



Truth for Today

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A NEW YEAR

by Don Hooton

We are almost there! Lord willing, 2020 will be behind us soon and 2021 will be the year when we get to really see with 20/20 clarity a new vision for our future! Amen?

It is a year full of possibility and opportunity: While it still has the same 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8760 hours, 525,600 minutes and 31,536,000 seconds, they are NEW with a future. What will you do with all this time?

Many of us make resolutions – and for good reason. A resolution is defined as “a course of action decided upon; a fixed purpose.” And we all resolve to do different things: Lose weight, Exercise more, Save a little more. Or, we make personal changes to be a better person by dispensing with old bad habits and begin some new, good ones.

Researchers tell us that about a third of Americans make New Year’s resolutions. And I think we all know how many will break your resolutions? If it’s any consolation, that’s also traditional. The experts tell us that most people’s good intentions don’t last more than a few weeks. And so, by February, everything is pretty much back to normal; that initial surge of enthusiasm and will power is often only a fading memory. At best, maybe 10%, we are told, succeed over the long haul. And so we are all in, I suspect, the majority.

Yet, we still need to plan. Auguste Nélaton, a French surgeon, once said that if he had four minutes to perform a life-dependent surgery, all he would need is one minute to plan. So as we begin the new year, if we have 525,600 minutes, we obviously have lots of planning time. God planned His work and worked His plan. He dreamed a dream and planned a plan – the plan of our redemption in His Son. It was conceived in eternity (Ephesians 1:1) and executed over some 4000 plus years. But God **did it**.

In James 4:13-17, James says, “You say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. . . . You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, “ If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.”

it's going to be

NEW!

*what the Bible says
about the new things
God has ahead for you.*

Sunday Sermon Series for 2021

Invite your friends to join us in-person or live-stream.

There is no harm in planning. The fault that James finds is when people make their plans and leave God out of the planning. James’ warning is against the arrogant, autonomous attitudes that often characterize the New Year’s resolutions so often made and so often abandoned. In verse 16, he says, “*But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.*”

So let’s get with the plan—a God Plan—for making 2021 NEW. Make what God has planned NEW for each of us to be the things we orient our every day about. And, join us for the Sunday Sermon Series we will begin in January that will be all about putting to the forefront of the year everything the Bible says about things NEW.

Please understand. There are many of us who are going to resolve to eat healthier, to spend thriftier and to live happier. Yet, as Christians, shouldn’t we refocus our primary attention to our soul—and not merely on our waistline, our savings accounts and our blood pressure? Our plans reveal much about you and about your relationship with God. So join with me and make 2021 even more about:

1. Prioritizing Jesus Christ;
2. Prioritizing your family;
3. Prioritizing your family in Christ.

These three things we know God wants us to work at, don’t we? And down deep in everyone’s heart we know – we want to. So don’t wait in 2021, put His Will First.

NEWS & NOTES

UPDATED PRAYER LIST

- **Congratulations to Kaymesia and Kaku Barkoh!** Nyameke Henry Barkoh made his appearance on Thursday night. Both are home and well.
- **Paula Dobbs'** tests showed her heart functions well but not carrying enough oxygen to the blood. Future med changes and doctor visits to pursue a solution.
- **Harvey Goble** had an outpatient procedure to remove a skin cancer last Tuesday.
- **Imogene Hodges** will have an Echocardiogram and Ultrasound on January 4th.
- **Bill Hooton** was admitted to Conroe Regional Hospital Saturday. He is in Rm 408. No visitors because of COVID restrictions.
- **Cecelia Neel** is having substantive oral procedures to resolve infections in her bone.
- **Lori Alexander's** dad is recovering from surgery last week to place two stints for his heart. Also, pray for her sister who has early onset of Alzheimers.
- Longtime friends of **Lester Cockrell**, Emmitt & Marylou Taylor, along with their son's family all have covid. Emmitt has had surgery due to a fall and is now in skilled nursing unit.
- **Karen Dargan's** mother, Vera Thompson, passed away and funeral arrangements were last Wednesday. You can view the obituary at <https://www.brownandsonsfuneral.com/obituary/vera-thompson>
- **Tricia Davis'** mother, Patsy, has not been well for the last week.
- **Dwight Osteen's** mother was diagnosed with stage 1 cancer. She is scheduled for surgery in January.
- Because of the holidays, several will be travelling so pray for their safety on the road and for their wellness.

