

SOME "I WILLS" FOR THE COMING YEAR

Regarding praise to God:

"I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works." (Psalm 9:1).

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:1).

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 89:1).

Regarding prayer:

"... I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also ..." (1 Corinthians 14:15). "... I will pray for you unto the Lord." (1 Samuel 7:5).

Regarding the Christian walk:

"But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity ..." (Psalm 26:11). "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." (Psalm 116:9).

Regarding meditation:

"I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways." (Psalm 119:15).

"I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings." (Psalm 77:12).

Regarding home and missionary endeavor:

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only." (Psalm 71:16).

Regarding sacrificial service:

"And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you: though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved." (2 Corinthians 12:15).

There is a satisfaction in knowing that these "I wills" are in perfect accord with the will of Him to whom we say, "Thy will, not mine, be done!"

- Author Unknown - Pulpit Helps

The Way To A Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

- Author Unknown -



The future is as bright as the promises of God.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To **Mike West** at the passing of his cousin, Noreen West; to the **Rear-don Family** at the passing of Dorothy Reardon; to **Steve Harless** at the passing of his mother, Susan Bebout; to **Marlene Evans** at the passing of her brother, Chester Hostutler; and to **Dana Rine** at the passing of his brother-in-law, John Kelley. God bless and comfort all who sorrow because of these deaths.

CONFESSION: Derek Thompson.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST: This Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Building. This is for ALL and will be prepared by some of the men. Use the sign-up sheet on the desk to help determine the amount of food needed.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Jan. 5th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's Restaurant in Chester unless otherwise announced.

BABY SHOWER: for Sarah Hill, next Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. R.S.V.P. to Tammy, 304-218-9534 or Rachel, 304-218-1921. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Next Sunday, Jan. 6th about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled until Tuesday, January 8, 2019

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Canceled until Tuesday, January 8, 2019

MEMBER VISITS: Calls are being made for Elders and Minister visits with members that can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

PANTRY: Macaroni & cheese.

SEND CARDS:

Bob & Patty Eddy, 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

SICK & SHUT-IN: *West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh:* Mary Jane Bowers. *At Home:* Nancy Hadley, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

FROM THE HEART

A desert wanderer found a crystal spring of unsurpassed freshness and decided to bring some to his king. Barely satisfying his own thirst, he filled a leather bottle and carried it many days beneath the desert sun to reach the palace. By that time the water had become stale due to the old container in which it was stored. But the king tasted it with expressions of gratitude and delight, and sent away the loyal heart filled with gladness. After he left, the others sampled it and expressed their surprise at how bad it was. "Ah!" said he, "it was not the water I tasted, but the love that prompted the offering."

What we bring to God is marked by multiplied imperfections, but He looks beyond that to our motives. We may think our singing voice is "stale and rank," but God listens with delight. Our prayers may not be filled with eloquence, but God wants to hear what is in our hearts. Could our worship be better sounding, better looking? Perhaps! Yet God is primarily looking for the love that prompted the offering. "... **the Lord looketh on the heart**" - 1 Samuel 16:7.

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