

Eisenhower Church of Christ

I Am Resolved

The beginning of a new year is the time in which many people make resolutions regarding what they intend to do in that year. It may be a commitment to live more healthily or to stop some bad habit. It may be to do a better job at work or at school or to improve one's skills in some area. In one sense New Year's resolutions have become synonymous with failure. This is because so few people make them and fewer still actually keep them.

Whether one keeps a typical New Year's resolution may not seem important in the ebb and flow of life. We may wish we were slimmer, healthier, more active more intelligent, kinder or wiser, but most of us manage to rationalize our failure to become so. As our resolutions drop by the wayside, we comfort ourselves with the thought that at least we did not become worse in these areas of our lives. This may or may not be the case, but the farther into the New Year we go, the less it matters to us.

When we consider resolutions in the spiritual matters, however, they are far more significant. To resolve means to reach a firm decision about something. The implication is that once this decision has been made it must be carried through without fail. This is certainly the expectation that we find in the scriptures. In Acts 11 the scripture tells us that certain disciples came to Antioch of Syria and began preaching to the Gentiles. When the church in Jerusalem heard of this, they sent Barnabas to Antioch to check on this report.

When Barnabas came to Antioch he found that these Gentiles had indeed been converted to Christ. In Acts 11:23 Luke says, "***Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord.***" These Gentiles had made a firm decision to obey the gospel and to follow Christ. Barnabas exhorted them to remain true to that resolution. The evidence suggests that they did just that, for beginning in Acts 13 the scriptures tell us that this church sent Paul out on three missionary journeys to proclaim the gospel across the Mediterranean.

Men like Barnabas and Paul are living examples of what being resolved in Christ means. While the focus of the latter half of Acts is primarily on Paul's work, we know that both he and Barnabas remained true to the Lord with resolute hearts the rest of their lives. At the end of Paul's life he summarized his situation in 2 Timothy 4:7-8. He said, "***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course. I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.***"

This is the key for all Christians. We have made a resolution, a firm decision, to follow Jesus by our obedience to the gospel. Therefore, we must remain true to that commitment with resolute heart through all the ups and downs of life. This is the example of the great apostle and it is the expectation of the scriptures. The crown of righteousness is only given to those who fight the good fight, finish the course and keep the faith.

Therefore, as we begin a New Year, whether new in the faith or with many years in Christ, let us be resolved that we will "***with resolute heart***" remain true to the Lord. Satan will try to deter us from this great resolution, but the reward for failure service is too great to give up before reaching the goal. In the words of the wonderful old hymn, let us each say, "***I am resolved, no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delights.***"

—Fred Dominguez

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Robert Stapleton** who passed away on December 31st, 2017 in Bedford, TX. Robert was the School Director at the Brown Trail School of Preaching. He began his preaching career in Piketon, OH at the Elm Grove Church of Christ.

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Weaver was taken to the ER at MCH (by ambulance) Sunday, January 7th. He was incoherent. His blood pressure was 204/84. They were able to get it down to 174/84. Jimmy was having severe stomach pain, but it is being kept under control with morphine until he can get enough of the liver medicine back into his system. Continue to keep Jimmy in your daily prayers.

Lauria Troutz (Kim Guynn's sister-in-law) is in the hospital with double pneumonia.

Rudy Ochoa had a doctor's appointment in Lubbock, Tuesday, January 9th. He has not been feeling well lately. Keep him in your prayers.

Janis Laminack is in room #544 at MCH. She is still on oxygen. Also, two valves in her heart are not working at all.

Prayers are being requested for **Toya Zambelli** (sister of Devida's son-in-law). Toya is in a guarded health condition at this time. The doctors are not very optimistic regarding her prognosis. Toya lives in Corpus Christi, TX

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Which King went to see a witch?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Paul escaped from Damascus down a wall in a basket.

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

The Sheffield Church of Christ is hosting a "**Gospel Meeting**" with Weylan Deaver January 28-31st. We have posted their flyer on our bulletin board showing the times of the services.

Thank You

To all of the sweet ladies at Eisenhower who had a part in putting the bags together for those of us who are older, we want to thank you so much & tell you how much we have enjoyed the snacks and also the visit of Mirta & Tommy delivering it to us. I know that God will bless you for your goodness and we really love all of you. Bill & Mary Brown

We have received a "Thank You" note from Russel Rosser (Dottie Fisher's son-in-law). It has been posted on our bulletin board. Please stop by and read it.

Office News...

The "New Mexico Children's Home" will be in Odessa for a food drive pickup on February 27th, 2018. They are requesting **(Juices (all kinds))**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

The Bible Speaks

I am the Bible, God's wonderful Library.

I am always—and above all—the truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness.
To those who are tossed about by the storm of life, I am a steadfast anchor.

To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.
I am the Bible, God's wonderful gift to mankind.

—Bulletin Digest

January 14th, 2018	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Josh Weakland	Richard Siler
Second Prayer	George Warren	Josh Wells
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Larry May
Lord's Supper		
West...	Cody Wesson Scot Straw Josh Wells	Craig Wesson Communion (In Library)
East...	Dex Dennard Larry May Trinidad Wood	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit*: Richard Siler 556-2150 *Table*: Craig Wesson 934-4633; *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Redemption in Christ"

(Ephesians 1:7-8)

Sunday PM

"Christ Living in Me!" (Pt 2)

(Galatians 2:20)

Our Records

Bible Class... 62

Morning Worship...107

Evening Worship...51

Wednesday...64

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