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Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

Happy New Year! This time of the year is one that I always enjoy: Planning, resolutions, thinking over 2023 (Lord willing). The energy of the new year is palpable, and easily felt with resolutions, expectations, etc. The ironic thing, though, is that 12/31 to 1/1 is a shift just like any other day of the year. Our culture assigns the shift a new year, but in other cultures the new year takes place at a different time. At its core, 12/31 to 1/1 is just another evening then morning. But it sure does feel special doesn't it? That's not a bad thing! If we tried to bring that same "New Year's energy" daily, then it would soon wear out and become monotonous. Its frequency creates uniqueness. As you meditate over feelings of newness, resolutions, expectation make sure to direct all things to God (Prov 16:9). The anxieties we cast to him in prayer don't have to be only heavy burdens, but they can be anxiousness of expectation over what the year may bring-good and bad. (1st Pt. 5:7, Php. 4:6). -Matt

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Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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Accomplishing Your New Year's Resolutions

What New Year's resolutions have you made? Most will have made ones that were designed to make their lives or the lives around them better. Such resolutions may include: losing weight, stopping a bad habit, exercising more, becoming more organized, or having a better attitude. Now, I'm not going to be sarcastic like the man who made the New Year's toast, "May your troubles be as short lived as your resolutions!" I sincerely hope you succeed in every resolution you make (that is within the Lord's will, of course).

So how are you going to get your resolutions accomplished? Hebrews 12:1-2 can give us a lot of encouragement and help along that line. Even though the true context of the passage is ridding our lives of sin and striving toward heaven, we can make application to accomplishing worthy earthly goals, as well.

“since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” – Involve others. There are many in your life who can motivate and encourage you. Look to the example of those who have already completed what you are trying to accomplish.

“let us lay aside every weight” – Get rid of all the obstacles that are hindering success. There are plenty of ways to fail, and the world will make sure to bring them all out. To succeed, all obstacles must be avoided or overcome.

“and let us run” – Exercise yourself in a specific plan of action to complete the goal.

Accomplishing goals is often a matter of each of us being determined to run – then running.

“with endurance” – You need to be persistent in accomplishing your resolutions. You can't give up, even though there may be setbacks. If you stumble, get back on your feet and get running again.

“looking unto Jesus” – Keep your eyes upon Jesus who overcame earthly obstacles, completed God's plan, persisted, and made it back to heaven. Remember what all He went through and how what you are trying to do is much less demanding and that you can do it. Henry Ward Beecher once said: “We have passed through one more year. One more long stage in the journey of life, with its ascents and descents and dust and mud and rocks and thorns and burdens that wear the shoulders, is done. The old year is dead. Roll it away. Let it go.” May I only add, “let it go, and let's go on to greater things in 2021.”

*Edd Sterchi
Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY*

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Sylvie Achu, Stan Adams, Tom Adams, Ron Barker, David Dement, Chris & Paige Essary, Robert King (Baptist 5104), Osby Riley, Barbara Rea, Louise VanSickel, John and Nancy Waddell

In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Wilma Barfield (Ava Maria), Janet & Billy Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Elaine Martin, Raymond McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Osby & Martha Riley, Clara Shipman, Linda Thompson, Mary Ann Watson

Family and Friends:

Jim Adams (Brother of Tom Adams), Kris Alexander (Sister of Julie Grantham now moved to The Gardens of Germantown where Pat King is), Aaron Cadden (Nephew of Dee Close), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Billy Dickerson (Friend of Judy Kilmer), Jacqueline Ferrell (Sister of Ina Story), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Van Jones, Kevin Knight, Debbie Knight, Donny Long (Bro-in-law of Diane Hinton), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Van Jones, Archie May (Father of Kerwin May), Russell May (Uncle of Kerwin May), Debbie McCoy (Friend of Hintons), Leah Morgan (Daughter of Sharon Estes), Jessee Murah (Friend of Kerwin May), Kesha Owsley (Friend of Daphne Jenkins), Mark Paschall (Brother of Brenda Renner), Randy Pinckley (Brother of Robi and Rhonda), Misty Pinckley, Beverly Renner (Sister-in-law of Brenda Renner), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), Bill Simmons (Brother of Nancy Waddell – cancer), Pat Slate, David South (surgery January 31), Pat Thomas, Margaret Wilkinson

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8 Ernest Embrey	15 Bob Watson
8 Kathy Hillis	16 Aaron Anderson
8 Marti McClendon	16 Kathryn Bryson
8 Kerry Mitchell	22 Eudie Freeman
11 Ann Embrey	23 Kiersten Stokes
11 Rhoda and Eusebio Amar	27 Kathy Betty
14 Parker Maynard	28 Mark Hillis
14 Robi Seward	28 Elliott Norwood
	31 Addie Mitchell

SYMPATHY

Several of our members have recently lost loved ones during the holiday season. We want to remember these and keep them in our prayers.

Brother of David Dement – Joe Dement
Mother of Bob Watson – Doris Watson
Mother of Ray Grayham (former member)

SINGING

Renee and Regina Brittain are hosting a singing at their home, 3014 Hepplewhite Cove, Lakeland, at 6:30 pm on, Friday, January 20th. Please bring finger foods. Everyone is invited!

TO SERVE THIS WEEK January 8th

Welcome & Announcements::

Matthew Mitchell

Opening Prayer:

John Waddell

Closing Prayer:

Mike Kilmer

Serve Communion:

Raffael Barrantes, Bill Estes,

Dane Dacus, Knox Greer

AM Nursery: **Paige Essary/Nedra Robison**

5 PM Worship Song Service

Opening Prayer: **David Dement**

Closing Prayer: **Ron Barker**

Nursery: **Joy Adams**

NEXT SUNDAY LUNCHEON



Next week, January 15th will be our next 3rd Sunday luncheon. Our menu will be baked chicken, creamed potatoes, corn, greens, bread and dessert and drinks. Please get your tickets from Larry Knox. Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 5 and under.

A NEW YEAR

On January 20, 1961 one of the most quoted lines of a presidential inaugural address was delivered by President John F. Kennedy as he was talking about the many freedoms that we have in this country. *“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country?”* He continued by saying; *“My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.”*

What can we do for the work at Woodland Hills because of the freedoms that we enjoy, but all too often take for granted? King Solomon gives us the perfect answer for times such as these. *“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”* (Proverbs 14:34). To express our gratitude to God and to exhibit righteousness we must strive to be the best that we can be in the work here.

- ◆ We must work hard to attend all the services of the church; if possible. God certainly knows when one misses because of health issues, but what about those who willfully miss because they do not feel like attending? (Hebrews 10:23-26).
- ◆ Strive to be the best Christian we can be. Lift those in prayer who are missing and encourage them faithfully to come back home.
- ◆ Lift one another in prayer. Pray for all the members, our elders, our deacons and staff. Ask God for forgiveness of our own sins and shortcomings.
- ◆ Increase your contribution if possible. This challenge is equal sacrifice for the cause of Christ.
- ◆ Read your Bible daily. Grow in knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of God's will for you.
- ◆ Make a list of those who have fallen away and pray for them by name daily and encourage others to do the same.

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Happy New Year!