

NEWLETTER

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

It's that time. We and millions of other Americans make New Year resolutions. To exercise more. Eat healthy. Learn to like vegetables. Lose weight. Create a budget and stick to it. Save money. Make time for family. Help charitable causes. Prioritize sleep. Make time for cuddling. Drink more water. Volunteer. Learn a new skill. De-clutter the house. Practice gratitude. Read through the Bible in one year. Attend worship regularly. Increase giving to the church. Serve on a committee of the church.

Here is how our New Year resolutions can be more Christ-focused.

Ask God to help us chose our New Year resolu-tions.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..." (James 1:5)

Realize resolutions are not for us, but rather God's glory.

"So whether you eat or drink, whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)

If we succeed, we should praise God.

"Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me" (Psalm 103:2)

If we fail, we should know that God is not disappointed with us.

Even the Apostle Paul admitted, *"I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out"* (Romans 7:18)

Proverbs 16:3 encourages us to dedicate our New Year resolutions to God, trusting in the Lord's help and support. *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*

Happy New Year!

Pastor Bill Wright

Prayer Requests

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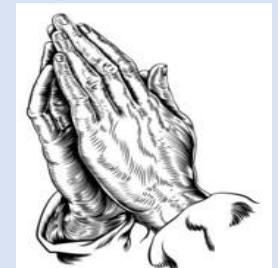
Debbie Damon cancer

Those with seasonal colds and flu.

Those recovering from surgeries and other serious illnesses.

Those in the Carolinas still recovering from hurricane Helene's aftermath.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving,



PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033

January Quotes on New Beginnings and Fresh Starts

- “The magic in **new beginnings** is truly the most powerful of them all.” — Josiyah Martin
- “In the winter’s **silence**, January speaks: try again, begin anew.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson
- January is the month for new beginnings, the **first blank page** in a year filled with **hope**.” — Unknown
- “I **love beginnings**. If I were in charge of calendars, every day would be January 1.” — Jerry Spinelli
- “Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a **fresh page**.” — Henry Ward Beecher
- “Every January, the year begins again with whispers of possibilities that didn’t exist before.” — Maya Angelou
- “**January brings** the start of a fresh page, an invitation to look ahead with bright eyes and an open heart.” — Oprah Winfrey
- January is my favorite month, when the light is plainest, least colored, An I like the feeling of beginnings.” — Anne Truitt

January Quotes About Reflection and Learning from the Past

The start of a new year can make us a little nostalgic, looking back on what the past year taught us. January is the perfect time to process those memories and let the lessons shape our journey forward.

These quotes show that reflection isn’t just about remembering; it’s about growing and carrying forward only what helps us step confidently into the new year.

- “New year, new attitudes — but never forget the wisdom of the past.” — George Santayana
- “The **past year** may have left scars, but January reminds us to let them fade and move on.” — Unknown
- “January **sees past** mistakes with kinder eyes, offering new paths from lessons learned.” — Eleanor Roosevelt
- “In the New Year, never forget to thank to your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future!” — Mehmet Murat ildan

Bible Verses and Scriptures About the New Year

Read what Scripture tells us about God's promises and face the new year with hope! Our Lord wants us to seek out His will for our lives and to live life FULLY alive. Stop Satan's goal of making you feel defeated and overcome. You can start this New Year renewed!

New Year Bible Verses

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Isaiah 43:18-19 - “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Revelation 21:5 - And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 - To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Isaiah 40:30-31

30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Spiritual Meaning of January

By [Sophia Rose](#) Posted on 10/22/2024

January, the first month of the year, holds a profound spiritual significance. As the month that ushers in the new year, it's a time of reflection, new beginnings, and setting intentions. This month invites you to align your spirit with your deepest desires and take steps towards transformation. January is much more than a page on the calendar; it's a spiritual gateway that symbolizes rebirth, renewal, and growth.

The Energy of New Beginnings

The spiritual meaning of January is rooted in the symbolism of new beginnings. With the fresh start of the year, this month is a period of potential and possibility. You might feel a sense of excitement or anticipation as you set your goals and intentions. Spiritually, January is like a blank slate. Whatever mistakes, challenges, or heartaches you faced last year can be left behind. Now is the time to focus on your highest potential, imagining the life you want to create.

