

BULLETIN

How To Live the New Year

Life is a journey; I will live it trustingly: **"...though I walk through the valley of the shadow...I will fear no evil: for thou art with me"** (Psalm 23:4).

Life is a task; I will live it obediently: **"...we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight"** (1 John 3:22).

Life is a mission; I will live it helpfully: **"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another"** (Ephesians 4:32).

Life is a contest; I will live it earnestly: **"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong"** (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Life is a battle; I will live it courageously: **"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid; for the Lord thy God is with thee"** (Joshua 1:9).

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM
Bible Class - 11:00AM
Sun. Evening - 6:00PM
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00PM



Dear Lord,

Help me keep learning about Your love and Your Son. Make me a better person today than I was yesterday.

Amen



Family Events

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.



- JAN. 3 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
- JAN. 8 - MNFM



To all of our teachers, helpers, and those that fill in on short notice.
To the many that filled in for Park while he was gone

Wed. Night Supper

- Jan. 3 Freda is bringing lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. This will be her last meal with us until she returns from FL.
- A thank you to all who signed up in 2017. As we begin a new year of Wednesday night suppers let's all take our turn. Please be sure to sign up if you are willing to cook.
- After you sign up, call the church office if you want someone someone to cook with. Plan your menu and call the church office by Tuesday so it can be posted in the bulletin.



Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations. Please check expiration dates to be sure the food is still safe.

This is such a giving time of year and once again, the family here stepped up "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35.

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins

Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with Doug Paul about this.

Mowing and Grounds

- The snow is here! There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for snow removal.
- We need everyone's help to keep things tended. It gives a caring impression to those around...if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.
- We need to be sure the sidewalks and steps are clear so that people can safely navigate them.

Teachers

- If you are going to be out of town, please let Doug Paul know so your class can be covered.
- If you would like to teach a class or help with a class, please also let Doug know.

Thank You

- To our elders, deacons and minister for their leadership throughout 2017.
- To all of our family who have put forth many hours of loving service to build our family up and help this congregation to be a beacon in our community,

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Dec . 31 - Jan 6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 - Job 25-26	1 - Genesis 1-3 Linda Paul - BD	2 - Matthew 1	3 - Gen. 4-6 Wednesday Night Supper @ 6pm	4 - Matt. 2	5 - Gen. 7-9	6 - Matt. 3 John & Kehinde Ogunsuyi - Anniv.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you want to lead an event, or help, please call the church office to check that the date is free and **PLEASE volunteer!**

Jan. 3 - Wednesday Night Supper

Jan 8 - MNFM - at 6PM



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Question of the Week

**How do you plan to live
your life in 2018?**

Youth & Family News

A Great Church

What does it take to make a great church?

*Not soft seats and subdued light, but
courageous leadership.*

*Not sweet tones of the organ but sweet
personalities and voices lifted to God.*

Not tall towers, but lofty visions.

Not a big budget, but big hearts.

Not money received, but service rendered.

Not a large membership, but God's presence.

*Not what it has done in the past, but what it
is doing for Christ now and in the future.*

A Parting Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it."
Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

Getting from point A to point B

January is, according to some sources, named after the Roman god Janus. It is so named because the god Janus was pictured as having two faces; one looked toward the past and one toward the future, just as January 1 reminds us to both look to what we did last year and what we hope to do next year. Now of course, Janus is no god at all, but the one true God still invites us to consider our deeds and resolve to make right corrections.

Haggai 1:5 *"Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider your ways!"*

Revelation 3:3 *"So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you."*

Revelation 2:5 *"Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless you repent."*

Have you looked to this past year? What did you intend to do but didn't? What should I have done or what should I have not done? What attitude, temptation, lack of motivation, distraction, or lack of opportunity was behind my "missing the mark"? You see, unless you know where you truly went wrong (as opposed to what we are tempted to blame it on), we'll repeat our sin, fail to grow, or be condemned to repeat the failure again this year. It might help to ask others that you trust (trust to tell you the truth in love) to tell you where they think the failures might be, since they might be able to see things that we cannot.

Once we've been able to determine *what* we need to correct, then we next need to know *how* to correct it. Not every "correction" is correct. "Corrections" that the world would offer might "work" (temporarily) in the world; but forfeit our souls, our families, our relationships, and ultimately

end in failure anyway. Where are the correct corrections found?

God's word is the first and most important source, of course.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."*

The Bible will always be the best advice, (especially for spiritual advice) that you'll ever find. But just because the Bible is a spiritual book doesn't mean that it doesn't have good advice for day to day matters (check out the book of Proverbs). Check your Bible first!

Beyond the Bible's advice, next look for good counsel from a brother or sister in Christ who seem to have some success in the area that you want to succeed in. God has given us a spiritual family that will benefit us in so many different ways. One of them is example and sound counsel: Romans 15:14 *"And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another."* Of course, brothers and sisters are still men, and will sometimes be flawed, so be sure to correlate everything with Scripture; but having good practical advice and example is priceless.

Then, with a plan in mind for correction from last year, sound advice from the Bible and trusted brethren, bring a firm motivation and watch how things change. If the change is hard, you might want to consider bringing in someone to share your progress with, someone who can keep you motivated.

Whatever resolutions you may be considering, make sure that you include some spiritual ones. Spiritual growth is supremely important, satisfaction with where you are now isn't good (Php. 3:13-15). Let's grow individually and congregationally!

Park Linscomb