

May God bless you richly

in . . .



The
Messenger



January

“A New Heart Also Will I Give You...”

Ezekiel 36:26

This context of Scripture refers to a time when Israel will be restored to its land physically and spiritually. Israel will eventually be rightly related to God through their acceptance of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. They will enjoy the Millennium and worship the “King of Kings.”

A New Year is now upon us and, again, we face the New Year with basically the same approach as previous years. For most of us, “new” only pertains to the year. Very few anticipate the type of change that merits God’s favor. The world is filled with people wanting new things or new novelties. These “things” are good until something better is invented. This type of newness results in ultimate emptiness.

Multitudes, like the Athenians in Acts 17, are always wasting their time searching for a new sensational or entertaining new doctrine. These new things usually stir the emotions and stimulate human pride but nothing short of a spiritual experience linked to the truth of God’s word really sustains the heart of man!

Those who have been saved and anchored in the Word of God have learned that man’s real solution is not to be found in a “new world” but a “new self.” Change must not be limited to outward surroundings of our lives. It may be noble to strive in 2012 to make more money, build a better home, and live healthier, but inward change wrought only by the grace of God provides a satisfying “newness!”

Are you facing a new year as one saved and, thus, a “new creature in Christ Jesus?” (II Cor.5:17) Do you have that “new heart?” As a Christian, are you making the best resolution for 2012? The greatest potential achievement for the New Year is echoed in the words of Paul’s challenge to the Thessalonians. “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.”

Pastor Chuck Peters

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PROVERBS 25:13

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him, for he refresheth the soul of his masters . . .



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Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday Service	7:00 PM

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Christian Words of Wisdom



Prayer: God answers Knee-Mail.

The Boss: Under the same management for over 2000 years.

Insomnia Cure: If you can't sleep, try counting your blessings.

Nutrition: The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Seating Arrangements: Where will you be seated in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?

Tithing: Give God what's right -- not what's left.

Which Way? Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.

Two Ears: Since God gave us two ears and one mouth, He must have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking.

Stand: If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything.

Anger: The person who angers you, controls you!

Flying: If God is your Copilot - you're in the wrong seat!

The Message: Our job isn't to change the message. Our job is to let the message change us.

Promises: God didn't promise a calm passage. He promised a safe landing.

Praying: When you pray, don't give God instructions. Just report for duty!

Forbidden Fruit: A forbidden fruit will create many jams.

Greatness: You can tell how great a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

God's Will: The will of God will not take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

Best Formula: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Problems: The problem ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.00."



The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.00."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Ladies Fellowship

"Happy New Year" from Ladies Fellowship! We trust the Lord will give us a wonderful year in 2012 and we hope to see our membership increase as we strive to serve the Lord together.

Thank you to all the church family who donated items for the Christmas boxes for the shut-ins. They were all thrilled with the visit and the Christmas cards and the shoe box full of goodies. They appreciated so much our thinking of them.

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The mission of the Smith Grove Ladies Fellowship is to promote spiritual growth of the ladies in our church family, proclaim the love of Christ in every activity in which we participate, and provide benevolent support to our church family and surrounding community.

Memory . . .

An 80-year-old couple was having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to get checked out to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the doctors, they explained to the doctor about the problems they were having with their memories. After checking the couple out, the doctor told them that they were physically okay but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember things. The couple thanked the doctor and left.

Later that night while watching TV, the man got up from his chair and his wife asked, "Where are you going?" He replied, "To the kitchen." She asked, "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replied, "Sure."

She then asked him, "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" He said, "No, I can remember that."

She then said, "Well I would also like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down because I know you'll forget that."

He said, "I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries." She replied, "Well I also would like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that so you better write it down."

With irritation in his voice, he said, "I don't need to write that down! I can remember that." He then fumes into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes he returned from the kitchen and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stared at the plate for a moment and said angrily: "I TOLD you to write it down! You forgot my toast!"