Just as nature starts to slowly prepare for spring, January is a time for you to plant seeds in your own life—seeds of hope, growth, and change. Think of the new year as an energetic reset, where you can let go of past failures and shift your attention to your dreams. January is your moment to set powerful intentions, aligning your actions with the aspirations that resonate deep within your soul.

A Month of Reflection and Rest

Before rushing into the hustle and bustle of achieving your goals, January also calls for reflection and rest. After the holidays, when things are often chaotic, the start of the year offers you a calm space to reassess your priorities. What truly matters to you? What areas of your life need healing or balance?

Spiritually, January asks you to pause and consider how you've grown over the past year. Are you living in alignment with your soul's purpose? Where have you been successful in your personal journey? Where have you struggled? This reflection allows you to identify the areas in your life where you want to invite more balance and growth.

Just as winter is a time of rest for nature, January can be a time of inner stillness for you. Take this opportunity to meditate, journal, or simply sit in silence. Allow yourself the gift of peace as you contemplate the year ahead. By giving yourself this time to reflect, you open yourself up to receiving intuitive guidance and spiritual wisdom that will support you throughout the year.

The Power of Intention Setting

One of the most spiritually significant practices in January is intention setting. While New Year's resolutions are common, they often focus on external goals. However, intention setting goes deeper—it's about aligning with the energies you want to invite into your life.

Instead of focusing solely on material success or achievements, think about the kind of energy you want to embody this year. Do you want to cultivate more patience? Compassion? Courage? Setting spiritual intentions helps you stay grounded and connected to your inner purpose as you move through the year.

When you set an intention, you are essentially creating a roadmap for your spirit. You are saying to the universe, "This is what I am focusing on. This is where I want to grow." January is a powerful time to do this because it represents a threshold between the old and the new. Your intentions can help you cross this threshold with clarity and purpose.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Stay connected with Tyler & Sarah Kaminski via their Newsletter!

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SPECIAL DAYS IN JANUARY

Jan. 1

New Year's Day
First Foot Day
World Day of Peace

Jan 2

55-MPH Speed Limit Day
Happy Mew Year for Cats Day
National Buffet Day

Jan 3

Drinking Straw Day
Festival of Sleep Day

Dec 4

National Play Outside Day
Tom Thumb Day
Trivia Day
World Hypnotism Day

Jan. 5

National Bird Day
Monopoly Game Day
Twelfth Night
Whipped Cream Day

Jan. 6

Bean Day
I am A Mentor Day
National Shortbread Day
Three Kings Day
Divorce Monday

Jan. 7

Orthodox Christmas
National Bobblehead Day

Jan. 8

Bubble Bath Day
National English Toffee Day
Snuggle a Chicken Day

Jan. 9

Play God Day
Balloon Ascension Day

Jan. 10

Houseplant Appreciation Day
National Hockey Mom Day

Jan. 11

Girl Hug Boy Day
National Milk Day
Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day
National Vision Board Day

Jan. 12

Kiss A Ginger Day
National Hot Tea Day
National Sunday Supper Day

Jan. 13

Make Your Dream Come True Day
National Sticker Day
Rubber Ducky Day
National Clean Off Your Desk Day

Jan. 14

Dress Up Your Pet Day
International Kite Day
Organize Your Home Day

Jan. 15

National Bagel Day
National Hat Day
Thank Your Mentor Day
Humanitarian Day

Jan. 16

Appreciate A Dragon Day
Fig Newton Day
National Nothing Day

Jan. 17

Hat Day
Judgement Day
Popeye Day
National Tye Whiskey Day

Jan. 18

National Use Your Gift Card Day

Jan. 19

Bald Eagle Appreciation Days
National Popcorn Day
Tin Can Day
World Quark Day

Jan. 20

Blue Monday
National Cheese Lovers Day
National Day of Service
Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 21

International Sweatpants Day
National Hugging Day
National Hug Your Puppy Day

Jan. 22

Answer Your Cat's Questions Day:
Library Shelfie Day

Jan. 23

National Pie Day
Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day

Jan. 24

Beer Can Day
Belly Laugh Day
National Peanut Butter Day
Talk Like A Grizzled Prospector Day

