



Not Just for New Year's

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Usually as one year ends and another is about to begin, people reflect on their lives, especially considering the accomplishments and failures of the past year. Then they make resolutions for the coming year which, most of the time, are promptly forgotten and broken.

Such self-examination is necessary for the Christian, not only at that time of the year, but every day. He must take stock of himself in relation to his service and accomplishments for the Lord and the growth and maturity in his character. He must ask, "Am I doing all I can to insure my growth, stabilization and maturation as a child of God? Am I lending my abilities to the congregation to help it grow and prosper both physically and spiritually?"

If he finds himself lacking in these things, he needs to resolve to do better and to do more for the Lord in the future. And such a resolution must not be abandoned but he must persistently and devotedly retain it in his heart. The apostle Paul possessed this attitude. It is what allowed him to be successful as a disciple of the Lord. He said, "...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

As Christians, we must also be looking forward. We should not dwell upon or worry about past failures. Neither should we sit back and rest upon or gloat over past accomplishments. The child of God never reaches a point where he does not need to continue to grow. He never reaches a point in his service to Christ where he has done enough. Diligence in both these areas must always be given to make "our calling and election sure" - (2 Pet. 1:10-11).

The following are some questions that all of us need to ask ourselves to see if we are what we should be in the sight of God or if we need to change our attitudes.

Do I study the Bible diligently? Bible classes and sermons do not supply all the needs of the Christian to grow as he should. Personal, diligent study on his part is essential if he is to gain the knowledge of God's word necessary to function and mature as he should.

Am I present at every service that I am able to attend? Attendance is usually a barometer of faithfulness. Each must ask, "Are worship assemblies important to me or do I let just anything or anyone keep me from them?" The assemblies are important enough for Christ to be there (Matt. 18:20), what could be more important to you?

Can I be counted on to support the efforts of this church? Am I concerned about my brethren and my relationship with them? Each Christian needs to be actively involved in the work of the church in any way he can. No one is to be passive and depend upon others to do the work. If one possesses a proper love for the Lord and his brethren, he will want to working and doing his part. He will also seek to be aware of his brethren who need his help materially, emotionally and spiritually and do what he can to meet those needs.

Am I really concerned about saving the lost? God's desire is that all should be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). His desire is so strong that He sent His Son to earth to save all who believe and obey Him (John 3:16; Heb. 5:8-9). The Christian is to have that same desire. If he does, he will do what he can personally to take the gospel to the lost.

Do you see some things in which you may be lacking? If so, resolve to change and set things in order, then, "press on."

NEWSLETTER

Dec. 31, 2017

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

In 2017 – Striving to:

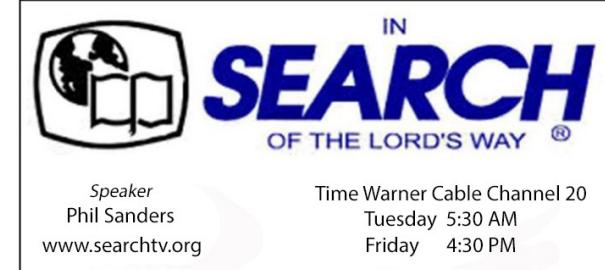
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Prayer List In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Marvis Garrett, Brenda Nelson, and Diane Mellott.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglia Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Mary Lou, Gloria, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Jurek family, Mary, daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT., Williams family, Mary, Elijah Heath, Mary, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Jean Fitzgerald.

Updates:

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Anna Brink. Let's pray that her cornea heals properly.

Louella Hopkins has been under the weather.

Linda Mudd (Bill Flanagan's niece). Let's pray things continue to go well after her recent lung transplant.

Renee Kinney. She has new lesions on her liver and spots on her bones. She will be put on another chemo.

Penny Hayes (Amherst congregation) had a cardiac ablation procedure Tuesday morning Dec. 19.

Ladies Bible Class will resume January 9th at 10AM after a short holiday break. Sharron Gantt will be leading our discussion as we finish up our lesson series on "Blessed are the Peacemakers". All ladies are encouraged to join the bible class time for a time of study, prayer and fellowship.

Note: Proposed 2018 Budget

The proposed 2018 Budget was posted Dec. 17. If you have any questions let us know by next Sunday Jan. 07.



Jan. Birthdays

06 Fran Fees	20 Cora Parson
11 Phyllis Blakelock	22 Richard Wheeler
14 Wayne Carter	23 Jean Cameron
14 Angela Kyle	24 Rodney Jones
15 Seth Alcorn	27 Bruce Brink
17 Pat Hazlett	

Jan. Anniversaries

24 Rodney & Carol Jones

Please check the
"Love One Another"
and
"Answered Prayers"
boards in the back of the auditorium.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2 Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: New Year - New Church

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-21

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study Galatians

Trays Today

Joan Campbell-Cook

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BIBLE

Read Me

Upcoming Events (*Lord willing*)

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
NO Area-wide 5th Sunday Singing

Jan. 01 New Years Day

Jan. 07 Quick meeting of the men concerning the 2018 budget.

Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT is on **Noah Bennett**



Noah Bennett is a student at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, Ontario. He's in 9th grade and really enjoys attending a Christian school. Noah is fourteen years of age. He is the oldest son of Charles and Heather Bennett and big brother to Logan. Noah has lots of family at LaSalle. Ron and Jean Cameron are his grandparents and Joyce Cameron is his aunt.

When Noah has free time at school, you can find him playing cards with his friends or going on walks. He also really likes basketball and loves eating all kinds of food. He doesn't have a pet, but if he did, he'd like a hamster or gerbil because he likes watching them roll around in their plastic balls.

Noah is very thankful for his family and all of their support. He says the best thing about worshipping at LaSalle is the unity he feels. His favorite bible passage is about King Balshazzar found in Daniel Chapter 5. Noah is always willing to help in the worship service and it is encouraging to all of us to see him participate.