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### WELCOME VISITOR

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors and invite you to come back and join us again for worship. We ask that you fill out a visitor card in the pew in front of you so that we may have a record of your visit. After our service we would like to give you a gift bag.

### Faith and Trust

- Ron Stullenbarger -

Where we place our faith and trust is like the currency of our hearts. We have a limited amount of faith and trust to invest and real returns to gain or lose depending on where we choose to invest them. Scripture is clear that we cannot place our faith and trust in both God and the world. We cannot choose money and God as our anchors of hope. We cannot choose both the opinion of man and God's opinion. We cannot choose our own will and His. We must choose where we will invest our limited, valuable currency of faith and trust.

If we as children of God truly believe that His word is truth, a vast reservoir of peace and joy is available to us today. The Bible is clear about what we get in return for placing our faith and trust in God alone. Jesus said in Matthew 6:30, "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" And then later in verse 34, Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." What would it look like for us to truly have faith in God to the level that we really didn't worry about tomorrow? What kind of peace would it bring to truly place the cares, burdens, and stresses of this world squarely on the shoulders of Almighty God?

To go deeper into the fullness of life available to us in Jesus requires putting our faith and trust in God alone. We will never experience the peace of heaven if our hope is in this earth. We will never experience the power and help of the Holy Spirit if our hope is in our own abilities, talents, and strengths. We will never fully experience the satisfaction of truly being loved if we place our hope of affirmation in the opinions of others. The only path to truly experiencing the abundant life available to us in Jesus is placing our faith and trust in Him alone.

Jeremiah 29:13 promises, "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Choose to place your faith and trust in God alone today that you might seek Him with "all of your heart." Place your hope in Him alone for He alone is faithful. Do as 1 Peter 5:7 commands and "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (NIV). You will never find a return on your investment of faith and trust in anything of the world like you will in God. God will take your faith and trust and multiply it until your life is a reflection of His loving-kindness. May you find true satisfaction, peace, and joy in God today as you crown Him King of your heart.

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### SERVICES TIMES

#### SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30  
 AM Worship.....10:30  
 PM Worship.....6:00

#### WEDNESDAY

PM Bible Study.....7:00

### CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS

The World Bible School is collecting cancelled postage stamps. If you would like to save these, please cut out postage stamps and cancelled postmark only, 1/8 to 1/4 inch away from stamp and include postmark. If you have any questions, ask Joyce Faber. You can give cancelled stamps to Joyce or Wanda.

### NURSERY ATTENDANT SCHEDULE

#### Week of January 6

Becky Cronin and Rachele Smithbauer

### IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

#### Week of January 6

#### "WHY LISTEN?"

Few skills in life are more important than the skill of listening. To whom we listen and how we listen is critical to our soul's well-being. Listening to the Lord Jesus and His messages are the most important of all! You can watch *In Search of the Lord's Way* every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on WTRF-TV7.

### SERVE THE CONGREGATION

#### JANUARY 6, 2019

#### LEADER - RUSS WHINNERY SUNDAY MORNING

ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... JAMIE MCCOY  
 SONG LEADER..... RICHARD STEPHENSON  
 PRAYER..... BILL RODAK  
 PRESIDE AT TABLE..... JERRY JOSEPH  
 DISMISS..... STEPHEN SHAY

#### SERVE AND COUNT CONTRIBUTION

SEAN CRONIN ..... JIM POOLE  
 STEVE VAUGHN ..... PAUL MOORE  
 BEN LENZ ..... AUSTIN SLIE

P.A. CONTROLS ..... JOE MILLS  
 POWERPOINT..... MATT WALKER  
 USHERS..... CHRIS KRANSKE  
 JIM CONNER..... BRUCE MILLS

#### SUNDAY EVENING

SONG LEADER ..... RICHARD STEPHENSON  
 READING ..... JACOB PARSONS  
 PRAYER..... BILLY WOLFE  
 PRESIDE AT TABLE..... JIM HYEST  
 DISMISS..... RUSS WHINNERY

#### RECORD FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

BIBLE CLASS..... 78  
 SUNDAY A.M. ....154  
 SUNDAY P.M. .... 60  
 CONTRIBUTION.....\$3917

# Family Matters

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Next Sunday after evening service, Group 2 will be hosting our Birthday/Anniversary get together. We invite you to stay and help honor anyone having a birthday or anniversary in January.

## REACHING OUT MINISTRY

A program called "Reaching Out Ministry" has been started to help our shut-ins. A meal is being prepared and delivered to them every other Thursday. If you would like to help out with this ministry, please inform Jim Poole, Donna Parsons, or Carol Thomas and give any donations for food purchases to Wanda Adamson. Volunteers are also needed to help deliver the meals. We will not have meals in January and February due to weather conditions.

