



### Birthdays In January

Amy Benson	January 2
Allen Brown	January 6
Barbara Williams	January 7
Betty Brown	January 11
Lauren Scutt	January 13
Rick Moore	January 15
Evalee Ciuca	January 26
Elizabeth Mantari	January 27



### Anniversaries In January

Ed & Zena Trotman	January 8
Pat & Viola Patterson	January 30

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*Thelma and I would like to thank you for the Christmas Gift — Pastor Hottel*

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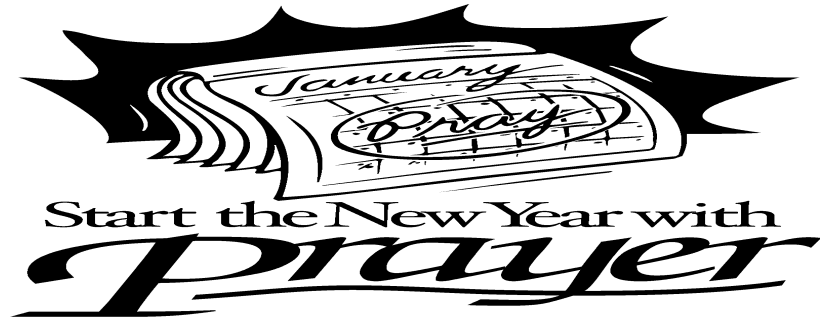


- Newport's and all who bought food and attended the "Sweet Treat & Caroling" fellowship.
- All who contributed to the Mitten Tree-a total of 76 items were received and delivered to ACTS.
- Worship Committee and all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas.
- Shanna and Ramsey James for hosting the youth Christmas Party.
- Garry Scutt and the Choir for a wonderful Christmas Cantata.
- For an awesome Christmas Eve Service and to Pastor Hottel, all participants and all who attended.
- All who donated to the 2007 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and for exceeding our goal-\$1,535.

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## Start the New Year with Prayer

### A VOW FOR THE NEW YEAR

Making plans for your life in the new year? Could it be that God already has a plan for you and is patiently waiting for you to make that plan a reality?

When one considers how everything seems to have a purpose in nature (atoms, genes, plants, animals, etc.), it makes sense to believe that each of us has a purpose as well. On the other hand, if all of creation seems to have just happened without any reason, then this means our minds and spirits must have no reason or purpose as well. How can we trust them?

But believers trust that there is a great Intelligence that brought everything into existence.

There is a Mind and a Heart at the center of all creation. If that's the case, then life can only make sense when we seek what the Creator has in mind for us.

Jesus, who knew the Mind and Heart of God better than anyone who ever lived on Earth, once said to the erring Peter: "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mark 8:33, NRSV).

Setting our minds on human things can get us into trouble. That's why it often seems we live in a crazy mixed-up world. How can life ever be fulfilling, without the purpose God has for that life?

To set one's mind on divine things leads us to consider the one vow we should take seriously for the new year. Your will, Lord. Your will and nothing else.

# Hillendale Herald



## Prayer for a New Year

Lord, I confess before You that:

I have had longings and nudges from You which I did not translate into action.

I have made decisions without consulting You, then have blamed You when things went wrong.

I have said that I trusted You, yet have not turned my affairs over to You.

I have been greedy for present delights and pleasures, unwilling to wait for those joys which time and discipline alone can give.

I have often sought the easy way and have consistently drawn back from the road that is hard.


I have been fond of giving myself to dreams of which I am going to do sometime, yet have been so slow in getting started to do them.

Forgive me for all the intentions that were born and somehow never lived.

And now I claim Your promise to change me. Do for me what I cannot do for myself. Lead me into a new tomorrow with a new spirit. Cleanse my heart; create within me new attitudes and new ideas, as only You can.

Amen.

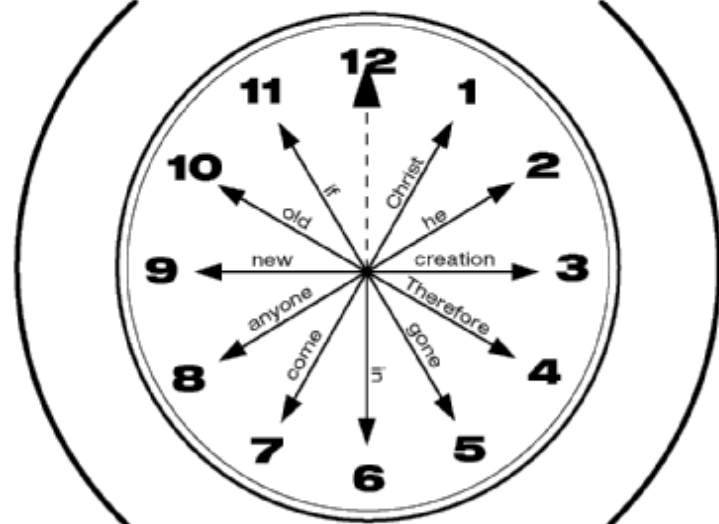
*Dave*



# IN WITH THE NEW

*It's "time" for New Year's resolutions! We should always want to improve ourselves for God, looking to Jesus as our example. God will work with us and through us when we come to him in prayer.*

Using the clock's hour hand, copy each word to help you complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



" \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ , is a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ , the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ !"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"