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IMPORTANT INFO

- Happy New Year!
- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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Look Forward! Go Forward!

I suppose I have to offer my apologies to my father-in-law for the title of this article. You see, this is one of those things that I learned from him several years ago. It is something on which I have heard him preach on several occasions. But the sentiment is so very true that it simply demands being repeated on occasion and especially on days such as today, the first day of a New Year.

The year 2006 is before us. 2005 is dead and gone and will never return to us. There is no point in going back and worrying about the mistakes, problems, difficulties, trials, and temptations of 2005. No, to do that would be to needlessly focus upon the past. That's not to say that we can't learn lessons from the past, but we don't need to dwell on the past to understand those lessons. We learn them, make the appropriate life changes that need to be made, and move on. Today is a good day to move on from 2005 and into 2006.

And 2006 is so full of opportunity! There are challenges that await us this year. There are opportunities that are going to become available to us which we have not had prior. I'm so excited about 2006. There are several things that I know are going to be different about this year. First, one very interesting thing that is going to happen in this year is that there is going to be a lectureship at the end of the month of July here at this congregation. I am REALLY excited

about this. Second, we have made some improvements to our building and that is going to be different for the year. Third, there will be improvements made in the preacher's home to give our family some additional needed space. That is going to make things different for the new year.

But as many things as are going to be different for the new year, there are going to be some other things that don't change: things that remain the same. In this new year, we will continue the work that we were doing last year. We will continue to work with the church in Costa Rica. We will continue to put together House to House and Heart to Heart. We will continue to put effort into our outreach program. We will continue to meet on a regular basis to study God's word, lift our voices in prayer, sing praises to God, remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and offer to the Lord for His work what we can give out of our coffers. There are some things that will NOT change and ought not to change!

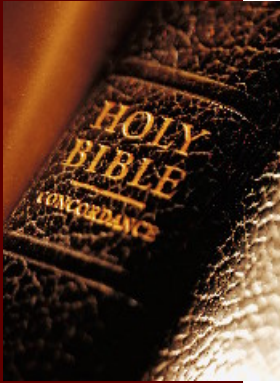
There are hopes for the new year as well. I hope that our friends and family day this year will be a great success and that we will have several come to visit us on this special day! I hope to return to Brazil this year in June, if the Lord is willing. I hope that we will be able to engage the community in more Bible studies this year than in previous years. I hope that we can offer more

opportunities for our youth to study and learn God's word this year. These are things that we CAN do if we are willing to get busy and do the work that is necessary to get them done.

But then there are also individual personal goals that we each ought to set for ourselves in regard to the Lord's work this year. Have we considered our personal Bible study habits? Perhaps we ought to make it a goal to read the Bible each day in 2006. Have we considered our personal prayer habits? Perhaps we ought to make it a goal to pray on a daily basis in 2006. Have we considered personally inviting a friend or a family member to our services? Have we considered the possibility of trying to study the Bible on a personal level with someone we know? Have we considered taking some of the literature that we have here at the building and placing it in our work place or doctor's office, or some public common area in our community? There is so much that could be done if we would think about it and then do it.

2006 is beaming bright with newness and optimism! Let's be joyously optimistic about this new year and strive to make some things happen this year that we know need to happen. If God is for us, then who can be against us? We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! Let's make this a great year to remember!

Bible Studies for the Week of January 1st, 2006



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| AM Sermon..... | Seek The Things Which Are Above! |
| Scripture Reading | Colossians 3:1-4 |
| PM Sermon | A Mind To Work |
| Scripture Reading | Nehemiah 4:6 |
| Sunday Class | The Book of Matthew |
| Wednesday Class | Minor Prophets: Haggai |
| Ladies Bible Class | The Book of 1 Timothy |
| Nursing Home Bible Study | The Book of Luke |

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Begin Again!

When I was in grade school, I learned a silly song about a man named Michael Finnegan. The first verse went something like this:

“There was an old man named Michael Finnegan./ He grew whiskers on his chin./ The wind came up and blew them in again./ Poor old Michael Finnegan ... begin again.”

I think we learned at least a dozen verses which all seemed to convey the idea that poor old Michael Finnegan never made much PROGRESS. Every time he attempted something he ended up right back where he began. He'd catch a fish only to drop it in again, grow large and then grow thin again, would climb out of a pond and fall back in again, etc. What a pitiful thing to picture again-again.

On the other hand there are some things which are very good to begin again. Today, the first day of a New Year, I have once again-again begun my annual reading through the Bible; my practice for many

years. Today I read again-again the first three chapters of Genesis and the first chapter of Matthew. Every time I read through the Bible I learn something or am reminded of things I need to keep in mind. I receive encouragement and chastisement and wisdom; all intended by God to help me PROGRESS spiritually and in other ways as well. Daily reading of God Words helps guard against being lead astray from the truth or carried away by the notions of this world.

As Peter ended his second letter, he exhorted... “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.” (2 Peter 3:18 ESV)

Yes, we need to grow daily in our knowledge of Jesus and PROGRESS in becoming more and more like Him. Through daily exposure to God's Word we can PROGRESS toward more spiritual maturity. I con-

tinue to be amazed at what can be picked up when the same passages are returned to again-again as each year rolls by.

