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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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*We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.*

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM

(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Preachers:

*AM: Nathan  
Marshall*

*PM: Ed Roberts*

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what we teach and practice, please  
feel free to ask.*

## What Shall We Do With A New Year?

David A. Cox

via-Market Street Messenger—12-26-2010

Paul admonished the Corinthians to "*Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith*" (2 Corinthians 13:5). As we come to the end of the year, it is good to reflect on our accomplishments and failures of the past year so that we make resolve or purpose to do better in the new year than in the past. It has been said, "That those who fail to plan, plan to fail." With this thought in mind, let us "examine ourselves" and consider what we shall do with a "new year".

A year is a definite period of time. 2011 will be composed of 52 weeks and 365 days. If we are allowed to live through these weeks and days they will either be used for our good or our detriment. Many have entered years of the past to have only used the year to wander away from God and are no longer pleasing to Him. I want to suggest five ways that we can make the "new year" a good year and a blessing to us spiritually.

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## Grow Spiritually – In knowledge – In grace.

The necessity of growing spiritually as Christians is important (Hebrews 5:11-14). In order to grow spiritually, we must determine to be faithful in our attendance in the services of the church. We must learn the value of taking time to study God's word with other Christians and receiving encouragement from others as well as extending encouragement to others. If we are to grow spiritually, we must be present when the local church of which we are a member assembles (Hebrews 10:23-25). We will not grow in knowledge and in grace when we place our jobs or other activities in front of our "assembling together" in order to be exhorted and to exhort and encourage others in love and good works. But spiritual growth also requires our participation in home Bible studies with others and the study of God's word on our own. Christians should be like the Bereans who "*searched the scriptures daily*" (Acts 17:11). Let us make time in our schedules this year to be present at assemblies and Bible class periods, to participate in home Bible studies and to make time for personal Bible study at home. We make time for everything that we deem as important, and without a doubt there is nothing more important than doing those things which will help us to be faithful and grow spiritually.

### Grow Deeper In Our Worship.

One reason why we do not grow spiritually is because we lack depth in our worship. Many look at worship as just putting only enough time as necessary. As we think about this let me ask, "How many of the 8,760 hours this year will we spend in our worship—both public and private?" Some may think 52 hours a year is enough. But, if one works 40 hours a week for a year, they will spend 2,080 in their work. We must understand the value in study, prayer, teaching in song, in giving and reflecting upon God's will and His marvelous grace. Reflecting on our worship and put-

ting the meaning in it that we should will help our perspective and help us to overcome sin and draw closer to God.

### To Grow In Our Service To Others.

Selfishness is condemned in the scriptures. Remember the rich fool in Luke 12, who was blessed with abundance in his harvest, but was condemned for thinking of self and not remembering God or others. Again, in Matthew 25:31-46, we have the judgment scene pictured and those that were condemned were those who had not remembered others when they had the opportunity to assist. The life of a Christian should be a life of putting God first, others second and self third (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 2:3-4). Let each of us determine to look upon the needs of others in the coming year. Let us truly exemplify Christ living in us as we forget about ourself and look for opportunities to help others; physically and spiritually (Matthew 26:39).

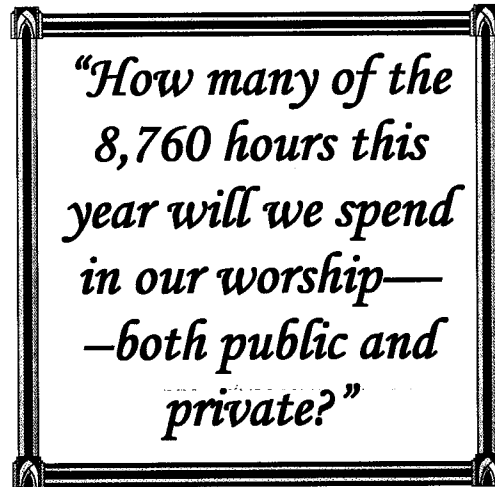
### To Make Our Homes As God Desires.

If we are to have good homes in the world in which we live we must make them as God would have them. God is the designer of the home and He is the authority for how the home is to be ordered. We must determine as husbands, wives, and children to be what the scriptures teach us about our place in the home.

### Make Our Lives Pleasing To God.

We must make sure our lives are what God would be pleased with. If we have not done the things to bring about the forgiveness of our sins and reconciling us to God then we must do that immediately. We all must resolve to make our lives a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1-2).

Let us determine to use what time we have in the "new year" to grow spiritually, deepening worship, grow in service to others, and to



make our homes and lives pleasing to God. Let us do all that we can in 2011 for the cause of Christ and for the work we have been given to do. Let us all determine to use the "new year" for our good.

## *Is It God We Desire, or a Particular Path to Him?*

*Gary Henry*

*"Uphold my steps in Your paths,  
that my footsteps may not slip"*

—Psalm 17:5

If we seek God sincerely, we'll be willing to get to heaven by any path that He deems best for us. But this willingness is not always easy. When the way home begins to look uncomfortably different from the path that we've pictured in our minds, the result may be resentment, if not outright rebellion. At times like these, we must learn to love God for His own sake and not insist on any particular set of conditions as we journey toward Him.

The Psalmist prayed, *"Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me"* (Psalm 119:133). Such a prayer must be our own. And in our higher moments, we know that this is indeed what we desire: we want God to uphold our steps in HIS paths. We want His wisdom to supersede our own plans and preferences so that the greatest possible good is accomplished, not only for ourselves but for the world in which we live.

Certainly we must avoid any sort of DEMANDING attitude toward God. If we have envisioned ourselves living and serving God within a particular set of circumstances, that may be well and good. But if life unfolds according to a different pattern, we must still maintain our reverence. Before we start act-

ing as if our "rights" have been infringed, we need to do a reality check.

Long-term service to God requires flexibility, and most of us need to be more flexible in defining what our POSSIBILITIES are. The good that God put us here to accomplish can be accomplished in more ways than we might think. We need to accept that there are numerous scenarios through which God could be glorified in our lives, and we must not be so wedded to one or two of these that we can't see the value in others. Is it not obvious from God's created world that He delights in variety? Let us not be so shortsighted or attached to "the way we always thought it would be" that we can't accept something else for the sake of His glory.

*"My goal is God himself, not joy nor peace,  
Nor even blessing, but himself, my God;  
'Tis his to lead me there, not mine, but his —  
At any cost, dear Lord, by any road!"*

*(F. Brook)*

*I came to my teacher with quivering lips,  
My task undone;  
Teacher hast thou another sheet for me?  
I have spoiled this one,  
She took the old sheet, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, clean, unspotted,  
And into my glad face smiled,  
"Do better this time, my child."  
I came to the Father with a quivering heart,  
The old year done;  
Father, hast thou another year for me?  
I have spoiled this one.  
He took the old year, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, clean, unspotted,  
And into my glad heart smiled,  
"Do better this time, my child."*

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 8:1-21
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Speaker</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Bryan Legg
Fruit of the Vine	Ken Prager
Serve	Don Coen, Sr.
Serve	Terry Smith
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 8:22-38
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Speaker</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Communion</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bryan Legg

### Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Invitation</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Nathan Marshall

## *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

#### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Don & Phyllis Coen
- Zeda Goddard is in Trinity East, room 307
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband.
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Grace Lancaster, at home recovering from her surgery
- Ronald Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, as he continues recuperating from his surgery.
- Kitty Morgan, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Paula Prager, as she approaches her due date. They are scheduled for a C-section on the 17th unless she goes into labor before then.
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

#### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

##### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

##### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

##### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson