

The PRISM



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A Happy New Year

Lots of people have made some New Year's resolutions by now, some hoping not to have a repeat of 2005. Unless we have chosen to live in the past, the alternative is to move to the future.

Though I don't know of any specific biblical instruction on passing from one year to another, I think the indication there is to forward-think and do, while holding to good values of the past.

I do think our notions of majoring in time passage have been something brought into thinking in the last several centuries, more than before. I don't see much said about time celebrations in the Bible, not even birthdays. But that doesn't mean we should not celebrate it, in my opinion.

When Jesus said, "A new command I bring to you, that you love one another," the idea of moving from the old to the new is there. Biblical words like "go" and "do" carry with them immediate-to-future thinking rather than past reminiscing.

There is indication, as well, of wrong future-thinking: Jesus told a parable of a man who had such a great harvest from the fields that he said he would tear down his barns and build bigger barns in order to store such a harvest as he had made. But, the point of the story is that then came God, telling the farmer that he would not see the future because he had left God out of it. The farmer had too much "me" in what he was saying and not enough "God." That was wrong and foolish planning on the part of the farmer, according to Scripture.

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Prayer Requests

For those in the gulf area that are suffering through the effects of Katrina and Rita

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For **Tim and Jennifer** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

Manford Elkins (*Amy Graff's father*) is in the Huntington VA Hospital and has been having problems with low blood pressure that are related to his cancer.

Bonnie Cram (*Matt's mother in Kentucky*) has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Derek Miller has been transferred to Chaghcharan, a remote mountain village in Afghanistan. He thanks us for the many prayers being said (*some specific needs have been met*) and says, "Keep it up."

Garnet Lindeman will be having surgery for nerve damage in her arm and elbow on Jan. 4.

Jenny DeCamp (Meaghan DeCamp's grandmother) has been hospitalized for the past 6 weeks trying to recover from gastro-intestinal surgery. She has had one problem after another and is in a great deal of pain.

Edna Gampp was admitted to SOMC Wednesday with dehydration. She remains hospitalized.

Mary Collins had some tests done at SOMC this past week and is scheduled for further testing by a specialist in the near future.

Alex Cram (and family) came home on Wednesday from the hospital after his breathing returned to normal.

Picture Directory Update

Gary Glispie is getting ready to update our pictorial directories. If you are satisfied with your current picture, nothing is required of you. If you want an updated picture, you can give Gary a recent picture of your family that you like or you can have him retake your picture here at the church building the last two weeks of January. Also, if your address or phone number has changed, he needs to get that new information also. The goal is to get everything done in the month of January.

Sunday PM Services

We will be studying Revelation 20 this evening.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Terry and Debbie's house

Adult and Teen Class Changes

Sunday morning bible classes for Teens through Adults for the next few months will all meet in the auditorium for special classes led by the elders.

Spirit Club Pictures Today

Today after morning services, pictures will be made and information slips collected for all those students who successfully completed their memory work for the month of December. Come to the Teen Room.

Card Shower

Helen Preston will be turning 90 next Sunday, January 8th. She would greatly appreciate some birthday cards.

Bible Curriculum

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
1/1 II Co 1-4	1/4 Josh 10:28-12:24
1/8 II Co 5-6	1/11 Josh 13-19
1/15 II Co 7-9	1/18 Josh 20-21
1/22 II Co 10-13	1/25 Josh 22
1/29 Gal 1-2	2/1 Josh 23
2/5 Gal 3-4	2/8 Josh 24
2/12 Gal 5-6	2/15 Judges 1-2
2/19 Eph 1-6	2/22 Judges 3
2/26 Php 1-4	

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 2/11 Valentine Gala
- 3/12-4/9 Sunday PM Home Groups

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An important biblical instruction is this: "Do not say, 'I will go into the city and do this and that,' but say, 'If the Lord wills, I will do thus...'" (*paraphrased*).

But as we consider the future, we should consider a major point. Jesus is coming back to judge the world. We don't know when but we are convinced it will happen.

Peter said, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief" (2 Peter 3:10). He added, "So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him" (verse 14).

So, as we look to 2006 and something

new, something better, let's keep God in all that we plan. When planning for that life-changing pay raise or promotion, new house or new car, or successful movement of a loved one to something better, it is best to include "if the Lord wills." It is best to know that what we do while here on this earth has a bearing on where we will spend eternity after this life.

While we might think that we have a long time to make important spiritual decisions, that time might be just around the corner, so to speak. Peter also said, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like a day" (2 Pet. 3:8).

While we are at it, I think it important that we put in our prayers that we don't want another disaster like we faced on Sept. 11, that we ask God to help the leaders of our nation as they make the tough decisions for our country, and that our sons and daughters who are in the Afghanistan area be able to come home safe, real soon.

I wish for all of us a very happy New Year. While doing that, I wish that we consider God in all that we do and plan.

- Chuck Owen

Northside Church of Christ
Laredo, TX



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

January 1

II Corinthians 1-4
Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Steve Williams
Rich Book
Ryan Coriell
Ike Hardin
Eric McLaughlin
Gary Glispie
Terry Royster
Troy Gahm
Matt Cram
Travis Scott
Steve Miller
Tom Kelley

January 8

II Corinthians 5-6
Don Coriell
Ralph Gamp
Al Graff
Jamie Riley
Ira Coriell
Greg Coriell
Jacob Miller
Mike Gamp
Shawn Gragg
Kevin Stimpert
Jack Jennings
Aaron Franke
Steve Miller
Jason Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Mark Gamp
Terry Sullivan
Dewey Cordle
John Berry

Gabe Coriell
Mike Coriell
Tim Coriell
Aaron Kallner

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Don Coriell
Joshua 10:28-12:24

Bud Coriell
Mark Risner
Joshua 13-19

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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