

December 30, 2020

## RESOLUTIONS

There once was a man who kept a list of each of his New Year's resolutions in a notebook. Each year, he would turn the page and write a new resolution for a new year. One day the man began to think, "I have written resolutions each year but I have never gone back and looked at my previous resolutions." Upon doing so, the man began to see a trend.

2000: Get my weight down below 180.

2001: Get my weight down below 190.

2002: Follow my new diet regularly until I'm below 200.

2003: Develop a realistic attitude about my weight.

2004: Work out at least 5 days a week.

2005: Work out at least 3 days a week.

2006: Drive past the gym at least once a week.

In this day and age, New Year's Resolutions have become more of a joke than a serious attempt at changing behavior or lifestyle for the better. You may even be able to relate to the man in the story. Each year we work to make resolutions but eventually we get to the point that we realize that we are simply making the resolutions to fit our current lifestyle instead of transforming our lives.

Although at times it may seem somewhat humorous, like the man's list of resolutions, there is truth when it comes to the pointlessness of making vague objectives in our lives. As children of God, we need to make sure to avoid such mistakes in our lives. Without us constantly knowing our purpose and pushing on, we can easily get tossed and turned by the waves of life. In **James 1:5-8**, we read, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." In this passage, we can see that there is no room for unclear mindsets as a Christian.

There are many people in the world who never make plans. They are simply content to leave everything to chance and to go with the flow. However, as the body of Christ, we are blessed because we know both our purpose and our goal. **Philippians 3:14** says, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Because we know our purpose and goal, that makes it extremely important for us to dedicate ourselves to making sure we continue towards it. If we do not dedicate our lives to fulfilling the purpose we have in Christ then we will never achieve it. The goal that we

have in Christ cannot be achieved by accident or coincidence. That is why it is crucial for us to be specific in setting goals that will bring us into a proper relationship with God.

To be a Christian is to be part of a committed and deliberate family. It is not enough to make resolutions for the new year but to continually resolve to grow. Peter tells us this in **2 Peter 3:18**, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." This is what we need to resolve to do each and every day. Now, you may be thinking, I thought we weren't supposed to make our goals vague. After all if I simply say, "I want to grow in grace and knowledge about Jesus", that doesn't exactly point me to where I need to go. Fortunately, for us, Peter gave us some very detailed steps we can take to keep ourselves growing in grace and knowledge, and it gives us a good way to check ourselves as well. **2 Peter 1:5-10** says, "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;"

So what do your resolutions look like? Maybe you desire to be more Christ-like. Then work to live a life of love and compassion. Maybe you are resolved to recognize the value of time more. Then make sure to do more for God and His Kingdom. Maybe you are wanting to no longer be a slave to your past sins. Then make sure to let go and let God handle them. Repent and turn from your past so that your sins may be blotted out. Maybe you would like to become a Christian. Then resolve to repent of your sins, confess Jesus as the Son of God, and be baptized into His death (**Romans 6:3-6**). Maybe you desire to have more Godly priorities in your life. Then resolve to put the big things first. Resolve to remember that it is not your own will but His and that He can establish your path if you will let Him.

Whatever your resolution is, stick to it. "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (**1 Corinthians 16:13-14**)

Andrew Spivey

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Mark 1:21-45

Wednesday Read – Mark 2:1-22

### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for next week:

1. How did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman she should worship?
2. What prophet did Jesus read from in the synagogue at Nazareth?
3. What was the people's reaction?
4. What happened when Peter let down his fishing net in the deep?
5. What did Jesus tell Peter, James and John after they came in from fishing?

### REMINDER

If there is a time that services will be cancelled, due to the virus or weather conditions this winter, you should receive a call from the Calling Post service to alert you to the closure. Please make a note of the phone number so you will know that the call is an announcement from the church. Calling Post's number is (405) 308-4474 and is from Oklahoma. Also, a newsletter may be sent if there is enough time to get it out and you may check the Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist>

### SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of **Jean Thurman**, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, who passed away on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Gallatin.

### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for sending those beautiful flowers to the funeral home. I know Beth would have loved them.

Kenneth Smith

We are so grateful to Nashville Road for your continued prayers, cards, notes and your love to our family as Jim and Craig have been struggling with health issues. Craig is being evaluated for another clinical trial. We know that we are not the only ones in the church family struggling with the same and that is difficult for ministers, elders, deacons and all leaders. So, we pray for all of the church family as you care for your own families and the church family as well. We love you all and are blessed to be a part of Nashville Road.

Jim & Doris Sweeney

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**All services at Nashville Road have been suspended until further notice. The Elders**

Because of the surge in the recent COVID-19 cases in the community and members, the elders at Nashville Road have decided to cancel in-person services until further notice. However, you will still be able to watch our services streaming live on the Nashville Road Church of Christ Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist> at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. If you or anyone you know have needs during these troublesome times, be sure to notify us at 615-452-3431.

**During this medical crisis, our financial obligations to mission work and etc... continues. Please consider mailing your contribution check to the church office at: 1883 Nashville Pike Gallatin TN 37066. Thank you. The Elders**

**Members of Nashville Road, we have individual communion available. Please call the office or Tim Strickland, 615-336-6039.**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. & Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00

### SICK LIST

**Pauletta Hood** is recovering from covid. **Marilee Frederick** is now home recovering from covid. **David & Sylvia Williams** continue recovering from covid. **Gerald Miles** is now at the Waters, Room 214. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Steven Burgess**, step-son of Pauletta Hood, is recovering from injuries from a car accident. **Cora Mayes-Barron**, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has finished her second round of chemo. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, has been accepted into a new drug trial clinic. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.

CARE LINE: 615-452-2464



### PRAYER LIST

**Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 214; **Jim Sweeney**; **Jan Fulford**; **J.H & Frances Catron**; **Melba Hill**; **William Dunn**; **Jean Deaton**; **Ron & Anna Radish**; **Phil Johnston** father-in-law of Josh Johnson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Donna Holmes**, daughter of Eva Petty; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. **Dana Loveless**, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; **Danny Lowe** cousin of Linda Cherry; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Debbie Sparks**, sister of Rachel Mayes; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever;

(cont.)

**Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill. **We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes**

### SHUT-INS

**Ilene Kinney**; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Bill & Jane Dunn**; **Cathy Henderson**; **Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	N/A
Morning Worship 9am.....	N/A
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Sunday Evening.....	N/A
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contributions.....	\$5,385.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$8,724.13

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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