

While Bells Are Ringing Midnight -Clear

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Three gifts I ask for this New Year:
Faith is the pilgrim staff I crave
To keep me strong, to keep me brave.
Hope is the candle's pinpoint star
To lead me on the path afar.
Love is the mantle I would wear-
Heart-warming garments lined with prayer.
Father God, with these priceless three
Enrich the days Thou sendest me!
--Marie Barton, "Prayer for the New Year," War Cry

Smile



Before she died, an elderly lady wanted to visit England, the home of her ancestors. She went to the Federal courthouse to apply for a passport.

"You must take the loyalty oath first," the passport clerk said. "Raise your right hand, please. Do you swear to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic?"

The sweet old face paled as she responded, "Well, I guess so. Will I have help, or will I have to do it all by myself?"

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You are welcome at all services:
Sunday School - 10 am
Sun. evening prayer 5:30 pm; Worship 6 pm
Tuesday Family Prayer - 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study - 7 pm



The Gift

Today a priceless gift is placed in your hands. Look at it closely. There is no price marker stamped on it. It cannot be weighed, because no scale can balance its value. A king's ransom in comparison is as nothing yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.

This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers-- none can surpass its golden splendor.

Of all gifts, this is one of the most precious. It has been offered many times before; today, from the depths of a limitless love it will be given again. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude and selfishness will tarnish the brilliance, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

Guard it closely, lest through weak fingers it slip from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it is the most treasured of possessions, for of all gifts it is by far the greatest.

It is the gift of the New Year!

--Author Unknown The Timothy Report



Today - Prayer, 9:30 am - Word and Worship 10 am
No evening service today

Mon. - Fast 6 am, 6 pm

Tues. - Focused Prayer, 6 - 7 pm

Wed. - Bible Study, 7 pm

Sat. - Stephanie Gates/James Sprinkle wedding, 2 pm

Coming Next: Men's Ministry Meeting, Saturday, Jan 14, 6 pm in Barnett Hall, with chili supper hosted by Cub Scout Pack 7. Donations will be accepted to defray costs.

Also remember 48 Hour Prayer & Fasting begins 6 pm, Thursday eve, Jan 19 through Saturday, Jan 21 at 6 pm. The church will be open for those who wish to pray at church.

What Is Past Is Past

As we grow older in life, years somehow seem to shorten and New Year's Day approaches with an ever increasing tempo. The more mature we get, the more we realize that time is only relative; how we live means more than how long we live. Haply also we do not live by years, but by days. In His wisdom God does not show us all that lies ahead. So we enter a new year to live it day by day. What is past is past. Today we start anew, and what we do today will make our life for tomorrow. Chin up, shoulders straight, eyes apleam, let us salute the New Year, and each day let us follow more faithfully, more courageously, more daringly the lead of our great Captain who bids us follow Him.

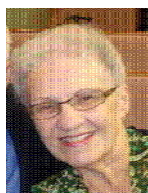
--William Thomson Hanzsche



Thurman Little
Jan 1

Happy Birthday

*to two of our
wonderful Joint-Heirs*



Gail Frech
Jan 5



New Needs:

David Atkins' family on his passing this week
Dennis Arrant (Doris Skinner's nephew) urgent personal need
Mike Johnson, critical injuries in vehicle mishap
Jerry McMurray family

Ongoing Needs:

Bubba & Louise Benton	Lillian & Ozell McKay
George Close	Ken and Linda Rash
Delisa Cox, stage four cancer	Aubrey and Gaynell Richerson
Rex Frech	Hilton Sims
Henry Halley	Sarah Wasserbelen
Louree & Thurman Little	Phil Wiseheart
Kevin Mathis	

Serving in the Military:

Michael Beauchamp, USN Bahrain	Cody Poole, USMC
Chris Bemis, USCG	Curtis Poole, USA
Tony Bemis, USCG	Angela Solis, USA, Afghanistan
Nolan Gunn USA, Afghanistan	Dusty Storm, USCG



A thought for the New Year:

He will lead us!

God isn't going to let you see the distant scene. So you might as well quit looking for it. He promises a lamp unto our feet, *not a crystal ball into the future*. We do not need to know what will happen tomorrow. We only need to know He leads us and we will find grace to help us when we need it. --Max Lucado

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
Psalm 119:105