



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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New for the New Year

As the New Year begins, a sense of renewing and refreshing usually fills the hearts and minds of individuals. It is during this time that plans, resolutions, and personal vows are formulated because the new year brings about new hope.

What will we, as the children of God, renew this coming year? Here are a few suggestions:

Plan to renew our love for the Lord. It is possible that our love for the Lord can wane. The beginning of a new year is an opportune time for us to evaluate our love and measure it against the standard of the Lord. Of course, our love for the Lord is never to a point where we have already attained, but we can evaluate it against the standard of the Bible and make personal changes where we need to so our love can grow.

Plan to renew our love for worship. What a wonderful privilege it is to worship God each first day of the week. During the past year, maybe you have not taken advantage of the opportunity to worship Him on a consistent basis. Why not make plans this year to attend all the services of the church? It will definitely benefit you and your family. Worship not only honors our God, but it is supposed to be a source of edification to the worshiper.

As our attendance for worship is renewed, why not renew our participation in worship? You may be thinking, I already attend and participate. That is great! Why not participate even more! We all can sing louder, pray more fervently, give just a little more, concentrate more on the Lord's death, and be more attentive to and supportive of the preaching of the gospel. We can also help to maintain a reverent atmosphere as we worship the Creator of the universe.

Plan to renew our work for the Lord. God is in need of more workers in the kingdom of His Son. Why not renew your dedication to His cause? The Lord is always searching for diligent workers to labor in the fields to gather His harvest.

Throughout this new year, may each of us renew our dedication to the cause of Jesus Christ.

—K.A. Pugh

Since I was concentrating so much on my driving, I almost missed the saying on a billboard. I didn't even catch the product or the company name. But the slogan caught my attention. It read: "Warning! May cause excessive happiness."

I quickly recorded that on my digital recorder because I thought the saying was quite appropriate for Christianity. Warning! Christianity may cause excessive happiness. An abundant life is promised (John 10:10). All spiritual blessings are available (Ephesians 1:3), including the joy which is part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Joy, peace and wellbeing are part of the Christian's life.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Ps 32:11
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My desire is that you find joy in Christ today and every day. Have a great week. Find joy in serving others.

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