



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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Christ Came, Died, was Buried, Resurrected, & will Return

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A DAILY COMMITMENT

Brad Herald

I am not a fan of new year's resolutions. They are either quickly forgotten, and therefore useless, or they are not met and lead to needless disappointment. Instead, I believe in setting intentions and expectations, rather than specific goals or resolutions, and to set them daily rather than annually.

Nevertheless, there is something useful about this annual milestone of a new year to take inventory of what you set out to accomplish. Did I live my most authentic life this year? Did I achieve my personal health goals? Did I achieve my professional goals? Did I follow through on my intentions?

Much like birthdays and anniversaries, the turn of a calendar is an opportunity to "renew" your intentions and expectations. As you look back over last year, do you see a process of change for the better in your thoughts, attitudes, and actions?

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT) "²²throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³Instead, let the spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.²⁴Put on your new nature created to be like God-truly righteous and holy."

Our old way of life before we believed in Christ is completely in the past. We should put it behind us like old clothes to be thrown away. We are not to be driven by desire and impulse. We must put on the new role, head in the new direction, and have the new way of thinking that the Holy Spirit gives. This is both a once for all decision when we decide to accept Christ's gift of salvation and a daily conscious commitment.

Living the Christian life is a process. Although we have a new nature, we don't automatically think all good thoughts and express all the right attitudes when we become new people in Christ. But, if we keep listening to God, we will be changing all the time. Although change may be slow, it comes as you trust God to change you.

Psalm 23:3 (NLT) "He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name."



I often hear hurting souls express a total sense of hopelessness. They often think their situations are unique. It is at these times that I am reminded that we were not created for this world.

The Garden of Eden was what we were created for. But, alas, sin changed all of that. From that moment survival became the goal in the minds of those who were battling God's will. Genesis 4:14 (ESV) — ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

But, for God's people there has always been a better

THE POINT OF NO RETURN Robert Murphy

We love stories of God's mercy and grace. We love John 3:16's notion of divine initiative in the plan of redemption. We love the disjunction "But God" in Eph 2:4 that signals a message of hope for redemption through God's mercy. We love the story of Jesus forgiving Peter in John 22 after Peter had denied him thrice.

We do not love the stories about God's judgment and condemnation near as much. We shudder at the story of Pharaoh, where we see God harden Pharaoh's heart and take away Pharaoh's ability to repent (Exod. 9:12; Rom 9:17-18). We wince when we read that God hardens the hearts, eyes, and ears of Israel so that they cannot repent (Isa 6:9, 10). We are troubled when we see that the God, who readily forgave David for his murder and adultery, did not give that same chance to Saul when he sinned by sparing king Agag's life and sacrificing to God (1 Sam 15). We are disturbed that the God who is, "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin" is also the God who "will by no means leave the guilty unpunished" (Exod. 34:6, 7).

choice. His Family – the church of Christ. It is in this Body of Believers that we, the broken vessels of humanity, survive.

In humility we recognize our need for God – "but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' (Lk.18:13; cf. Ps.34:18).

With empathy we help fellow broken souls. 2 Corinthians 1:4 (ESV) — 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

And God uses our brokenness to change the world. By using Stephen's crushed body God changed the churches #1 enemy from Saul to Paul the Apostle.

Dear Friend, if you don't know what to do, let me suggest becoming part of a family where you will find safety and love – the church of Christ.

The story of Saul is especially clear. Even though God may anoint us as kings and co-rulers with Jesus and give us his Spirit (Rom 8:17), this does not mean that God does not have the right to take away his Spirit from us. We *can* lose our salvation (Heb 6:4-8). We are completely dependent upon God's grace at every moment. When we sin, God can choose to harden our hearts so that we are not able to repent.

While these passages do disturb me, they do not make me anxious. I have learned to live with the constant tension in Scripture that we serve a terrifying and gracious God. If you are sinning against God without thinking about how serious it is, I hope that this has changed your perspective. If you are constantly in fear of God's judgment, I hope that you can be comforted by the many passages that talk of God's willingness to forgive.



News, Notes & Announcements...

LADIES' 2022 PLANNING MEETING TODAY

Directly following morning services. Lunch will be provided. All ladies are welcome! Please join us and help plan events/activities for the new year.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Now available in the file box in the foyer.

2022 DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Titled "His Family"- available for those who would like a copy.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 22nd. More details to follow soon.

LADS TO LEADERS

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please see Cori Fuller. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

2022 COMMUNION PREPARATION

There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill.

BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the table in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE (CYC)

February 25-27, 2022 at the LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Theme is *#forme: Creation, Redemption, Heaven.*

PARENTING WORKSHOP

There will be a Parenting Workshop/Seminar at Summit with Adam & Leah Faughn the weekend of April 30, 2022. This seminar is meant to encourage and educate parents as they seek to raise godly adults.

