

*Sunday, January 13, 2008*  
*Making Good Use of a New Year*  
*by Mark Lance*

With the coming in of a new year it always brings excitement. It gives us the chance to start afresh. When we serve the Lord there will be refreshing: **"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord"** (Acts 3:19). Let's look at some ways we can make good use of 2008.

**I. TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED**

We should be respectful of all people: **"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets"** (Matt. 7:12). We do not want others to talk down to us or belittle us, therefore we must not treat people this way ourselves. Even if people do treat us in a manner that is not right we should not strike back by acting the same way: **"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you"** (Lk 6:26-28).

It is not unusual to find those that get upset when people treat them the same way that they treat everybody else. How we conduct ourselves toward our neighbors, co-workers, children and spouses does matter. We should think of what Jesus did for us when we were certainly undeserving: **"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all"** (Isa. 53:3-6).

**II. LOOK AT THE THINGS YOU NEED TO CHANGE**

We do not really have all that much trouble seeing everyone else's shortcomings, but sometimes we fail to do very much looking at ourselves. We are commanded to look inward: **"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he rejoiceth in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden"** (Gal. 6:3-5).

Though the eyes of some everyone else is wrong about everything, except them. We must realize that every single one of us has those things we need to grow stronger in. We will only grow stronger in the faith when we search the scriptures and diligently apply them to our own lives.

### III. WE MUST DO GOD'S WILL AND NOT OUR OWN

Man generally doesn't want anyone else telling them what to do or how to do it. Notice: "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done" (Matt. 26:42). Jesus put the will of the Father above anything else. We must do likewise if we are going to be pleasing to God.

Think of how much stronger the church would be if all the members put God first in all things. Think how much stronger the home would be if we put God first in all things. May we all strive in this new year to set a higher standard of dedication to our heavenly Father. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

*Ladies' Enrichment Day*  
*Saturday, March 8, 2008*

*9 am - 1 pm*

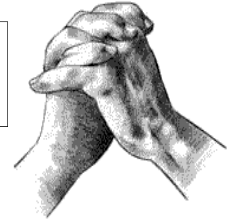
*"Recipes For Life"*

*by Sheila Butt*

*from the*

*Anderson Bend church of Christ*  
*Hickman County, TN*

## ***Prayer List***



Azzlene Markum

**Mary Jo Lance**

Malcolm Vasquez

**Marlene Vazquez**

Muriel Jones

Gus Gonzales

Rita Lopiccolo

Elizabeth Smith

Judy Hennessee

**Audrey Clements**

**Oscar Wooten**

**Joe Riley**

Maggie Fletcher

Bill Burchett

Buck Hall

Oliver Williams

family

Darleen Roussell

Kayla Smith

Valerie Batiste

Lee Watts

Betty Grisham

**Rhonda Jones**

Carl Lindsey

Charlie deSambourg

**Sherry Towle**

Katherine Grant

**Heather Parker**

**Claudia Smith**

\*All of our brethren scattered across the United States

\* Our men and women who are serving in the military:

- Mick Harrison (We are thankful for his safe return)
- Ryan Neal

## **Favorite Recipes Needed**

We will be creating a book to give to our guests at Ladies' Enrichment Day. We are in need of our favorite recipes to include in this book. PLEASE TURN IN ALL RECIPES NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH. Recipes can be given to Tina Lance.

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 14 - Men's Business Meeting**

**January 20 - Sunday Night Singing Service and Pot Luck Dinner**

**January 25 - Ladies' Game Night**

**February 8 - Ladies' Night Out at China Doll**

**February 11 - Men's Business Meeting**

**February 17 - Sunday Night Singing Service and Pot Luck Dinner**

**February 29 - Ladies' Game Night**

**March 8 - Ladies Day with Shelia Butt**

**May 1-4 Gospel Meeting with Gary Colley**



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**Services of The Church**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am  
AM Worship 10:00 am  
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**Wednesday**

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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