

2012 **A New Year** 2012

It seems that a great deal of emphasis has been placed upon a new year. Let us try to make this new year the best ever.

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray earnestly every day (I Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (I Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (II Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (I Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)
Exercise yourself in godliness (I Timothy 4:7)
Aim at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

- Gus Nichols (deceased), *Pulpit Helps*

A New Year's Prayer

*A whole new year is mine today . . .
 May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!
 I'd strengthen friendships, old and true,
 And learn to cherish new ones, too;
 To keep on learning and to grow
 A little deeper as I go.
 To cast aside each grudge and grief,
 And hold fast to a firm belief
 That life is joyous, gracious, good,
 When lived in terms of brotherhood.
 To welcome fun, and play awhile,
 To lighten work with a pleasant smile!
 To thank the Lord and every day
 Remember Him, and kneel to pray,
 In gratitude for strength and health,
 And blessings which are all my wealth.
 This year's a gift from God to me
 To spend, or use, or set me free . . .
 A whole new year is mine today . . .
 May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!*

- Author Unknown, *Bulletin Digest* -

An optimist stays up to see the New Year in.
 A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

News & Notes

NEW YEAR'S GET-TOGETHER: Tonight following the evening service. Bring any of the following: sandwiches, finger foods, desserts, soft drinks. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Fred Rayl.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to help in this good work.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Jan. 7th, 8:00 a.m. at Tom's Country Kitchen. All the men are invited.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Jan. 7th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox Nursing Home.

PANTRY: Canned fruit.

ADDRESS: Chris Culp (friend of the Spencers who was severely burned), 810 Kimball Road, Venice, FL 34293.

THOSE WITH MEDICAL CONCERNS: CITY HOSPITAL: Beulah Walker. CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Marlene Reynolds. AT HOME: Shirley Beagle, Donna Sage, Joyce McMahan, Joyce Murdock, Neva Owen, Bob Cyphers, Linda Wiersbicki, Michelle Hanlon, Emily Scullion (Pat Wright's granddaughter), Fred Rayl, Jerry Barrett (Mickie's husband), Rich Robinson, Randy Beagle, Emma Renfro, Ruth Brewer, Holly Phares, Beulah Rice. ♦ Others with medical issues and shut-ins are listed on the bulletin board.

ARE WE WILLING ...

- To close our book of complaints and open a book of praise?
- To believe that others are quite as sincere as we are and treat them with respect?
- To ignore what life owes us and to think what we owe to life?
- To stop looking for friendship and start being friendly?
- To be content with such things as we have and stop whining for the things we have not?
- To enjoy the simple blessings of life and cease striving for the artificial pleasures of today?
- To cease looking for someone to help us and to devote ourselves to helping others?
- To accept Christ as our Savior and let our life be an outlet for His joy, love, and peace?

- Author Unknown