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A New Year and a New Spirit

There is something thrilling about the prospect of a new year. I think that most of us feel a prospect of doing better, not making the same mistakes we made the last year. It is like a clean page, a fresh beginning, where we can make a clean fresh start.

So much of the Christian life is like this. We have with Christ entered into a "new covenant". Our hope is based upon His promise of some day bringing us into the "new heavens and new earth".

While Israel was in captivity, God tried to encourage them through the prophet Ezekiel by saying that the time would come when they would return to Judah and would have a new heart and a new spiritual outlook. He wrote, *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."* (Ezekiel 36:26)

The King James Version translates Romans 7:6 by saying that since we have been discharged from serving under the Old Law, we should now serve *"in newness of spirit"*. This is probably our greatest need for the new year---an eagerness to serve the Lord, a new outlook on life, an optimism, a renewed hope.

So many Christians never change. We get into a rut in our living and thinking and we make very few changes. Our attitude is often, "What's the use!"

That can be most dangerous. We are a group of people on this earth that are supposed to be *"renewed daily in the spirit"* even though our outward person is perishing (See II Cor. 4:16). We are growing daily in "grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). We are to *"Forget the things which are behind...and press on"* toward the goal of a life dedicated to Christ.(Phil 3:14).

We cannot afford to "get set in our ways", but must always be looking to God's Word for ways that we can keep on improving and growing in Christ. Each new year should be met with some spiritual resolutions. The child of God who truly believes the Father's promise, *"I will never fail you nor forsake you,"* cannot have anything but a "Happy New Year." We must *"be of good cheer"* for the One whom we love and follow *"has overcome the world."*

Yes, have a happy spiritual New Year!

Harvey Porter

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Carmie Green** will see a surgeon on Jan 11th.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having vision problems due to her diabetes condition.
- ❖ **Dave Marcum** is home and recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Herman Klahn** has been released from the hospital. His heart rhythm is doing better. Both June and Herman send their Christmas greetings.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** has been moved to the Royal Care Nursing Home, Room 121B in Avon Park and would appreciate visitors. He sends his love to us.
- ❖ **Kathryn Taylor** is in Highlands Regional, Room 310 as a result of a fall on Thursday evening.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Maire, has cancer and requests prayer.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, has had her chemo treatments changed because of difficulties with the drugs.
- ❖ **Leonard Anderson**, brother of Wayne is in VA Hospital with lung problems.
- ❖ **Ken Joines** is home from the hospital after his knee surgery and is going to therapy during the week.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown**, ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, **Carol Underwood**, a neighbor of Chuck and Mary Jo are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has bone cancer.
- ❖ **Wayne Adkins**, brother of Carl Adkins, is improving following a heart attack.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil

Thank you

God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. To know you were with us in our time of sorrow sharing our prayers---these are the things that means so much. The honor you gave our mother by your contribution to the Children's Home in Mt. Dora in her name is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
the family of Thelma Eubanks (Gwin Barnum)

Our Record: December 24, 2006

Bible Study	102
Sunday AM Worship	150
Sunday PM Worship	NA
Contribution	\$3398
Wednesday Bible Study	98
Building Fund	\$50
Ukraine Building Fund	\$2545
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$25
Clothing Room/Pantry 12/28	18

Upcoming Birthdays



Harry Johnson	01/01
Betty Parker	01/03
Teles Oregon	01/05
Marjorie Vandivor	01/05
Leon Tubbs	01/08
Lydia Tubbs	01/09

Upcoming Anniversary

Don & Laura Ware	01/09
Bob & Janis Lynch	01/09

Visitors for December 24, 2006

Melvin & David Putnam
 Andy & Angie Braswell
 Mr. & Mrs. Heath Jinkins & family
 Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Horton & family

Resolved to Act

Will this new year be a happy one for you? It may be or it may not be. It depends on your attitude and actions. These resolutions will help.

RESOLVE TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE MORE. (II Tim. 2:15) No one can be truly happy in life who does not spend time in this Holy Book. It is here one learns 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? Where am I going when it is all over? Some folks can't sleep at night so they take pills; taking time with the Bible each day would do far more good towards insuring a restful night.