Jan. 25

A Room of One's Own Day
Fruitcake Toss Day

Jan. 26

National Bible Sunday
National Peanut Brittle Day
Toad Hollow Day

Jan. 27

Thomas Crapper Day
Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

Jan. 28

National Kazoo Day
Rubber Ducky Day
National Gift of The Lady Bug Day
Fancy Rat & Mouse Day

Jan. 29

Curmudgeons Day
Freethinkers Day
National Puzzle Day

Jan. 30

Croissant Day

Jan. 31

Fun at Work Day
National Big Wig Day
National Toboggan Days
Street Children Day
Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

WEEK EVENTS

- Wk.1 Someday We'll Laugh About This Wk
Elvis' Birthday Celebration Wk
Wk 2 National Mocktail Wk
Wk 3 Week of Christian Unity
International Hoof-Care Wk
Sugar Awareness Wk
Wk. 4 National Cowboy Poetry Wk
Meat Wk
National Mentoring Wk

MONTHLY EVENTS

- National Hot Tea Month
International Brain Teaser Month
Book Blitz Month
National Cheesy Sock Month
Oatmeal Month
Walk Your Pet Month
Self-Love Month



From your little Library in the corner....

“...A faithful and powerful dramatization of the Gospel of John,” this movie has been adapted for the screen, word for word, based on the American Bible Society’s Good News Bible. It “meticulously recreates the era of Jesus during a tumultuous period that changed the course of history”. Stars Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus and narrated by Christopher Plummer, with a cast of over 2,500. From *The Gospel of John* (DVD). (Orange Dot)

“Just like Punchinello, we all want to fit in....To be accepted by the crowd. But at times that may mean we either have to look and act like others, or risk being rejected. Punchinello’s hard-earned lesson shows us how important it is to be who we were created to be, and why that matters.” From, *If I Only Had a Green Nose*”, by Max Lucado. (Yellow Dot)

“The Little Prince lived alone on a tiny planet no larger than a house. He possessed three volcanoes, two active and one extinct, although one never knows about volcanoes. He also owned a flower, unlike any flower in all the galaxy, of great beauty and of inordinate pride. It was this pride that ruined the serenity of the Little Prince’s world and started him on the travels that brought him at last to the Earth where he learned finally, from a fox, the secret of what is really important in life.” From *The Little Prince*, by Antoine deSaint-Exupery. (Yellow Dot)

Reading is
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Fun!

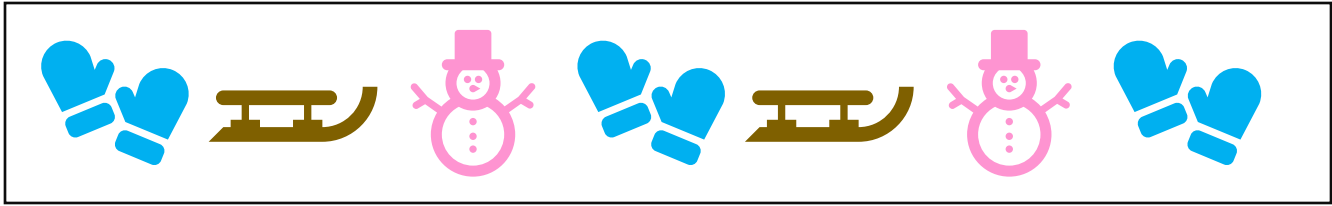


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9th Grace Dungan
16th Kelly Kettlewell
20th Will O'Connor
Ralph Kinsley
22nd Mcey Neaves
30th Kylee Barrett



9th Jim & Sue Weller

Dates to Remember



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| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10AM Worship with Holy Communion. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10 am Worship | 13 | 14 Session Mtg. 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg 6:00 pm | 15 | 16 Food Truck Valiant Ministries 12-2 p.m. | 17 | 18 |
| 19 10 am Worship | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10 am Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

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Celebration

Intelligence

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Leadership

Sacrament

Marriage

Purpose

Fellowship

Narrative

Pleasure

Service

Seniors

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Interest

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