



Kindred Lines

Newsletter of the Alexandria Baptist Church
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Hello church family,

The phrase **“New Years Resolution”** first appeared in a **Boston** newspaper in **1813**, but the practice reaches all the way back to the **Babylonian Empire** when promises were made to placate their gods.

About 45% of Americans make **New Years Resolutions**, but **94% of them fail**, with most failing by **January 7**.

The most made resolutions are for a change in diet, exercise, weight loss, making better financial decisions, and learning something new. The number one reason why most New Year Resolutions fail is because they are not specific enough. For example, “I’m going to lose weight” needs to have an actionable plan, like eating more vegetables and less sugar, exercising, and drinking more water.

But even that can be more specific. I’m going to exercise doesn’t set a plan in motion. I’m going to walk 30 minutes four days a week is more likely to stick.

So it is with God. I’m going to make God a priority isn’t specific enough. We

need a plan. “I’m going to make God a priority by reading my Bible at 7:00 five days a week,” is more likely to keep us on track.

Thinking it out and prioritizing God can include a set prayer time each day or night, going to church more consistently, spending less time with people who lead me further away from rather than closer to God.

The good news is that six-ten people who make New Year’s Resolutions are successful, and those who have a workable plan are 10 times more likely to succeed.

God wants to spend more time with us. Let’s make Jesus our top priority, and see what God does with that.

Happy New Year friends.

Jesus loves you.

Pastor Brian

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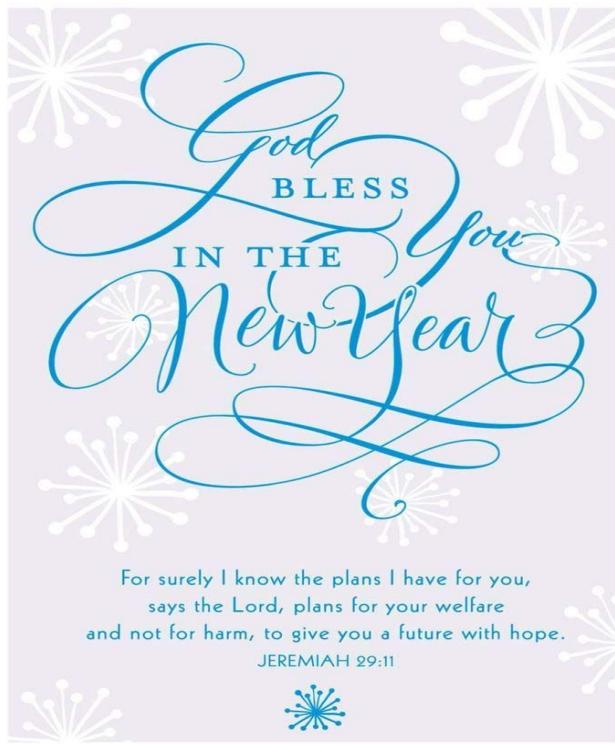
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Annual reports are due to Patti by January 4th!



Church Family Meeting January 18th following church.

Make plans to attend this meeting to participate in the workings of the church. We will be approving the budget for 2026 and filling positions for all the boards.

Then stay for Food & Fellowship Potluck.

Meat provided - Bring a covered dish and a dessert to share. Drinks and table service is provided!

Hosts are Potts and Wagners



Helen Burgoons birthday is coming up on January 21st. If you have a moment, it would be nice to send her a birthday wish and let her know we miss her!!!

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QUARTER MISSION 2026

Christian Jewish Foundation

GIVING GOAL: \$1,000.00

CJS Ministries (www.cjfm.org) exists to make the Good News of Jesus, the Messiah known to the Jewish people first and then to the nations. They employ radio, missionaries and publications to reach people with the Gospel, equip the Body of Christ and educate the local church about its Jewish roots. Eric Chabot is a local missionary affiliated with CJF Ministries. Eric specializes in apologetics training as a teacher, author and evangelist, working with students at Columbus State and The Ohio State University.



Families Helping Families Adopt A Child

Again everyone showed their generous hearts providing gifts for six children between two families. Every child got more than 2 shirts, two pairs of pants, a pair of shoes and three items on their wish list for toys, arts, crafts and even catfishing items. The parents were given a Bible and Kroger gift cards. Talking to the women who oversee this program run by the Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, gifts were supplied to 200 children in the Northridge and Johnstown school district. They were very grateful in our participation and say THANK YOU!

*John Pylant
for making the beautiful new
mailboxes for our Christmas Card
Giving!!!*



UPDATING CHRISTMAS CARD LIST

The list for our Christmas card giving is in the fellowship room on the small table outside the doors. If you want your name removed from the list put a line through your name OR if you'd like to include your name write it on the list.

THANKS!



We will need to meet on January 11th after Sunday School for a quick meeting to finalize the budget and church position nominations. This meeting will include Tom Reese-Moderator, Mike Croak-Deacons, John Pylant-Trustees, Patti Pylant-Christian Board, Nicole King-Financial Secretary, Terry Green-Treasurer & Pastor Brian if available.



The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will not be meeting for the month of January. If weather allows, we will meet in February. We have decided to study the book of Daniel using the book *Discovering Daniel Finding Our Hope in Gods Prophetic Plan Amid Global Chaos* by Amir Tsarfati. This study consists of a book to read and a workbook studying Daniels prophecies, and his unwavering faith. Our goal in this study is that it can provide us with purpose and hope in today's chaotic world. If you're interested in joining us, let Michelle know so she can order the needed books. We plan to start back up on February 3rd. We meet at 10:00 am.



Don't forget to mark your calendars and
make plans to attend our Youth sponsored
Valentines Dinner
Saturday, February 14th
6:00pm

