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A Christian New Year

One of the traditions associated with New Year's observances is the making of resolutions, promises to stop or start something in the New Year. On the average, about half of American adults make one or more New Year's resolutions each year, which commonly include weight loss, exercise, quitting smoking and better money management.

Typically, about 75 percent of people who make resolutions maintain their commitment past the first week, and less than half keep their word to themselves after six months. Numbers vary, of course, and some people actually make the desired changes in their lives. But for the most part, it's another disappointment and another failure, and it comes up again at the next New Years' time.

Making New Year's Resolutions was started by early Babylonians. Although this is generally assumed as accurate, no one really knows, but it's the stuff of great trivial conversation at social gatherings, particularly New Year's Eve parties. For the Babylonians, the start of the New Year was a good time to return borrowed items, such as farming equipment, and so begin the New Year with a clean slate. Some believe that New Year's resolutions began as promises made to the gods, negotiating or bargaining in the hope that the gods would grant some favor in return, such as a good harvest. It was also believed that breaking of New Year's resolution brought bad luck.

The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. Every day is the day the Lord has made, as Psalm 118:24 states, and "we will rejoice and be glad in it." One can make a resolution or promise to oneself any day of the year, and keeping it or breaking it is in their hands. One thing the Bible does say in Ecclesiastes 5:2, 4 and 5 is that if one makes promises or vows to God, it shouldn't be taken lightly.

"Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven and you on earth; therefore let your words be few. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— better not to vow than to vow and not pay."

Setting a goal or several goals at the beginning of the New Year can be stimulating, but it's the motivation to keep the resolution that is important. One can determine to pray more, read the Bible more, go to church regularly, or volunteer more, but these resolutions can fail without correct motivation. The incentive must come from within with purpose and a plan. Even though there might be a setback at times, the best thing to do is to immediately start again.

After months and months of tests to develop an electric light-bulb, Thomas Edison was interviewed by a reporter who asked Edison if he felt like a failure and if he thought he should just give up. Edison replied, "Young man, why would I feel like a failure? And why would I ever give up? I now know definitively over 9,000 ways that an electric light bulb will not work. Success is almost in my grasp." After over 10,000 attempts, Edison successfully invented the light bulb. The point is, don't quit. If it's a worthy goal, it's worth sticking to, even if it means starting over a few times.



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year	2	3
4 12:15 Property 5:30 Finance	5	6 7 pm Deacons	7 7 pm Business	8 11 am 3 Score & more	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 6 pm Family Night Dinner	22	23	24
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Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.2:6-16

Fleeing To Egypt

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ANGEL APPEARED
BOWED BETHLEHEM
CHILD CAREFUL
DEATH COUNTRY
DREAM FURIOUS
EGYPT INCENSE
ESCAPE JOSEPH
EXACT MOTHER
FOUND PROPHET
GIFTS REALIZED
HEROD REPORT
ISRAEL ROUTE
JUDAH RULER
KING SEARCH
LORD SECRETLY
MAGI SHEPHERD
MARY VICINITY
MYRRH WARNED
STAR WORSHIP

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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JINGLE BELL TAMBOURINE

To ring in 2010, make a joyful noise
with this musical instrument.

What you need:

- 2 plastic plates
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Beads or beans (or other small items that will make noise when shaken)
- Tacky craft glue
- 6 pieces of ribbon (each about 5" long and 1/4" wide)
- 6 jingle bells
- Stickers
- Markers



What you do:

1. On the bottom of each plate, write, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1, NIV).
2. Punch six evenly spaced holes around the rim of one plate. Mark the holes with a pen and then punch six matching holes in the second plate.
3. Pour the beads or beans into one plate and then squeeze glue around the rim of that plate.
4. Place the other plate on top, aligning the holes. (Make sure the Bible verses are on the outside.) Let it dry.
5. Thread one ribbon through one hole and through one bell, and then tie the ribbon. Repeat five more times, once for each hole.
6. Decorate the instrument with stickers or markers.
7. Play your tambourine when you sing your favorite songs.

Three Score and More

The Three Score and More members held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the church. We had a wonderful brunch.

Then we all loaded up in some cars (our bus driver was sick) to go look at Christmas lights and to see Dot Harmon.

Everyone had lots of fun and good Christian fellowship.

Three Score and More meets the first Thursday of each month, so if you have celebrated 60+ birthdays come on out and join us !! You will have fun and count it a blessing.



Birthdays

- January 9th - Kenneth Wheeler
Nathan Kenny
- January 15th- Gabriel Pugh
- January 17th- Kyndale Board
- January 20th - John Robert Lyle
- January 21st- Bob Boyd
- January 30th - Daniel Creasy

? Bible Quiz?

In Revelation 22: 16, Jesus says, "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of _____, the bright morning star." Choose the correct name from the list below:

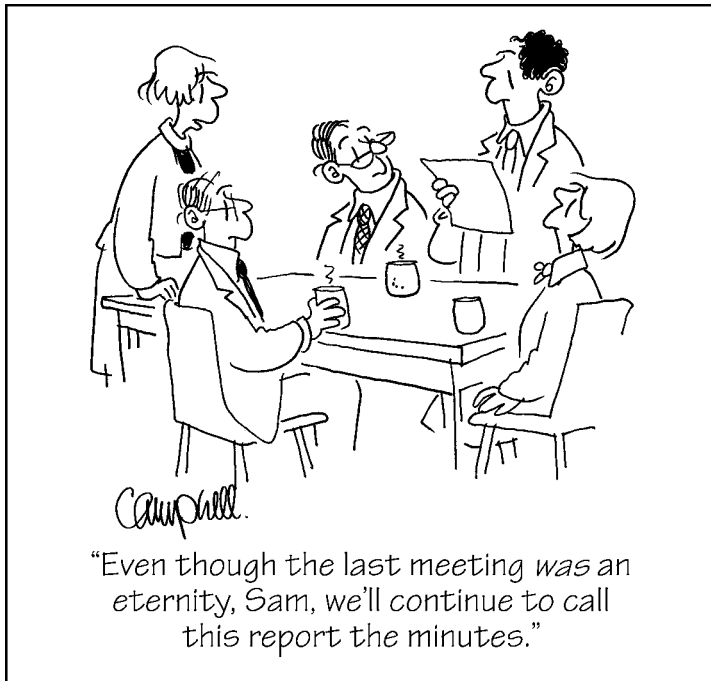
- A. Isaac
- B. Jacob
- C. David
- D. Solomon

Answer above the calendar



Church Members

- Lana Blankenship
- James Board
- Grover Carter
- Myrtle Ellis
- Board Family
- Jim Brown
- Lucille Caniff
- Daniel Creasy
- Linda Ferrando
- Liz Ferron
- Jim Hartberger
- Linda Hill
- Faye & Collins Leftwich
- Reva Meade
- Jane Moore
- Norma Mullins
- Wayne Porterfield
- Jack & Edna Powers
- Irene Spangler
- Geraldine StClair
- Jack Wheeler
- Jimmy Wheeler
- Ken & Arlene Wheeler
- Sherman Wheeler
- Unspoken



Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry- for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.” A Winning Pattern for the New Year.

A Note from the secretary:

If your birthday isn't listed, please let me know, if it doesn't show up, I don't have it, and if you have anything that you would like to announce in the newsletter please let me know, thanks!!