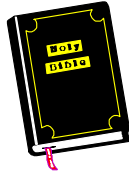


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“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

Resolutions

The day called “New Year’s Day” has no religious significance, being just another mark of time on the calendar. However, many in the world look at the day, and think of “beginnings,” and on that note plan some renewal, some change, some correction, which they hope they’ll be able to carry forth on throughout the new year and beyond. Such is nothing new to the child of God, since he is constantly to obey:

“Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” - 2 Cor 13:5

In that spirit of self-examination, ongoing and constant for all of God’s children, making of resolutions is a worthwhile activity. Surely the most urgent considerations for the Christian is that he/she will:

1. Participate even more fully in the congregation’s work,
2. Make time for frequent prayer,
3. Make time for frequent Bible study,
4. Be in each and every Bible class,
5. Be in each and every worship service,
6. Participate in the work of the visitation,
7. Be prompt at each and every meeting, and
8. Make and take the time to meet and welcome newcomers and visitors at our services.

All such activities as these should be the very minimum service the child of God should be rendering. Along with these, there is the need, always present, to examine our **giving**, and to make corrections needed so that we can truly be obedient to God’s command:

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

-Adapted – original author **Bill Jackson**, late preacher, church of Christ

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WHY ART THOU WROTH?

**“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”
- Ephesians 4:13**

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Holly Wilson requests prayers for her grandmother, Lola Hawke in Fountain Inn who is ill, and for her grandfather also as he deals with this.
- Vince Reusser, who with his wife Helen often visits with us from Ohio, had a stroke. He's recovering but his speech is impaired.
- Paul and Dianne Dillard are both fighting illness. Eddie Sheppard hasn't been well either. Also, remember Jones Gamble, Elgene Sanders and Lynn Manning who've been under the weather.
- Kenya Harley will be traveling in Mexico and requests our prayers.
- Michael and Megan Stoyk will be traveling for several weeks visiting family.
- Jerry and Lynn request prayers for their daughter-in-law, Wendy Manning who is to have a biopsy on a lump behind her ear that has grown quite rapidly. We're thankful her son Nathaniel is doing much better in overcoming problems of autism. But the family is being sorely tried, so remember them in your prayers.
- Jamie McCue, a friend of Steve Matthews is being treated for cancer. Brother Manning has been talking with he and his wife. Pray that God will be merciful and that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Jerry requests prayers for his sister, Lynn Drago who is gravely ill with cancer, that she obey the Gospel.
- Remember all these and brother Manning and his bible studies at LCDC and Heartland assisted living center in your prayers.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Gene Watkins was added to the church last Sunday, after the morning assembly. He had met our evangelist some time back in our prison ministry. Since then he's gotten a good job, and wanting to be right with God came back to study some more. He did so, and responded to the Holy Spirit's call through His Word, repented, made the sweet confession and was buried with Christ in baptism.
- We also rejoice that Kenya and Queneia Harley, sisters, who have been visiting and worshipping with us for some time expressed the desire to be identified with us and be under the oversight of the elders. Since then Kenya has gone to Mexico on a mission trip. Pray for her safe return, and that all these will grow in Christ and help edify the church here in West Columbia.

“ ... I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” - Acts 8:37

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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday!** Stay after the morning assembly to share a meal. No Work Team meeting, instead meet with the elders.
- Area wide **singing** at the **Twin City church** in Batesburg, Sunday 1/27/2008.
- New, up to date, **directories** are printed and available in the foyer.
- **Scrap booking** at the building Saturday 1/12/08, 2-5 pm.

“This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.” - Matthew 14:15,16

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

Our slogan for this year is, **“Choose the Straight Gate in 2008”**. Slogans aren't the word of God; they can't save us. However, they *can* serve to remind us and prod us, unconsciously, to observe important spiritual matters—if we'll keep them in mind. Which is why we make them short and sweet.

In this case, we want all to remember, throughout the year, that we **“choose”** which path we take, and that we need to choose the **right** path. Also, the “Straight Gate” should remind us of God's Word and reinforce the connection between God's Word and making the right choice.

As we all face the many choices we'll have to make in this new year, let's **desire** and **want** to please God and His Son, our Lord, who died for us, and make the right choices, remembering that:

“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9

Psalm 1

**A Good One for You and the Family to Memorize
Which Choices will YOU make this year?
Choose Wisely—and you will be blessed.**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

So ... Choose the Straight Gate in 2008