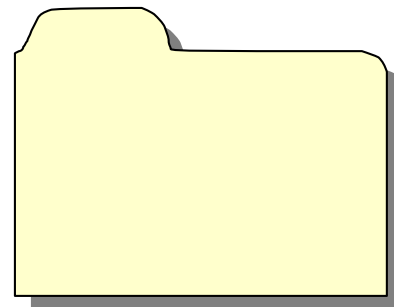
If daily Bible reading has not been your practice, I encourage you to begin today. It only takes a few minutes each day to read through the Bible in one year. You just need to decide on a time of day that works best for you and do it. By reading three to four chapters in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament even just six days a week will easily get you through the Bible in one year. If you would prefer to focus your meditation time on the New Testament, that can be done by reading only five chapters a week for fifty-two weeks. Whatever you choose just begin and let it become a habit. You will be richly blessed.

Have a great day GROWING DAILY WITH GOD'SWORD!

Carl Hanson

For The Files: December 25th, 2006

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| Sunday Bible Class..... | 33 |
| Sunday AM Worship | 45 |
| Sunday PM Worship | 31 |
| Wednesday Night Study | 47 |
| Contribution..... | \$1273.80 |
| Budget..... | \$1662.00 |



Kevin's Korner

Let me first of all wish everyone a happy new year! Today is new year's day and we are thankful to God for yet another year in which to worship and serve Him. I particularly am thankful for the congregation here at Berryville. This will be my fifth year here and I am delighted to have served the past four years. Our elders have a good program of work for us this year. We have several programs in place. If you haven't been participating in any of these programs, then perhaps now is the time to make that new year's resolution and start participating in some of the congregations works and activities. If you want to do something, but you don't know what to do, then ask one of our elders. I am sure they can find something for you to be involved in this year!

I suppose by now you have realized that the bulletin has a new format. I try to change it

up a little bit every year. Let me know what you think about it. If you like it say so. If you don't, so say! If you have any suggestions or comments on the bulletin and the format that it is in each week, please let me know. I would also be more than glad to receive any items that you might like to have printed in the bulletin. I can't promise that they will be printed, but I can promise that I will consider them and if they are consistent with our congregations needs, then I will likely fit them in eventually. I would also welcome any original articles or poems that you might like to write for the bulletin. Please feel more than free to talk to me about anything in that regard.

In a couple of weeks (January 18th, to be precise), I will be heading down to Pineville, Louisiana to speak at a lectureship there on a Wednesday night. My topic for the evening is "Set

Your Affections On the Things Above" and I will be speaking at 8:00 PM, the last lecture of the lectureship. I am planning on leaving Monday of this week and then returning on Thursday. I hope to stay with my in-laws (Foy and Mary) as they are not that far away from Pineville, LA. Anyway, I would greatly appreciate your prayers in my efforts there.

Finally, a brief word on our vacation time: we first went to Hemphill, TX for our visit with Mary Lynn's parents. While there, I was asked to briefly report on my mission trip to Brazil and so I did. The brethren there seemed interested in the work, for which I was thankful. The day after Christmas we went to Austin, TX where I was able to visit with my family. I also had a brief meeting with Eddie Watkins about our upcoming lectureship this summer and the future of our web sites. All was enjoyed.

Let me know what you think about the new bulletin format. If you like it say so. If you don't, so say!



Announcements

- Happy New Year!
- Please remember in prayer:
Donna Brown, Bill Fort, John Gass, Ervin Hand, Opal Hull, Raymond Kimes, Glenn Quigley, Carolyn Roller, John Stuckey, Chelsea Williams.
- The weekly elders and deacons meeting will be held tonight after services. If anyone has any items for these men, please see one of them.
- The new Reason and Revelation and Discovery periodicals are available in the back of the auditorium. Please pick up a copy on your way out today.
- Assignments for the month of January are as follows: Announcements—Rusty Windle, Worship Coordinator—Jerry Roller, Communion Preparation—Debbie and Beth Duncan, Communion Carry—Kevin Cauley and Glenn Williams, Outreach Coordinators—Rusty Windle and Ken Smith.
- The Children's Home truck will be here on January 30th to pick up all of the items we have in our pantry. Let's get it filled up for them. Any items will do!
- Our quarterly singing at the nursing home is the last Sunday of this month. Please make your plans to attend.
- Our pantry item is: Napkins.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

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| Sunday Morning Bible Class: | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday Morning Worship:..... | 10:20 AM |
| Sunday Evening Worship: | 6:00 PM |
| Ladies Bible Class: | 10:30 AM |
| Wed. Evening Bible Class: | 7:00 PM |

Serving Each Other

January 1st, 2006

January 8th, 2006

Sunday Morning

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| Songs: | Ken Smith | Barrett Brown |
| Preaching: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | George Eddings | Bill Fort |
| Scripture Reading: | Dan Hand | Perry Foster |
| Lord's Table | Clay Bozarth | Leon Duncan |
| | Glenn Quigley | Michael Morrell |
| (assist) | Matthew Morrell | Brandon Foster |
| | Jack Gentry | Ray Duncan |
| Closing Prayer | Barrett Brown | Jerry Roller |

Sunday Evening

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| Songs: | Clay Bozarth | Bruce Foster |
| Preaching: | Kevin Cauley | Kevin Cauley |
| Opening Prayer: | Rusty Windle | Dan Hand |
| Scripture Reading: | Dale Pinkley | Perry Foster |
| Lord's Table | Barrett Brown | Dale Pinkley |
| | Jerry Roller | Jack Gentry |
| Closing Prayer | Bob Moore | Jerry Roller |

Wednesday

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| Songs: | Bruce Foster | Glenn Quigley |
| Opening Prayer: | John Gass | Dale Pinkley |
| Invitation: | Kevin Cauley | Rusty Windle |
| Closing Prayer: | Ray Duncan | Brandon Foster |

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