## COMMUNION BREAD

Thank you to all the ladies who faithfully prepare communion bread each month. The schedule for 2019 is posted. If you would like to volunteer to make bread, please sign up on the sheet by the water cooler.

## GOSPEL MINUTES

We have discontinued direct mailing of "Gospel Minutes." For those who wish to continue getting this tract, they will be available in the foyer. If for any reason, we do not have enough copies to satisfy the demand, we will order more in the future. The Shepherds

## ALUMINUM CANS

Please continue to save your aluminum cans for Potter Children's Home. There is a box in the black and white room in the education building for the cans.

## SCENT FREE ZONE

In consideration of several people who are very sensitive to a variety of scents, we are establishing a "Scent Free" zone for them in the Alcove. Everyone is free to sit in the alcove, but if you do we are asking that you do not use perfumes, colognes or after shave. This may take some time to get used to, but in time, with repeated announcements and sign postings, we are sure that we can all adapt to this effort in consideration of those with chronic allergies. Thank you. The Shepherds

## TABITHA'S STOREHOUSE NEWS

Closed for holiday

### NEEDED ITEMS

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and bar soap.

Remember to bring in your paper bags, especially those with handles.

Want to give cash or check? Now you can make your check out to "Tabitha's Storehouse" and give it to Pat or Becky Cronin or Molly Williams.

Tabitha's storehouse will be closed on Wednesday, January 2.

## THE NATIONAL ROAD ADVISOR

*A bulletin supplement for  
Christian Living in the 21st Century*

### What Do We Do with the New Year?

[Reprint]

-Jim Hyst-

Tomorrow we embark, as it were, on a new journey. Mostly it is the continuation of the one we were on in 2017, but whether by mere tradition started somewhere in our distant past or by some cosmic connection to the revolution of Earth around the sun, we like to think of January 1 as a time to start anew. New Year's Day, like December 25 that recognizes the birth of Jesus Christ, comes at an arbitrary time of year. We are certain that Christ's birthday was a considerable distance from December 25 and was probably closer to the Easter celebration than the beginning of winter. Similarly, January 1, as far as I know, is not connected to anything cosmic or historical, but is purely arbitrary. But, as with Jesus whom we know was unquestionably born, we know without question that the earth completes one revolution around the sun each year. Somewhere in that orbit we overtake a point where we were a year earlier and continue the same revolution we have just completed. In that scenario we have a sense of starting the trek again; which, perhaps, leads us to think in terms of another beginning. As we renew our yearly journey around the sun, maybe we like to think of renewing our lives; of beginning anew.

If it is not a universal sentiment, we are at least broadly inclined to think of January 1 as a benchmark in our lives which may serve to cause us to reflect on the past year and assess the prospects for the coming one. I have met some people who take no notice of a year passing, but I have also known many people who either think of resolutions that ought to be made to make themselves better people in the coming year or who actually make such resolutions. Usually little ever comes of such thoughts whether we make no resolutions to break or break resolutions made. The result is largely the same... no significant change. But the idea seems widespread that there is something about our lives that suggest that a personal improvement could and should be made at some point in the year. The phenomenon is sufficiently widespread that it seems to this writer there is something in man that not only suggests a need for renewal, but also yearns for the opportunity to have one.

The desire of renewal could come from a couple of sources. The first cause could be a sense of sin. It could be either a conscious or subconscious awareness. In our modern world, many people do not think of sin. Many deny there is such a thing as sin. Others think that God has remedied their sins with little or no response on their part. But man was created with a soul which Blasé Pascal suggested only God could fill. When men sin they are separated from God. When men delude themselves long enough, they are able to deny divine reality.

Only then do they become "futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts [are] darkened (Rom. 1:21)." Until then I believe there is an ever-present yearning to reconnect with their Creator. This awareness, however subtle, however clinging by a thin thread, however buried in the subconscious still drives people to think of and yearn for a renewal. We yearn, "If we could just have another chance."

Another reason men have built a tradition of beginning a new year and maybe giving themselves a new beginning is that they recognize, perhaps again subconsciously, their lives are empty. They may not know what is missing, but they are painfully aware that they are not happy. Their resolve may be nothing more than to work harder to gain the things they think they want, but do not have... and which will not satisfy their dissatisfaction... but they recognize that they are not happy. They think maybe, just maybe, they can correct the mistakes of their past year, even their past life, and maybe, just maybe, tomorrow will be better. Maybe life will be better if we can just have another chance.

The Christian who knows that he desperately needs a renewal, and has it in Christ, is perhaps more conscious of His sins than the broad spectrum of people. Perhaps a new year is merely another reminder to him to reflect on his life, make adjustments where necessary, and resolve to do better next year. We should do this continuously; at the very least every time we assemble around the Lord's Table. But, maybe we have an inclination to think "bigger" when we begin anew the cosmic path around the sun. Maybe we have a point of reference in our physical world with which we can connect to remind us that we need a spiritual renewal.

