

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What are your Resolutions?

For many, New Years' resolutions are almost a past thought. If you are like me, you have a tendency to forget your resolutions after midnight New Years' Eve. However, there are some resolutions that we would do well to not forget. The success of your spiritual life in the year ahead depends upon what you do to feed your soul and the souls of others. Let me make three simple suggestions to help you to have a great spiritual year in 2019.

In the first place, resolve to study your Bible more. The apostle Paul instructed the young evangelist Timothy to, ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*** (2 Timothy 2:15). No one can truly be happy in life, who does not spend time in God's Holy Word. It is in God's Word that we learn the answers to the most important questions about life: From where did I come? Why am I here? What am I to do while I am here? And where am I going when this life is over? Some folks cannot sleep at night, so they take pills in excess, however knowing the answers to life's questions would do far more good toward insuring a restful night.

In the second place, resolve to pray more. The great apostle instructed the church in Thessalonica to ***“Pray without ceasing”*** (I Thessalonians 5:17). God blesses those who earnestly spend time talking with Him each day. Happy is the person who takes time to talk with his Father. God assures us that He hears and answers our prayers, when they are prayed in faith (James 1:6). Someone has correctly written, “Where there is great faith, there is much prayer. Where there is no faith, there is no prayer.” Let's learn to pray!

In the third place, resolve to be an encourager (Acts 14:22). The truly happy person is the one who helps other people to be happy. There is a principle that holds true for all of us: you can get as much out of life as you desire, if you will just help enough folks get out of life what they desire. Jesus said it like this, ***“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets”*** (Matthew 7:12). Encouragement is something that everybody needs a great deal of but often gets very little. Let's resolve this year to look for the good traits in others and speak of those things to them and encourage them as God would have us to do.

May God help each of us to resolve to study the bible more, to pray more often and in faith and to encourage each other with kind and uplifting- words. May we be mindful of these things and have a great year in the kingdom of God!

—Selected

Prayer Request

John Wood had an appointment to see his doctor in Dallas on Thursday morning, December 27th. John went there for a checkup. Please continue to keep him in your prayers that he will get encouraging results soon.

Concerns Update

Linda Tate accidentally injured two small toes over the holiday weekend which made it difficult for her to walk. Keep Linda in your prayers that she has a quick recovery.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Elsie Bradford; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Hector Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verla Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

On what occasion did Jesus say, "For unto everyone that hath shall be given and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts were written to Theophilus.

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.

Office News

We will have a "***Potluck Luncheon***" following our Sunday morning service on January 6th in the annex. All our visitors are welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship.

Food for Thought...

I do not merely wish to possess a faith: I want a faith that possesses me.

If our faith cannot move mountains, it ought to at least climb them.

Have a heart and save a soul.

The Bigger Picture

People are imperfect. At times we say the wrong things, do the wrong things, feelings get hurt, communication breaks down, etc. All of us are guilty at times. How do we mend hurt relationships? Well, I have two thoughts to share.

FIRST, relationships begin to heal when we realize that it begins with ME. That means I look at myself honestly and truly attempt to see where I need to change. I pray that God will

forgive ME and that He will change my heart. I must buy into the fact that maybe part of the blame does reside in me.

SECOND, we must look past the little picture and this is tough. The little picture is my rights, my way, the here and now, etc. The bigger picture and really much bigger, is eternity. The more we believe in eternity, the easier it is to deal with other issues, because they pale in comparison.

Thus, husband and wives who look at their children through the eyes of eternity, look at each other differently. They are more determined to forgive, to admit wrong, to work out differences. There is something much bigger at stake than their rights.

Churches who look at their mission through the eyes of eternity and who focus on the common purpose of helping others face eternity, deal with their “little” problems easier. They don’t get hung up on whether we serve communion from the back or front, or whether we have the Lord’s Supper first or last, or the way the song leader leads the singing, etc.

Churches whose primary purpose is saving others unite behind their elders, because there is a bigger picture.

—David Mathews via Marietta, OH.

December 30, 2018

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Josh Weakland
Doug Guynn
Bill Tolbert

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Dex Dennard
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Trinidad Wood
Don Easlon

Lord's Supper
(Scripture Reading)
West...

Dan Igo
Gary Loving
Charles Wood
Don Easlon
George Warren
Trinidad Wood
David Ryan

Dex Dennard
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*: Bill Ryan 272-5507 *Pulpit*: Larry May 638-3990 *Table*: Dex Dennard 296-1582 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Richard Siler 556-2151 *Collections*: Richard Siler 556-2151

Sunday AM

“Stability of our Time”
(Isaiah 33:6)

Sunday PM

“A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble”
(Nahum 1:7)

Our Records

Bible Class... 66
Morning Worship...105
Evening Worship...65
Wednesday...75
Contribution...\$4,739.00