

Happy
New Year

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“For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.” (Philippians 1:20) NLT

Next meeting: This Saturday, January 19th - 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

January 12, 2019

My dear brothers-and-sisters-in-Christ (and you are very dear to me),

Happy New Year, everyone! Isn't God amazing? Which of us would have thought of using the skies to let we humans know about seasons and new years?

“And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years...’” (Genesis 1:14) “He appointed the moon for seasons...” (Psalm 104:19) “And He changeth the times and the seasons...” (Daniel 2:21a)

God did. And if He allowed for new years and new beginnings, they must be needed. So, what are we going to do with this new year which the Lord has allotted to each of us? I, like Paul, want “**never to be ashamed...(to) continue to be bold for Christ...and (to) trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.**” For me, this means rededicating myself to move forward with the plans that God has for His senior ministry. I hope to be joined by those who have already been faithful to the ministry and **to greet in this new year** those of you whom the Lord has been “nudging” about joining the senior ministry. We have much work (and much joy and pleasure) to do. We have family, friends, neighbors and some whom we will never meet (until we reach heaven) who need to know about the Lord. We must seek out to disseminate information which is **not only beneficial to seniors** but to other age groups. We want to inform and educate through seminars and trips and have fun and encourage laughter through our social events and trips. We want to let our seniors **who are now unable to attend meetings** know that they are not forgotten through visits, cards and phone calls. We want to evangelize through discipleship, and we are still working on

our tract ministry to reach our families, neighbors, friends, community, and maybe even the world.

“Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too...Christ’s love controls us...those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ...And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself...So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” (2 Corinthians 5:11-20)

So, God’s Senior Ministry of VPCOG has a busy new year! ***We pray that you will join us!***

Wanted: Doorkeepers for the house of the Lord! Our wonderful, well-trained and diligent ushers are looking for more ushers. We will soon be moving into our sanctuary, and there is a need for ***more ushers to help maintain this excellent ministry.*** “Service is the overflow which pours from a life filled with love and devotion...Service to God is the deliberate ***love-gift of a nature that has heard the call of God.***” (Oswald Chambers: ***My Utmost for His Highest,*** 1/17)

★ **Wentworth Rehabilitation & Health Care Center – Thursday, January 24th – 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.** **You are always welcome to join us at the corner of 69th & Wentworth. You can make a difference, too.**

★ **Dues:** Dues are still just \$2.00 per month - \$24.00 per year. Benevolence fund: \$5.00/yr.



"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..." Prov. 17:22a

"A minister stood in front of his congregation and announced, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is that it's still in your pockets."

Hope to see you at the meeting!

I love you. I really do! **Josie**