January Birthdays

2 Adrian Barham	12 Becky McCollum	29 Brianna Clemmons
2 Mike Cashion	13 Harvey Pitts	29 Donna Key
3 Jerry Crump	17 Amy Wilkey	29 Louise Byrd
3 Bessie Sloop	17 Doris Cochran	30 Briana Crews
4 Marilyn Alston	20 Stephanie Hutton	30 Austin Russell
4 Keith Crouch	22 Rachelle Hayes	30 Allen Tate
4 Kevin Crouch	23 Rachael Keedy	30 Betty Bame
5 William Holt	23 Matthew Norman	
6 Shirley Ingold	27 Cheryl Cashion	
7 Kathy Flynt	27 Morgan Flynt	
10 Gary Hendrix	27 Dolly Westmoreland	



February Birthdays

1 Jean Rumsey	12 Joy Overcast	25 Amanda Boscia
2 Gordon Crouch	13 Joshua Westmoreland	25 Paul Boscia
7 Adalyn Shea Tate	15 Randy Foust	25 Mark Lowe
8 Heather Smith	16 Eric Nuckles	26 David Hayes
10 Lori Keedy	18 Clyde Ray Gray	27 Judy Fowler
10 Cathy Ramer	20 Gerry Williams	
11 Craig Hendrix	21 Tammy Cameron	
11 Debra Pitts	22 Ross Cashion	

Happy New Year!



January Anniversaries

Gordon & Shirley Crouch Tim & Lisa Pitts

*Happy Anniversary
From members of Smith Grove
We hope your day will be memorable,
With this union that love wove.*



*Your life is so much better
With your loved one by your side
We pray that your hearts will be richer
As you let our Savior be your guide.*

The Damazios ~ Missionaries to Brazil

(Moises and Rute)

I am a little tired as I sit in my office; tired from the many things I have had to do already this morning. As I try to write this prayer letter many things that I need to do today comes to my mind. After I finish this letter I need to visit three families and I must prepare to preach tonight in one of our mission churches. After the service tonight a couple has asked me to counsel them concerning a problem that is affecting their relationship. So, I think that one more time I won't have time to eat properly as it will be late when I leave there. I just remembered one of our missionaries with his family will arrive early tomorrow morning and he is coming to present his ministry and to preach this coming Sunday. They will stay in our "Prophet Chambers" at our home which is also our refuge for prayer during the day. We also keep it available for preachers whenever they need it. Looking ahead it looks like next week will be a very busy one. One couple wants me to start a Bible study in their home so that they can invite their neighbors one-by-one to join them in their studies. This could be the seed of a new church as there is not one in that area; so I think that Sunday afternoon would be the best time for this study. Pray that God will give us victory in this important step.

We are having 3 preaching services every week in the main plaza of downtown Florianopolis, taking advantage of the lunch break from 12PM to 1:30PM. After a quick lunch the people have nothing to do but wait to go back to work so we preach to them. I can't be in all 3 services but every Monday I am there. This routine takes me to the main thing of my ministry which is to win souls for Christ. Some good news is that we have started training a young preacher for this ministry. His name is Victor and he is 18 years old and is dedicated to the Lord's work. At the present time Pastor Sergio Enrique heads up this ministry but even though he willing and a true watchman, he is elderly and needs your prayers.

At the end of this month our church will be 28 years old as an organized church. We're going to try to bring together the pastors of our mission churches and all the workers plus the professors of our Bible college and have a spiritual banquet with a lot of preaching and fellowship. I'm thankful to my God for each one of you there in America that during many years have supported us with your prayers and finances. Each one of our supporting churches should look at our work as an extension of their ministry as without their help we would be at the beginning of what we have today.

God has been good and more and more doors are being opened. Even now we have a missionary family that will at the end of 2012 start a new church in the city of Itapema, www.litoraldesantacaterina.com/itapema, that has a population of 120,000 in the summertime. This city is located on the coast and by car is 40 minutes north of Florianopolis. This couple is now traveling visiting churches trying to raise support. Their names are Victor and Carina and they have a baby son, Davi, who is a year old. *Thank you for everything!*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Helen Jones*	J. D. Shields
Gordon Crouch	Lawrence Jones*	Raynelle Shields*
Shirley Crouch	Neva Long	Wade Shields
Iris Farrington*	Curney Matthews	Louise Smith*
Ernest Fulk*	Rose Matthews	Forrest Tucker
Cleo Holt	Bud McCurdy*	Mary Westmoreland
Reva Holt	Jo Anne Pegram*	

Others in Need of Prayer **Special Needs*

(In alphabetical order)

