

FINDING JOY IN THE NEW YEAR

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Jesus deals with items of great interest when facing a new year in the Sermon on the Mount [Matthew 5-7]. Jesus wanted these people to have a new life. How can we find joy in 2023?

GIVE GOD THE REINS

- ◇ Our joy is harmed by anxiety.
- ◇ The FIX (Matthew 6)
 - ◇ Pray (vss. 8-13)
 - ◇ Be Humble (vss. 1-7, 16-18)
 - ◇ Give up Materialism (vss. 19-24)
 - ◇ Don't Worry (vss. 25-32)
 - ◇ Have good Priorities (vss. 33-34)

GIVE UP BAD HABITS

- ◇ Harboring bitterness disables you (Matthew 6:14-15)
- ◇ Unforgiveness causes bitterness (Matthew 5:7; 6:12)

PRACTICE GOOD HABITS

- ◇ Swap bad habits w/ good habits, unlike the man w/evil spirits (Matt. 12:43-45)
- ◇ Fill your life with good things [Matthew 7]
 - ◇ Refuse being Judgmental (vss. 1-6)
 - ◇ Walk the Straight & Narrow (vss. 13-14)
 - ◇ Smell & Touch the Fruit (vss. 15-20)
 - ◇ Build on the Rock

Let us follow Jesus' formula in 2023

MINISTERS

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Josh Walker

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Larry Fisackerly
Joe Moore

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Marty Baker
Chris Bryant
Ray Linder
Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Joshua Pettigrew
Kerry Rice
Jeremy Wilson

Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

January 1, 2023

FORMULA FOR A SPIRITUALLY PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR

Mike Riley

The following is a biblical formula for having a spiritually productive New Year in [2023]:

"H"old fast to the faith (*1 Corinthians 16:13; cf. 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9*)

"A"ssemble for worship (*Hebrews 10:25; cf. Acts 2:42*)

"P"ray without ceasing (*1 Thessalonians 5:17; cf. Acts 12:5 KJV; Romans 1:9*)

"P"urify our heart (*James 4:8; cf. 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:2-3*)

"Y"ield not to temptation (*1 Corinthians 10:13*)

"N"eglect not doing good (*James 4:17; cf. Acts 10:38*)

"E"xemplify Christ (*1 Corinthians 11:1; Gal. 2:20*)

"W"ork in the vineyard (*John 15:1-8; cf. John 4:34-35; Acts 8:4-13; Acts 20:17-27; 1 Corinthians 15:58*)

"Y"ield ourselves first to God (*Matthew 6:33; cf. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 1 Timothy 1:15-16*)

"E"xercise unto godliness (*1 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV; Hebrews 5:14*)

"A"nswer to others (*1 Peter 3:15*)

"R"edeem the time (*Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 4:5*)

Brethren, If we will put the above biblically tested formula into practice, we will experience a spiritually productive New Year in 2011, doing the Lord's will! (Matthew 7:21).

Memory Verse

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Easley (Larry Fisackerly) passed away Tuesday, December 20th. The memorial and services are tentatively scheduled for Jan 3rd & 4th, respectively. Remember his family in your prayers.

Avery Smith broke her arm. Pray for her comfort.

Levi Davis passed away. Pray for this family during this time.

Revel Jackson (Lynn Burton's Nephew) is in the hospital with COVID.

Andrew Miller was in a car accident, and sustained some injuries that the doctors want to monitor closely.

Sherry Brown received some concerning news in regards to her heart.

Pauline McCloud had a valve repaired and may need a pacemaker.

Remember **Tony & Judy Beard** in your prayers.

Luke Baker fell and broke his wrist.

Ashton Howell (coworker of **Sarah (Staudinger) Parker**) has been diagnosed with glioma (type of brain tumor).

Carolyn Cook had a heart catheter put in on December 1st, and is recovering, and doing well.

Neil Wilson was involved in an accident involving his brain. There is a long road ahead, but he is showing some positive signs of recovery.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Ladies' Bible Class - Wednesday @ 10 am
- Ladies' Day Meeting - Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

Benita Forrest has improved and is thankful for the prayers. Continue to keep her and those she cares for in your prayers.

Kathryn Burton (sister of **Gary Crook**) has a brain bleed. Remember her in your prayers.

Continue to remember **Linda Bates** in your prayers and that answers and resolutions can be discovered.

Paula Wilson is recovering from surgery.

John Jeter is still going through chemo, but he is very appreciative of the cards that have been sent. They put him in good spirits.

James Baucom (Faye Baker's brother) had a stroke.

Candace Carter is still undergoing treatments and is having a procedure on some of her vertebrae.

Winnie Roberts is in need of prayers.

SPECIAL HONOR

As of Today the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade Class has written and mailed 600 cards to the sick and shut-ins for 2022. This is a wonderful accomplishment that required a lot of work, and has brought joy and comfort to many. These children have been a blessing to us and others. Be sure to let them know you appreciate their work!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January	2	Rita Stiles
	3	Josh Baker
		Eloise Cargile
	14	Colton & Jennifer Knight
	15	Barbara Newton
		Sarah Pennington
		John Mark Perry
	16	Roger & Margaret Harris
	18	Daniel Tolbert
		Jennifer Knight
		Michelle Bailey
	19	John Ashcraft
		Donnie Wright
	21	Beau Beard
		Larry & Shirley Fisackerly

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

01	Genesis 1-3
02	Genesis 4-7
03	Genesis 8-11
04	Job 1-5
05	Job 6-9
06	Job 10-13
07	Job 14-16



WEVILS FOR CHRIST

There are still a few spots needed to be filled to feed the UAM Women's Basketball Team on January 3rd. If you can help, the sign up sheet is in the foyer.

LADIES' DAY MEETING

Karli Walker would like to meet with any lady that would like to help with the Ladies' Day after the devotional on January, 4th (Wednesday).

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH CLASS

This class will not meet on the evening of January 1st.

LADIE'S BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Bible class will resume on January 4, 2023.

ANY CALENDAR/BULLETIN ADDITIONS, UPDATES, OR FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:

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Attendance

Bible Class	53
Sunday AM Worship.....	84
Sunday PM Worship	36
Wed. Evening	30
Contribution	\$N/A

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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Jan 01	Angela Stewart
Jan 08	Angela Stewart
Jan 15	Mandy Tolbert
Jan 22	Mandy Tolbert

Ladies' January Duties

Cards: TBA
Food: TBA