



"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)



How Can We Best Prepare for 2010?

Continuing our quest to improve our walk with God in this New Year



How can we best live out the New Year, 2010? John Maxwell wrote in his final entry for his book, *"The Daily Reader"*: I believe that every person leaves some kind of legacy. For some, it's positive. For others it's negative. But here's what I know: we have a choice about what legacy we will leave and we must work and be intentional to leave the legacy we want.

I find this to be a sober reminder of our God given mission on earth. We are to leave a legacy, more importantly we are given a mission from God. We can choose to carry it out or not carry it out and in the end, like it or not, that will be our legacy. Joshua said to the Israelites in a final speech: *So now: Fear God. Worship him in total commitment. If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship God, then choose a god you'd rather serve — and do it today. As for me and my family, we'll worship God (Joshua 24:14).*

Minnie Louis Haskins wrote a poem in 1908 entitled, "The Gate of the New Year"

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
 "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
 And he replied, "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of
 God That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!"

I find a lot of truth in those four lines of verse. We want that sure light to see our way into the darkness, but instead we are offered the hand of God. This is better than any light and in the end will be safer than going by a known path: *Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!*

God's Plan of Salvation

- **Hearing The Word of God**
(Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- **Believing What Is Taught**
(Mark 16:16; Heb. 11:6)
- **Repentance**
(Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- **Confession**
(Acts 8:37; Rom. 10: 9,10)
- **Baptism**
(Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:3-4)
- **You Are Then Added to the Church by the Lord.** Acts 2:47.

You should now live a Christian Life by:

- **LOVING GOD FIRST**—(Matthew 10:37 and 22:37).
- **STUDY**— II Timothy 2:15; 3:16,17; and Acts 17:11.
- **PRAY**—Phil. 4:6-7; I Timothy 2:8.
- **ASSEMBLE**—Heb. 10:25-27; and look at Matt. 18:20.
- **GIVE**—I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 9:6-7.
- **HELP SAVE OTHERS**— Matt. 28:19-20 and John 15:1-6, 16.

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Eastwood Encourager

Living for Jesus a life that is true...

[Psalm 150](#) talks about trust another way. Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies;

Praise him for his acts of power,
praise him for his magnificent greatness;

Praise with a blast on the trumpet,
praise by strumming soft strings;

Praise him with castanets and dance,
praise him with banjo and flute;

Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum,
praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

Let every living, breathing creature praise God!

Hallelujah!

Beyond trust is praise! Praise is trust so pure,
so intense you are eager to give credit to the source. So, how can we best live out our New Year, 2010?

1. Leave a legacy to be proud of.
2. Put our hand in the hand of God and trust.
3. Work to move beyond trust to praise.

Hallelujah! Praise God!

My prayer for you is that 2010 is a year where you consciously work to leave a legacy to be proud of; where you put your hand in the hand of God and trust; where you see the results of your trust and have no option but to give joyous praise to the source. Hallelujah! Praise God! Have a blessed 2010!

Last week **Brian Sadler**, led singing. Did you notice the first song he lead was "**JESUS LOVES ME**"? Did you notice the children around you singing? **Brian**, a big thank you for including the children in the service. What insight you have. Also, I think the adults enjoyed singing that old childhood song that we all grew up with. We **NEED** more of this where even the youngest members can be a part of praising **God and Jesus**. **Norman's** sermon really made us focus on our priorities and our service for this year too! You both did a great job in filling in while **Allen** was away.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR PREPARING THE COMMUNION YET?

If you are one to say, what can I do? This is it! It is simple, everything is at your fingertips. Please sign up today!

Communion!

TEACHERS FOR 2010 NEEDED

See **Norman Moore** to volunteer to teach a class, adult or child.

See **Linda Grubbs** to sign up for April or August to teach Children's Church. You teach four Sundays out of the month and all materials are provided.

REMEMBER OUR CARD PROGRAM and VISITATION MINISTRY

A **NEW YEAR** and a **NEW OPPORTUNITY** to send cards to encourage others in their walk with God. It is something anyone can do from the time you learn to write until the day you die. No longer waste time

wondering what the church can do for you. You can get busy doing something for others and it can be something as simple as sending a note/card to say you missed them or encourage them. **Also, do not forget to sign the cards in the foyer.**



Start **YOUR SERVICE** to God **TODAY** and **BE a LIGHT** to others!!!

Judy and Jim Maple
They reside at:

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Striving to please Him in all that we do....

THE MAN WHO WALKS WITH GOD



"This God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." Psalm 48: 14 (KJV)

You may remember these words of a hymn by writer

Joseph Gilmore:

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What-e'er I do, where-e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

David, in Psalm 139, wrote of the same experience:

"If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Even there Thy hand will lead me,
And thy right hand will lay hold of me."

Psalm 139:9-10

There is also a comment made by a "wise" man:

"The man who walks with God always gets to his destination."