<u>Summit's Prayer List</u>

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs – Encourage someone today!

Dave & Nancy Carnes Recovering from COVID, both doing well Denise Henson Struggling with severe ear infections, going to see a specialist at UC

Evelyn **(Sheryl Herald's mom) Sciatica nerve pain, going for x**-rays Fuller Family Three of five not feeling well

Jeff Brown Skin cancer removal on January 11th

Jimmy Hutchings Will have a stem cell procedure on 1/17 to alleviate back pain

John Boland (Melissa Denham's dad) Shoulder replacement surgery on 1/11

Johnny Benge (Steve Proctor's uncle) Heart issues

Joyce (Thelma's friend) Upcoming intestinal surgery

Laura Herald COVID

Michelle Robbins (Dalys' daughter) Biopsy on thyroid nodule results

Rob Feldman (Brad Herald's friend) COVID, brain tumor surgery postponed

Robin Morency (Megan Sweeney's sister) Still in critical condition, Megan was able to visit her

Ruthann Taylor Upcoming test for possible colon cancer Shelby (Ann Young's granddaughter) Recovering from COVID

<u>Cancer</u>

- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
- Joy Adams- Early-stage breast cancer
- Vickie Steffan (Jeff Brown's sister) Chemotherapy

Wayne Young (Ann Young's son) Cancer in remission

Long-term Needs

- Evon Herald– Onset of dementia
- Harold Painter- Home now, prayers for him to regain strength
- Joey Adams- Needs a suitable group home
- Kerri Herald- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- Parker Webster– Juvenile diabetes
- Peggy Holt- Recovering from a stroke
- Raye Arroyos (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke
 is going well
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure
- Tracy Menetrey- On heart medication, recheck in March

Shut-In Members

- Billie Rogers
- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission Neville Buchanan-counseling work For our country and our leaders For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring





~ Order of Worship ~

Song Leader:

Steve Proctor

Call to Worship #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Hymn #483 Is It For Me?

Opening Prayer: Michael Braswell

Hymn #458 Redeemed

Hymn #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper: Andrew Ellis

Offering: Malachi 3:10

Hymn #514 Redeemed

Scripture Reading: Greg Menetrey Jr.

Message: Neville Buchanan

Invitation Hymn #683 I Am Mine No More

Closing Prayer: Daryl Denham

Daryi Dermani

SERMON NOTES:

OUR THANKFUL "IN HIM" FAMILY

EPHESIANS 1:1-14 (ESV)

1. C______ BY THE FATHER, EPHESIANS

1:1-6

2. R_____ BY THE SON, EPHESIANS 1:7-12

3. S_____ BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, EPHESIANS

1:13-14

~ <u>Wed., Jan. 12th Service Leaders</u> ~

Song Leader - Billy Herald Opening Prayer - Andrew Ellis Speaker - Steve Proctor

~ <u>For the Record</u> ~

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 9

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Saturday, Jan. 22

Mark Your Calendars Sunday, Feb. 6

Sunday, Feb. 6 Friday, Feb. 11 February 25-27 April 14-17 April 30, 2022 May 27-29 Ladies' 2022 Planning Meeting Bible Bowl Zoom Class on book of Joshua, 5-6pm Chili Cook-off

Fellowship Meal Caring Hearts Gala CYC in Pigeon Forge L2L Convention Parenting Workshop Ft Hill Young Adult Retreat

Attendance	<u>Class</u>	<u>AM</u>	Wed
Dec 12, 2021	57	117	49
Dec 19, 2021	59	123	54
Dec 26, 2021	42	96	46
Jan 02, 2022	69	115	44

YTD AVG Attendance

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,876.00 Over/Under: +179.00 Dec 12, 2021-\$4,407.00 Dec 26, 2021-\$6,691.00 YTD AVG - \$5,055.00 Dec 19, 2021-3,367.00 Jan 02, 2022-\$5,055.00

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Serving the Nursery

01/09—Bettie C. and Debra Martin 01/16—Emma Guin and Emma Doerr 01/23—Laura and Lylah Doerr 01/30—Cassie and Dax Wilhite, Sarah Webster

Communion Preparation

January—Morgan and Vana February—Dalys Hill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



JANUARY 9TH—16TH

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Do you have an item for *The Summit Bulletin*? Please email it

to Morgan at **<u>nkychurch@gmail.com</u>** by Thursday. If you have announcement items for the website, or any questions/comments in general about the website, please submit them to **<u>nkychurch@gmail.com</u>** too.