Renewal is an important concept in the Bible. The ideas of repentance, restoration, refreshing, and renewal are closely connected. Acts 2:38 is a classic reference for repentance for the forgiveness of sins and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Repentance is a kind of renewal. In Acts 3:19 repentance is again connected with the forgiveness of our sins and the "times of refreshing" or, literally, the "seasons of relaxation." This, in turn, comes in the context which alludes to Jesus returning to heaven which must receive Him "until the times of restoration of all things (Acts 3:21)." The ultimate renewal will be at the end of the age when there will be a "new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1);" when "the holy city New Jerusalem [comes] down out of heaven from God (Rev. 21:2); and when "the tabernacle of God [will be] with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people [and] God Himself will be with them and be their God (Rev. 21:4)." If the desire for renewal is not present in the human DNA at birth or in the sinner after sin takes hold, it seems to be imbedded in the new creature in Christ.

Perhaps all these intermediate renewals each January 1 are human responses to man's acknowledgement that he is a continuing sinner who falls consistently short of God's glory. Hence, he continually yearns for a renewal. He says over and over, "If I just had one more chance." If the completion of another revolution around the sun, regardless of where we set the beginning point, helps us to recognize our sins; helps us to reflect, reassess, and repent; helps us see that we desperately need a renewal, then a new year observation is a good thing.

## PRAYER LIST

KEVIN KALANY, KAY PORTER, PATTIE LINDEN, CHERYL STIERS, GORDON & MARION TAYLOR, WELSEY POWELL, TRACY DELESIO, JERRY WINTER, PENNY DULANEY, ADRIAN THORNBERRY, LINDA STULLENBARGER, NANCY MILLER, LORETTA BABER, LINDA FRESHOUR, TIM SMITH, ELLA LEE, ASHLEY EBY, TODD DAY, SHARON PUGH, GEORGIA JOANNE BOLLINGER, RED PETERS, CAPRI WALTON, DAVE WELCH, ELLI GEORGE, MABEL IVERSON, ANNE EBAN, MARGIE MILLS, SHANNON SURRETTE, GEORGE PORTER and LEE ANN HESSON are undergoing treatment or have finished treatments for cancer.

MICHAEL SONNENWALD, MARIE HUNT, WILDA COLE, TOM HENTHORN, KEN MOORE, EVELYN HOSTUTLER, PAT CHAPMAN, DIANNE TOMLINSON, REGINA HIGGS, SANDRA RENSHAW—CONTINUOUS CARE, DOTTIE RUCKH-GOOD SHEPHERD, VERNA WROBEL, RUTH SAMPSON AND JOANN WALKER are our shut ins either in nursing homes or at home and are unable to get out.

JACOB WALTON, JILL (HENNEN) BARNETT, TAMMY DOUGHERTY, JUDAH BLACKWELL, TYLER SEDZIOL, HUNTER SIMMONS, BARRY SULLIVAN, DARLENE MCKINNEY, PARKER AND MIRANDA SMITH, BILL WROBEL, DAVID AND MISSY SMITH, KROSS RADCLIFF, ALICIA RICHEY, VERONICA BARONE, PAUL & BENITA ZVONAR, PEGGY BRINGMANN, BECKY AND CLINTON ROBSON, JAMIE GILBERT, HOWARD PEARSON, JODI AND SHELDON MADDOX, ALFIE, ASTIN, MIKE WELLMAN, ANDREA CARTER, EDWARD MOWDER, PERRY HENRY, JOHN CRONIN, BENJAMIN LENZ, BLANCHE MUSILLI, TAMARA BONDARCHUK, SEAN CLARK, ABIGAIL HEPBURN, MELVIN CUNNINGHAM, AND AIDEN FUNDERBUNK are having health issues and need our prayers. Keep BOB HALL, WANDA EDDY, BONNIE RUTH, ERIC WRIGHT, AND LLOYD BALDWIN in your prayers as they recover.

JASON WATSON, son-in-law of Keith and Cathy Wright, is starting chemo treatments. Keep him in your prayers.

Prayers are requested for JAMES BULLET, friend of Clinton Robson, who has been diagnosed with many debilitating problems.

Continue to remember those who are in the hospital, at home and on our prayer list in your prayers.

## LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday morning ladies Bible class will suspend meeting for the holidays until January.

## WinGS

Ladies, It's that time of the year to consider serving on or leading one of the WinGS (Women in God's Service) committees in 2019. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for the next few weeks and then a combined list will be printed and distributed. Thank you. If you have any questions, please reach out to: WinGS Steering Committee- Andrea Baldwin, Trisha Cronin, Diana Harto, Amanda Parsons, or Cathy West.

## INTEREST

If there is anyone who would be interested in helping a single mom get a special needs son to school in the morning, three days a week, please see Wanda for more details. It is in the Bethlehem area.