

# The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

January 2019

Dear church family,

New Year. New beginning. I don't know where the tradition of New Years resolutions come from. Or why we need a certain day to begin anew.

Mel Gibson, director and producer of "The Passion of the Christ" said; "It's a wise man who understands that every day is a new beginning, because boy, how many mistakes do you make in a day? I don't know about you, but I make plenty. You can't turn the clock back, so you have to look ahead.

The Bible says several times to quit looking back.

John 8:32 says "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

The truth is this. Jesus died for your sins. His blood paid the penalty due for your sins. God will never bring your confessed sins up again. That truth shall set you free!

So why doesn't it? Why do we drag around sins that we have given to God like a prisoner dragging around a ball and chain? Why do we allow our past to beat us up and hold us back?

Because knowing the truth and believing it are two different things. We listen to the voice of the enemy and allow it to penetrate our minds instead of allowing the Word of God to reign supreme.

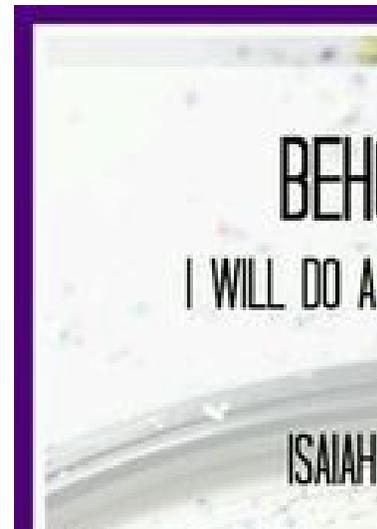
You are not a loser. You are not a failure. You are not attached to your past.

Mary Pickford said; " "You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down."

So how about this for a New Years resolution. This year, I am going to allow myself to be set free by the truth of God. I am important. I am loved. I am saved.

The truth will set you free.  
I love you guys,

Pastor Brian



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### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders  
of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14, (NIV)



All Board reports will be due January 7<sup>th</sup> so they can be added to our annual report for 2018. Any Board Chairpersons, Committee Chairs, Pastor and any other groups need to submit reports from this past year. Email Patti at [ppylant@yahoo.com](mailto:ppylant@yahoo.com) with your report – hard copy will be fine too. Thanks!



January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### Annual Church Meeting followed by a Potluck.

*Make plans to stay following church for this important part of our family life - Bring a main dish and side dish or dessert.*

Tableware and drinks will be provided.

See Liggett's, Hutchinson's & Ellis families if you have questions about potluck.



### FIRST QUARTER MISSION

2019

Voice of Martyr  
and the

### Christian Jewish Foundation

Funds will be divided between the two.

Goal: \$1000.00



**S.W.A.G.** Saved With Amazing Grace  
(2-3-4<sup>th</sup> graders)

**and**

**FUSION** - fusing youth to God!  
(Middle School/High School)

January 13th  
6:30 – 8:00 pm Regular Mtg.

January 27th  
6:30 – 8:00 pm Regular Mtg.



Christian Quotes for the New Year

These great quotes will get you ready for the new year!

Don't Look Back  
*Look not back on yesterday  
So full of failure and regret  
Look ahead and seek God's way  
All sin confessed you must forget.*  
-Dennis DeHaan

Direct  
*If this is to be a Happy New Year, a year of usefulness, a year in which we shall live to make this earth better, it is because God will direct our pathway. How important then, to feel our dependence upon Him!*  
- Matthew Simpson

Renewal  
*Renewal is rooted in faith, not in resolutions! They are made for New Year's and forgotten on an average of thirteen days later, say the surveys. Faith is the result of a decision about Christ. I cannot make a new me or a new you, but Christ can make you new and me new, as well, if we decide for Him.*  
-Frank Harrington

Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKERS

\*Check over the schedule  
Let Patti know if you cannot serve on the dates listed.

**January 2019**

**Snacks: Penny L**

Jan. 6  
**Jr Church Leader: Terry Green**  
Jr. Church Helper: Ann  
Nursery: Patti & Hannah  
Primary (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) Teacher: Brittany  
Helper: Julie  
PreTeen: Stacy  
Helper: Barbi  
High School: Susie  
Helper: Dave L

Jan. 13  
**Jr Church Leader: Terry Green**  
Jr. Church Helper: Kaitlyn  
Nursery: Lynd's  
Primary (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) Teacher: Brittany  
Helper: Alison  
PreTeen: Stacy  
Helper: Nicole  
High School: Susie  
Helper: Brian

Jan. 20  
**Jr Church Leader: Terry Green**  
Jr. Church Helper: Sabrina  
Nursery: Lisa A. & Travis  
Primary (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) Teacher: Brittany  
Helper: Caroline

**Jan. 27**  
**Jr Church Leader: Terry Green**  
Jr. Church Helper: Amy  
Nursery: Wiseman's  
Primary (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) Teacher: Brittany  
Helper: Helen  
PreTeen: Stacy  
Helper: Jan  
High School: Susie  
Helper: Mike

