

Pastor to People

This year I promise to do...I really want to...Oh my, maybe I won't make any resolutions this year after all—I never keep them anyway. It's just too hard! Have you ever felt like this? I have—many times. Yet I've also learned New Year's is a great time to reassess the influence my actions and attitudes have on my family and those around me. As I think about that, there are five resolutions that we as a church should keep this year:

1. To reach someone who doesn't know Christ

Perhaps like me, you're tempted to spend all your time with fellow Christians—people just like you. After all, if you want your kids to grow in the faith, you need to expose them to people of faith! Yet at the same time, God commands us to be salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16); that won't happen if we spend all our time with believers.

This year, resolve to befriend someone who's not a Christian. She may be a co-worker, neighbor, your child's teacher, even the person who cuts your hair. While reaching out feels scary, when you take the risk, you'll see God work through you in exciting ways!

2. To become a grateful person

I used to wake up in the morning thinking about all the things I had to do and all the people who needed me. I got depressed before I even got out of bed! I realized I needed an attitude adjustment. So I started meditating on one of God's character traits the moment I awoke. As I lay quietly in my bed, thinking about how awesome God is, my perspective on the day changed dramatically!

No one enjoys being around whining kids. But when they're grateful, it's delightful. In the same way, when we appreciate God, it thrills his heart.

3. To spend more quality time with my spouse

I used to enjoy to garden. I had a beautiful garden and in the early days I carefully tended it, and it produced well. Then I got busy with all kinds of commitments, and before I knew it, weeds took over and my garden died out.

Don't let the weeds of "other important things" choke your marriage. Resolve to nurture it. This year, ask the question, "What can I do to help my spouse and I grow closer together?" Begin by making a commitment to a weekly date together—an evening, a breakfast, an afternoon.

4. To say "no" to something

Okay, we all know there are simply too many demands, too many choices, and too little time. But part of maturing means learning to postpone something you'd really like to do now to another season of life in order to focus on something even more important. Maybe it's that career opportunity, serving on another committee, or the outing with your friends so you can have more time with your family. Maybe you need to say "no" to your kids being in yet another sports team so your family can have dinner together. Just say "no"!

5. To pursue Christ with fresh vigor

Do you sometimes feel as though your relationship with Christ is stale? I sure do. But when that happens, I pray King David's prayer, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me" (Psalm 51:12). As this New Year begins resolve to recapture that joy. Set a time and place to be alone with God and possibly you might think about reading through the book of Philippians. A fresh time with God will start a fresh fire in you heart.

Steadfast,
Lance Cypert

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

December 27 - January 2

Jeff Cater
David Graves

January 3 - 9

Wayne Spears
Willie Glaze

January 10 - 16

Parker Garrett
Jerry Lowe

January 17 - 23

Wayne Adams
David Cunningham

January 24 - 30

Billy Pilley
Don Alexander

January 31 - February 6

Richard Land
Bernard Waggoner

Memorials

To the Properties Improvements Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF LOUIE & KATHRYN GREER,
ELMER & CLARA DAVIS**

By Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Davis

To the Senior Adult Ministry (Keenagers) Fund:

IN MEMORY OF ETON FOREMAN

By Mr. & Mrs. Doug Garrett

IN HONOR OF PAM ANTHONY

By Mary Eason

To "The Standing in the Gap" Fund:

IN MEMORY OF VERNON EASON

By Mr. & Mrs. Richard Land

**IN MEMORY OF LINDA ARMSTRONG, BURT
GARMANY, ANN RUSSELL, GLYNN HOLMES,
JOYCE SPEIGHTS, BOBBIE WELLS, PAT
BRAZELL**

By Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Deutsch

**IN MEMORY OF GLYNN HOLMES, LINDA
ARMSTRONG, JOYCE SPEIGHTS, BURT
GARMANY, ANN RUSSELL, BOBBIE WELLS,
PAT BRAZELL**

By Mr. & Mrs. Gary Henderson

IN MEMORY OF BOBBIE WELLS

By Mr. & Mrs. Clay Clark, Mr. & Mrs. David Graves

IN MEMORY OF PAT BRAZELL

By Mr. & Mrs. Clay Clark

To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:

IN MEMORY OF RAY MITCHELL

By Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lowe

IN MEMORY OF BOBBIE WELLS

By Martha Eubanks, M. & Mrs. Wayne Adams

**IN MEMORY OF SADIE GLAZE, BOBBYE
HAMON, VESTA HENDERSON, BOBBIE WELLS
& ALMA DODD**

By Mary Eason

IN MEMORY OF VETTA BLAKE

By Joe Blake & Kevin Blake

IN MEMORY OF BOB GREER

By Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Henderson

IN HONOR OF JAN MARTIN & CAROLYN EWING

By The Vota Vita Class

IN HONOR OF DOROTHY "MEMAW" LAGRONE

By Autumn Alford

**IN HONOR OF MY GRANDCHILDREN:
JOHNATHAN, JARRED & TREY HARVEY**

By Lucille Harvey

**IN HONOR OF BRO. LANCE, SARAH, KATIE,
JESS, JACK ANDRES, WILLIE GLAZE, RICHARD
LAND, PARKER GARRETT, RICARDO & MARIA
VERGARA**

By Mary Eason

To the Kitchen Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF WILLIE WATSON & BOBBIE
WELLS**

By Jean Beck

Meetings for the Month Of January

- 4th - WMU at 6:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 11th - Deacon's Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
- 11th - God's Way at 6:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 17th - Youth Committee Meeting at 4:30 p. m. in the 84 building
- 17th - Business Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
- 18th - Baptist Men at 6:30 p. m. in the Beckham Building
- 21st - Keenager's at 10:00 p. m. in the Beckham Building
- 25th - God's Way at 6:00 p. m. in the Beckham Building
- 25th - 26th - Louisiana Baptist Convention
- 31st - 5th Sunday Singing at 6:30 p. m.

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IN CASE YOU NEED ME:

Bro. Michael Turner cell # 318-347-2132

For the Month of January

Preschool Praise & Worship

January 3rd - Sarah & Jess Cypert

January 10th - Ricardo & Maria Vergara

January 17th - Meredith Rogers &
Casey Gamble

January 24th - Tina Graves & Amber Graves

January 31st - Angela & Michael Hall

Worship KidStyle Workers

January 3rd - Kim Cater

January 10th - Renee Evans

January 17th - Yvonne Cooper

January 24th - Carol Register & Michelle Morvan

January 31st - Judy Harvey & Helen Holmes

Nursery Helpers for the A. M. Service

January 3rd - Maria Vergara

January 10th - Marilyn Creech

January 17th - Amber Graves

January 24th - Brenda Barber

January 31st - Dorothea LaGrone

P. M. Service

January 3rd - Jan Martin

January 10th - Carla Spears

January 17th - Maria Vergara

January 24th - Dorothea LaGrone

January 31st - Mary Rutherford