

I AM RESOLVED

I know this week people are deciding on what will be a part of their New Year's Resolutions and their goals for the year. According to several polls these are five resolutions that seem to make the top 10 for most people:

- Lose weight.
- Become physically fit.
- Get out of debt.
- Get organized.
- Spend more time with family and friends.

While all of these are good goals, what spiritual goals have you set for yourself? Are you thinking about what you want to do in 2026? Let's consider some spiritual resolutions that would be good:

• **Grow Closer to God.** What are things that can help you to accomplish this goal?

1. **Spend Time In God's Word.** We are blessed with God's divine will in printed form. Take each opportunity to listen to God each day as you read the Bible.
2. **Talk to God.** Each of God's children have the incredible privilege to **talk each day to the Being who spoke this world into existence.** You can go to Him as a child would to a loving, caring father having the confidence that God wants to hear you.

• **Grow Closer to God's People.**

1. **Make Worship Services a Priority.** Not only do you have the privilege of worshiping God, but to encourage and be encouraged by your brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. **Serve Together.** When God's people work together, powerful relationships are forged.
3. **Spend Time Together Outside of Worship.**

These goals and resolutions will bless you, the church, and effect eternity. I pray you will consider them.

- Craig Evans, Calvert Church of Christ, Calvert, KY ((adapted) -

Life is divided into three terms -
That which was, which is and which will be.
Let us learn from the past to profit by the present,
and learn from the present to live better for the future.
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow -



Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. - Corrie Ten Boom

News Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKERS: **Aidan Klinger** (a.m.). Aidan is a student at the WV School of Preaching. **Jeremy Main** (p.m.).

BIBLE STUDY CHANGE THIS WEEK: **NO Bible Study this Wednesday Dec. 31st**, but we will meet for a **Fellowship Breakfast & Devotional this Thursday, Jan. 1st. 9:00 a.m.** at the Fellowship Bldg.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: **Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m.** on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: **Canceled until further notice.**

CONVERT'S CLASS: **Postponed until Thursday, Jan. 8th.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **Next Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 8:00 a.m.** at Coplin's in Newell.

COVERED DISH DINNER: **Next Sunday, Jan. 4th about noon** at the Fellowship Bldg., followed by our **early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

PANTRY: Spaghetti and sauce.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: SICK & SHUT-IN: *Covington Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation:* **Nancy Hadley**, 100 Covington Dr., East Palestine, OH 44413. *At Home:* **Randy Beagle**, **Peggy Linger**, **Scharlotte Jones**, **Harry Huff**, **Nancy Cox**, **Barbara DeLong**, **Marlene Evans**, **Cheryl Renfro Walker**, **Brian Haught** (Skip's brother), **Micheal Sabol** (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). *Serra Manor, Weirton:* **Jean Haught** (Skip's mother). *Fox, Chester:* **Mary Johnson**. *Elsewhere:* **Herman McHan**, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

ALSO REMEMBER THESE WITH HEALTH ISSUES: **Christy Claypool**, 204 Rio Pinar Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. **Jackie Brown** (Rico's mother), 4227 Prince Hall Blvd., Orlando, FL 32811.

"But What Can I Do?"

We may sometimes feel that we are of little or no value to the Lord's cause. We might think of ourselves as being less talented or less useful than other Christians. The truth is, regardless of who we are, each member of the church is important and can be helpful. "But what can I do?" Consider:

Like Barnabas, exhort other saints to cleave to the Lord (Acts 11:23).

Like Abraham, instruct your offspring to serve the Lord (Genesis 18:19).

Like Daniel, be instant in prayer, even in difficult circumstances (Daniel 6:10).

Like Andrew, try and bring your family members to Jesus (John 1:40-42).

Like Onesiphorus, refresh and serve those that need special attention (2 Timothy 1:16-18).

Like Paul and Barnabas, visit the brethren (Acts 15:36).

Like the early saints in Thessalonica, demonstrate that you abound in your love for other Christians (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

You are right, you cannot do everything. You are also correct in saying that other people do a lot of things better than you do. Every one of us could make such an admission about self. Still, there are so many things that each soldier of Christ can do. Let us be about our Father's business.

- Roger D. Campbell, Union Grove Church of Christ, Cleveland, TN