a New Years resolution. They are full committed and faithful for a while, but then find themselves slowly waning in strength and commitment. I believe the problem is that for many people we make unrealistic resolutions and place such lofty daunting goals in front of us that we soon become discouraged at our lack of progress and slowly give in to temptation and return to the old lives we sought so desperately to leave behind.

Someone once said that the Christian race is a marathon, not a sprint. The Bible encourages us to endure! Jesus said, “*But he who endures to the end shall be saved*” (Matthew 24:13; Mark 13:13). Of the seed that fell upon the stony ground Jesus said, “*...they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward,*

*when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble*” (Mark 3:17). Four different times in Paul’s farewell address to Timothy he tells him to “endure” (2 Timothy 2:3; 2 Timothy 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Timothy 4:5).

As the beautiful hymn say we must “work till the close of the day” in order to “see the great King in his Beauty” when we’ve “gone the last mile of the way.” No, we cannot just work a few hours then retire. We cannot walk just the first few hundred yards. Have you started that journey to heaven? Have you repented of your sins and been baptized into Christ? If not, stop for a moment and consider the destination of the road you are on. Then come to Jesus and be heaven bound. Have you obeyed the gospel of Jesus? How are you doing keeping your resolution to be a faithful child of God? God loves you and Jesus died for you. Be faithful

### **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 its 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 me encourage you to follow God’s example. And let us not only resolve to do the Lord’s will, let us actually do it.