Author Unknown

Such confidence belongs to the person who walks with God and trusts His guidance. Perhaps the most beautiful expression of this truth is to be found in the Shepherd Psalm. This helpful description of God's gentle hand upon His children throughout their lives on earth, through the ominous experience of death, and on into eternity has had a stabilizing ministry in the lives of millions. In Psalm 23, we see God as our Shepherd, our Guide, our Provider, our Sustainer, our Protector, and much more. I would not want to venture on in life without Him at my side.

John writes of this same experience with the Good Shepherd. He speaks of Christ as the

Doorway to salvation and blessing (John 10:9). But we also see Him as the One who leads us in life, the One who knows His sheep intimately, and the One whom the sheep delight to follow (John 10:4, 14, 27). He is also the One who keeps His sheep in the safety of His hand and in the hand of the Father (John 10:28-30). Here is another beautiful picture of the happy life in harmony with God. From these passages of Scripture it is clear that our heavenly Father delights to lead His children on through life in the perfect and satisfying fellowship with Himself.

In Exodus 33, you can read of Moses' request for God's presence among the people and his request to see God's glory. God made Himself known in a very unusual way. And promised His presence and rest if they followed Him. Moses was never the same after this encounter with God.

You and I must likewise make a commitment to follow God's leading. This is part of the process of surrendering our lives. As God leads us, He will give us those special times to charge our spiritual batteries and will prepare us for the difficult path ahead. Usually, the times alone with God in His Word and in prayer require discipline. We must learn to wait upon Him. We need to learn to "hear" His voice as He opens the meaning of Scripture to us. We must learn the discipline of a quick, unquestioning response to God's offer of guidance. Our surrender is incomplete without it.

God loves us all. In His love, **Cline**

Another GREAT ARTICLE urging us to follow Christ in this New Year! **Thanks Cline!**

VERSE to Ponder—

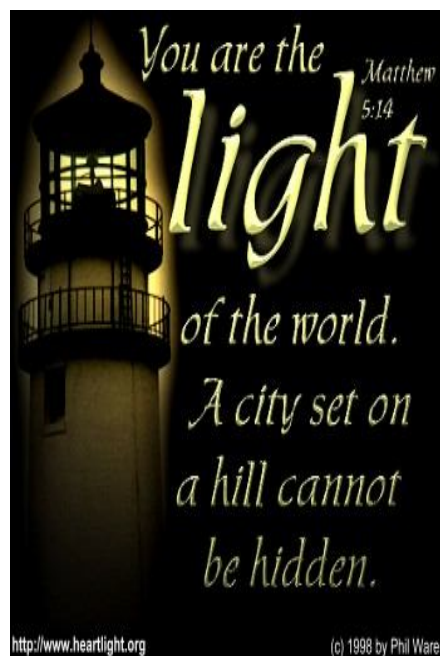
Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16

January 30 Ladies Event! Suzette Brown will present a PPS on Diabetic Education and Diet. This will be held in the fellowship room at 10:00. Bring friends! A door prize will be given away once again.

EMERGENCY FOOD PLANNER: This volunteer position is open if anyone is interested. Please let the elders know.

"HOLY" is from the Greek *hagios* which carries the idea of something "separated" from other things. God utterly stands apart from sinful man, and thus he is absolutely holy (Isa 6:3; Rev. 4:8), as is Christ (Heb. 7:26), and the Holy Spirit.

Christians are considered to be "holy" (1 Pet 1:15; 2:9) because they have been set apart from the world by their obedience to the gospel Eph. 5:26—"sanctified" is the verbal form, *hagiazō*.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

SUNDAY CLASSES

Cradle Roll:
6 mts—17 months
Debbie Pilcher

Toddler Class:
18 mts - 2.5 years
Kelly Draper

3, 4 & 5 years
Willie Huckabee

Kindergarten –2nd grade
Tammy Tillman

3,4,5,6,7 Grade
Linda Grubbs

SUNDAY BIBLE HOUR

For "5" Sundays of
JANUARY
Age 2 to 6 years
TAMMY TILLMAN

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES:

3,4,5,6,7 Grades
Allen Tillman

Toddler—2nd Grade
Diane Sadler

ADULT CLASSES

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Allen Tillman
Hebrews 8:5

SUNDAY NIGHT
Study to be announced
6:00 P.M. CLASS

WED NIGHT CLASS

7:00 PM WEDNESDAY H.
Norman Moore
The Parables

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EMERGENCY FOOD PLANNING:

Position OPEN! If this is something you are interested in doing, please let the elders know.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
A.M. Worship.....10:00 A.M.
P.M. Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

Men's Prayer Breakfast/Business Meeting

2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

Our Doctrine

The New Testament

Christ is the Lawgiver
Eph 4:7-16; 1 Cor 2:13; Eph 3:1-6

The Holy Spirit is the Revealer:
1 Cor 2:13; Eph 3:1-6

The Apostles' Teaching is our Manual
Acts 2:42; Eph 2:20