RESOLVE TO PRAY MORE. (I Thess. 5:17). God blesses those who earnestly pray to Him. Happy is the person who takes time to talk with the Father. He assures us that He hears and answers our prayers, when they are prayed in faith. (James 1:6). Someone has written, "where there is great faith, there is much prayer. Where there is no faith, there is no prayer."

RESOLVE TO BE AN ENCOURAGER (Acts 14:22). The happiest people in the world are those who help other people 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 other folks get out of life what they desire. Jesus worded it like this, "...whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them..." (Mt. 7:12)

_____ New Year! You can fill in the blank with "Happy" if you will make these resolutions, and **act** on them. I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about the **ACTS** of the apostles.
 Greely Kirkpatrick

Preaching Schedule

12/31 Allen Barber AM & PM

1/3 Allen Barber AM & PM



Ladies Class Schedule



Jan. 2nd teacher Patty Massey, topic *Percentage Giving*

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, is when the clothing room is open for the community. We can always use more help. If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.



Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. *Your help is needed. January and April are the only months with a volunteer listed.*



CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, January 5th at 5:30pm at the Spring Lake Restaurant. All are invited to attend.

While seeking happiness for others we consistently find it for self.

From the Elders

The elders continue to search for a new evangelist. If you are aware of a candidate you would recommend, either ask the candidate to send us a resume by email to the church or Olin, or provide the candidate's name and contact information to Olin. It would be helpful to provide some background information and why you recommend the candidate. Ken Joines may return after he recuperates from his surgery to assist us on an interim basis. Local brethren will be asked to fill the pulpit in the meantime.



Canned vegetables & fruits of all kinds
Canned Meats
Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup
Spaghetti and Sauce
Chili & crackers; Stew
Syrup
Chicken & Dumplings
Canned White and Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Baby Food & Baby Cereal
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Individual Small Boxed Cereal

A New Year's Prayer

A whole new year is mine today....
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!
I'd strengthen friendships, old and true
And learn to cherish new ones, too;
To keep on learning and to grow
A little deeper as I go.
To cast aside each grudge and grief,
And hold fast to a firm belief
That life is joyous, gracious, good,
When lived in terms of brotherhood.
To welcome fun, and play awhile,
To lighten work with a pleasant smile!
To thank the Lord and every day
Remember Him, and kneel to pray,
In gratitude for strength and health
And blessings which are all my wealth.
This year's a gift from God to me
To spend, or use, or set me free...
A whole new year is mine today....
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray.

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson.....655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser.....382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert.....385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware.....382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

Wishing You

Abstain from all appearances of evil. I Thess. 5:22
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord
And he shall lift you up. Jas. 4:10
Pray without ceasing. I Thess.. 5:17
Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season. II Tim 4:2
Ye are the light of the world. Matt 5:14
Now I pray to God that ye do not evil. II Cor. 13:7
Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith. II Cor. 13:5
Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile...I Pet. 2:1
Ye are the salt of the earth. Matt 5:13
Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph 4:3
Ask and it shall be given Matt. 7:7
Rejoice..for great is your reward in heaven. Matt. 5:12

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP												
<p style="text-align: center;">THIS SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Marie Barber</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Don Ware Bill Sweeton Laura Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Forest Ritenour & Nicholas Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building This Week: Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Olin Shinholser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: John Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Jim Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare Communion: Betty Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: Ron Horton Robert Underwood Bill Sweeton Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Cards: Austin Ritenour & Victor Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Room: BJ Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secure Building Next Week: BJ Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements: Olin Shinholser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Song Leader: Jim Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Prayer: Robert Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord's Supper: Preside: Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serve:</p>	<p>Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Song: 458 I'm Redeemed</p> <p>Song: 525 He Knows Just What I Need</p> <p>Opening Prayer: John Roberts</p> <p>Song: 111 Grace Greater than Our Sin</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Song: 83 God Is So Good</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Song: 550 I Walk With the King</p> <p>Lesson: Allen Barber</p> <p>Invitation Song: 947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling</p> <p>Song: 898 Paradise Valley</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Clem Smith</p>												
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<p style="text-align: center;">FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL</p> <p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEET WITH US</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM</p> <p>Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">A Bible in the hand is worth two on the shelf!</p>												