JoAnn Alley	Caiden Hawtry	Billy Pendry
Marilyn Alston	Harry Haynes	Don Peterson
Malin Andrews	Rhonda Hedgecock	Miranda Petkis
Curt Bame	Ricky Hedgecock	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Tim Hedgecock	Oma Lou Pitts*
Roy Boody	Ronnie Holcomb	Sandra Richardson
Ann Bottoms	Alice & Barry Holman	Claude Royal
Mr. Bray	Garland Holt*	Edward Salensky
Dot Browder	Joretta Holt	Ina Sealey
Grady Browder	Jonathan Horton	Johnny Sealey
Thelma Bullard	Raleigh Hunt	Lloyd Smith
John Carter	Sherry Jones	Marshall Smith
Bonnie Clark	Opal Jordan	Lonnie Sorrell
Aaron Cole	Leighann Kincade	Eddie Thomason
Bette Crouse	Dot Long	Barbara Tucker*
Cheryl DeAntonio	Daniel Matthews*	Clara Ward
Billy Dillon	Preston McCollum	Kenneth Westmoreland
Jimmy Dillon*	Richie McCormick	Nancy Westmoreland
Rudy Dillon	Mark Midkiff	Gordon Wilkey*
Joyce Draughn	Stephanie Moore	Gerry Williams*
Myrtle Echols	Ed Morgan	Jeffrey Wilson & Family*
David Gindelsberger	Fred Murrow*	Tom* & Frances Woody
Katie Griffin	Erma Lee Nuckles	Jessi Wright
Debbie Harden	John Pearl	Skylar Hope Yontz*
		Ken Young
		New converts & the unsaved

Special Prayer Requests

- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Missionaries Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors, Johnny & Tammy Cameron
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Bible Clubs
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Dean Browder, Patricia George, Dickie Newsome, and David Roddy.

Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services:

Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



January 2012

Tues., Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m. Men's & Ladies' Fellowship Meeting in the Fellowship Building.

Sun., Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m. Speaker from The Gideons

Other special visitors throughout January will be announced by Pastor Chuck from the pulpit.

I Am Resolved . . .

"I have come to a resolution myself as I hope every good citizen will, never again to purchase any article of foreign manufacture which can be had of American make be the difference of price what it may."

Thomas Jefferson

"Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account" *Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)*

"How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them" *Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)*

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."

I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

[Note from the editor: Please be much in prayer for Gary as he begins a new fellowship as member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge.]

Happy New Year from Gary and friends! May 2012 be a year of blessings for all of us. Please pray for me as I continue to serve the Lord, as one who has been called of Him to this ministry work. I will continue the senior ministries and I hope to get involved in youth ministries, serve in my local church and the churches in our area, as well as any other local assembly where we can be of service. "Worship Time Ministries" is now 501c3 (has non-profit status), and while I don't know exactly where we will go with that ministry, we do know that God is our helper, and our aim is the cause of Christ. Noah did not know the details, but moved and Moses acted by faith. As God leads we will move, and will continue to let God lead. God help us and you all pray for us and we for you all.

In Christ and happy there, *Gary Smith and helpers* ~ 1 Peter 5:7

Pray for those . . .

In the Service of our Country

Matthew Bennett, Afghanistan



A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394

CW2 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)

Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)

Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Ft. Rucker, AL] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

SSgt. Samuel A. Priddy, Marines - New River (Jacksonville, NC) - son of Brenda Westmoreland



"Our Honour Roll"

Smith Grove's ministry to our widows and widowers
"Honour widows that are widows indeed."

(I Timothy 5:3)

This is a continuing churchwide ministry to remember widows and widowers of the church in a meaningful way. Each month, we highlight our special "Honour Roll Gang Members" who are having birthdays. Listed below are *January and February* Honour Roll Gang members. Please take a moment to send a card, make a telephone call, or do something extra special for our special saints.

Marilyn Alston
122 Apt. E. Chaucer Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-5451 ~ January 04

Louise Byrd
2509 Sandy Ridge Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
668-2823 ~ January 29

Joy Overcast
216 Bost St #2
Kernersville, NC 27284
996-7563 ~ February 12

Dolly Westmoreland
520 Lakedale Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
993-2093 ~ January 27

Jean Rumsey
8730 Bame Road
Colfax, NC 27235
668-2080 ~ February 01

Gerry Williams
600 Lakedale Road
Colfax, NC 27235
993-8604 ~ February 20



The Six-Letter Word

Six simple letters can make a difference: those six letters made the word - SILENT. And when rearranged also spell the word - LISTEN.

When you don't take the time to **listen** and be **silent** then everything is easily taken for granted. *Listen*, lest you miss some of life's treasures: a simple "I love you" from your children, the lovely song of a bird, the sound of the wind through the trees, or a request from a loved one that could change their life for eternity. How important that we learn the value of really listening, and learn to savor the moments when memories are created that will last forever.

And remember, God is the ultimate listener as we seek Him out in prayer. Let us in turn be silent . . . and hear from Him.

The New Year

Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see!

--Martha Snell Nicholson

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
“My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest.”

What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
“My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest.”



Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.

--Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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