IN-PERSON SCHEDULE (*Seating is based on pew capacities to maintain safe seating distances. Please follow recommended wearing of face masks, especially when singing. Overflow seating for worship is in classroom 5 and 9).*

- **SUNDAY**
 - BIBLE CLASSES, 9:00 AM. | For All Ages.
 - WORSHIP, 10:00 AM.
- **TUESDAY**
 - ADULT BIBLE CLASS, 10:30 AM
- **WEDNESDAY**
 - BIBLE CLASSES, 7:00 PM. | For All Ages.

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE

- ALL inperson events are LiveStreamed at the time of the scheduled event and will be replayable on our YouTube Channel.
- Woodlandschurchofchrist.org/live-stream

MEETINGS, EVENTS, SINGINGS & STUDIES

- 2:52 Kids Class [2-12] | TBA.
- TEEN HOME DEVO [12-18] | TBA .
- YOUNG ADULTS HOME STUDY | TBA.
- ADULTS HOME STUDY [30/40] | TBA.
- DEACON'S MEETING | Sun., 1/3. 3:00 pm
- BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES | 1/3, 4:00 pm
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | Sun., 1/10, after morning worship.
- AREA-WIDE SINGING | Sat., 3/6
- GOSPEL MEETING with Ed Brand | 3/28-31
- VBS | 6/22-25* (*Tue-Fri)
- YOUTH LECTURES with Caleb Churchill & Andy Harrison | 8/7-8
- GOSPEL MEETING with Mike Wilson | 9/26-29
- WOMEN'S DAY BIBLE STUDY | 10/9
- MEN'S DAY BIBLE STUDY | 11/6

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS** See the Monthly Assignments and let Barrett Blankenship know if you cannot fulfill an assignment.
- **Willing to TEACH?** We now need teachers for Spring quarter. **Please contact Brian Clark if you are willing to teach.**
- **WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE?** See Leo Betancourt.
- **HOSPITALITY?** Maureen Chegin and Cecelia Neel will coordinate food for members who need assistance during an extended recovery period after surgery or for the family at a funeral.
- The **FLOWER FUND** is in need of donations. Please see Stacie Bohanan if you are able to contribute to this that provides flowers for funerals of the immediate family of members.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

- Contact Brian with updates or if you need a PDF of the directory.
- We are glad to welcome a new couple to our family: **Beau and Jasmine Frisby**. Look for their info in the enews.
- To care for their parents, the **Dargan's** will be moving to Florida effectively in January when they close on their house. Their new address will be in the enews.

Attendance	InPerson Average Last-Month	Virtual Average Last-Month	InPerson Last Week	Virtual Views Last Week
Sunday Classes	n/a	n/a	60	15
Sunday Worship	77	52	94	54
Tuesday Adult Class	11	7	6	17
Wednesday Classes	39	20		

SUNDAYS	10:00 AM - 12/27	10:00 AM - 1/3	CONTACT INFORMATION
Foyer 1-Welcome	Dwight Haas	Nathan Shows	<i>Elders</i>
Foyer 2-Ushering	Adam Bohanan	Ross Randow	Keith Arrants 936.499.2812
SongLeading	Jonathan Chandler	Alan Stilts	George Chapman 832.764.2151
1 st Prayer	Harvey Goble	Gerald Hodges	Norman Davis 832.326.2966
Scripture	Josh Suarez	Carson French	Don Hooton 936.443.6230
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:36-47	Eph 4:17-24	<i>Deacons</i>
Communion_Lead	Troy French	Mickey Chandler	Adam Bohanan 281.798.1093
Preaching	Mickey Chandler	Don Hooton	Brian Clark 281.513.0706
2 nd Prayer	Gary LeBlanc	Brian Clark	Gary LeBlanc 281.292.0262
Announcements	Norman Davis	Don Hooton	Craig Preuss 832.477.0578
Sanitize-Bathrooms After	Hootons	Arrants	<i>Evangelists</i>
Sanitize-Pews After	Shewmake	Suarez	Don Hooton 936.443.6230
Building Open/Lockup	Davis	Hooton	<i>Website</i>
Sound 1	Chris Latson	Chris Latson	www.woodlandschurchofchrist.org
Communion Prep	G&L Chapman	G&L Chapman	<i>Office Phone</i>
Counting Contribution	Norman Davis	Keith Arrants	281.367.2099
WEDNESDAYS	7:00 PM - 12/30	7:00 PM - 1/6	<i>Church Email</i>
SongLeading	Adam Bohanan	Dwight Haas	woodlandschurchofchrist@gmail.com
Invitation/Talk	Dwight Haas	Barrett Blankenship	
Prayer	Craig Preuss	Clint Ford	
Announcements	Don Hooton	George Chapman	