

Suggestions for a New Year

By Robert Notgrass

As we think about this New Year, there are things that we need to remember to have a good year. The decisions and choices we make will determine the kind of year we can have. Therefore, let's notice some suggestions that will help us to have a good year.

Apologize when we do wrong. The three words, "I am sorry" are difficult to say for those filled with pride. If you would, think of the relationships, homes and even congregations that have been destroyed because one who has committed sin, will not humble himself to repent (Matt. 5:23-24, 18:15-17; Lk. 17:3-4).

Accept good advice. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly. . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord" (Psa. 1:1-2). "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise: (Prov. 12:15). Now, certainly we must be able to distinguish between foolish and wise counsel.

Avoid conforming to the world. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed . . ." (Rom. 12:2). We must all come to terms that the world is out to mold and shape us into that which the Lord does not want. Thus, when on begins to "love" the world and "live" like the world, we are unable to have a "good year" spiritually (1 Jn. 2:15-17).

Act only after thinking. Some of the greatest problems we have in this life have been brought upon ourselves because we forgot to stop and think before we acted or spoke. Therefore, we need to "taste" our words and "weigh" the consequences of our actions before we speak and react (Phil. 4:8; Eph. 4:29; Gal. 5:19-21).

Adhere to the Word of God. God has given us, through His Word, that which we need in this life (2 Pet. 1:3). Hence, it is the Scriptures that provide and is profitable for our spiritual well-being (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Therefore, as we apply the Word of God to our lives, we are providing the means by which we can have a "good year" and ultimately a home in Heaven.

Appreciate God. Without God in our lives it is impossible to have a "good year" as He desires and demands. Thus, if we do appreciate and reverence God as we should, then it will be seen in our life (Eccl. 12:13)

Things you should know about...

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown  
Wednesday, January 10<sup>h</sup> @ 7pm

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Men's Meeting January 20th @ 9am

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If you would like to help with communion preparation for 2024, please sign up on the list

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lois Ferris 1/12
Rhonda Gaynor 1/15

Macy Bang 1/17
Gage Thompson 1/17

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# Happy New Year!

### Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

| Sunday Rotation            | December 31, 2023 AM | December 31, 2023 PM | January 7, 2024 AM |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Greeter                    | Jason Bang           | Dustin Desarro       | Dustin Desarro     |
| Announcements              | John McGiffin        | Tom Muter            | Jason Bang         |
| Song Leading               | John McGiffin        | John McGiffin        |                    |
| Opening Prayer/Usher Left  | Jason Bang           | Chris McGiffin       | Seth Arrell        |
| Lord's Supper Comments     | Duane Kemp           | Jason Bang           | Jerry Thompson     |
| Scripture Reading          | Jerry Thompson       | Tim Bnag             | Duane Kemp         |
| Sermon                     | Tom Muter            | Jerry Thompson       | John McGiffin      |
| Closing Prayer/Usher Right | Tim Bang             | Duane Kemp           | Tom Muter          |

**This week's Bible Verse**

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:42



**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Bible Studies currently being held
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement & health concerns/upcoming dr appts
- \*Rena Morgan - encouragement & health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort, currently in care facility
- \*Doreen McGiffin (John McGiffin's mom) - has COVID
- \*Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health - prostate cancer
- \*Lynn Thompson - health
- \*Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - chemo treatments, health & energy
- \*Josh Bang (Jason Bang's cousin) - stress related health issues and caring for wife/family
- \*Pamela Illinick - Stage 4 Kidney failure
- \*Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health issues
- \*Brendan Fenton (Michelle Buckingham's nephew) - recovering from surgery
- \*Aubri Haguewood (Bang's granddaughter) - having dizzy spells & headaches
- \*Laura McGiffin - health
- \*Vanessa Collette (Amie Allen's friend) - looking for housing, going through a custody battle
- \*Jeff Wilhelm (friend of Duane Kemp) - in hospital due to a heart attack
- \*Armain Cauhgey - (friend of Duane Kemp) - sick

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, December 24 |    | Wednesday, December 27 |            |
|---------------------|----|------------------------|------------|
| Bible Classes       | 34 | Bible Classes          | 26         |
| AM Attendance       | 42 | Contribution           | \$1,826.19 |
| PM Attendance       | —  |                        |            |



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**December 31, 2023**

**Worship Times:**

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.