

Ceresco Messenger ~ January 2018

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Happy New Year Church family! It has been good year growing closer to our Savior Jesus Christ, and with each of you here at Ceresco Baptist. I have grown closer to God this past year and trust you have as well.

This has been a tough year for our country and communities. With much division among many. However, I have hope. I place my trust and faith in Jesus Christ. Sometimes it seems that we can't see any hope in our future. But let me remind us, faith is in things not always seen. But rather faith is completely in that Jesus is for us.

I believe faith is the core of of our hearts. That our God is pleased in our faith in His Son Jesus. I'm reminded of God's word found in James 2:26 (As the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.) I think faith is much, but faith in action is life as a disciple. Faith in action is how we let our little light shine. It's how we lead others to Jesus.

This year's verse for our focus is found in Hebrews 12:1: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Precious Church family, I will do all that I can with God's help to throw off the things that hinder myself. Will you come along this year and ask God to lighten your load with His help?

Our strength comes in unity with God. There is much that needs to be accomplished for God's Church and Kingdom on earth. May we persevere and be led by the Holy Spirit the race marked out for Ceresco Baptist Church.

May God's hand guide us! ~ Pastor Gary Schooler.



5 Ways to Get Close to God in the New Year

1. Meet with God each day before anyone else.
2. Get into God's Word every day.
3. Participate in a weekly small group Bible study.
4. Record your blessings and answered prayers
5. Pick a Bible verse to learn for the year.

Hebrews 12:1 New International Version ~ Verse for 2018

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January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 Deacon Meeting 6 pm	4	5	6 10 am, take down all Christmas decorations, soup lunch
7 Communion Sunday	8 Boy Scouts 7 pm	9	10 Martha Circle 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14	15 Boy Scouts 7 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Boy Scouts 7 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28 Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	29 Boy Scouts 7 pm	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>Flower Schedule</u></p> <p>Jan 7th - Sommers Jan 14th - Halder Jan 21st - OPEN Jan 28th - OPEN</p> </div>		

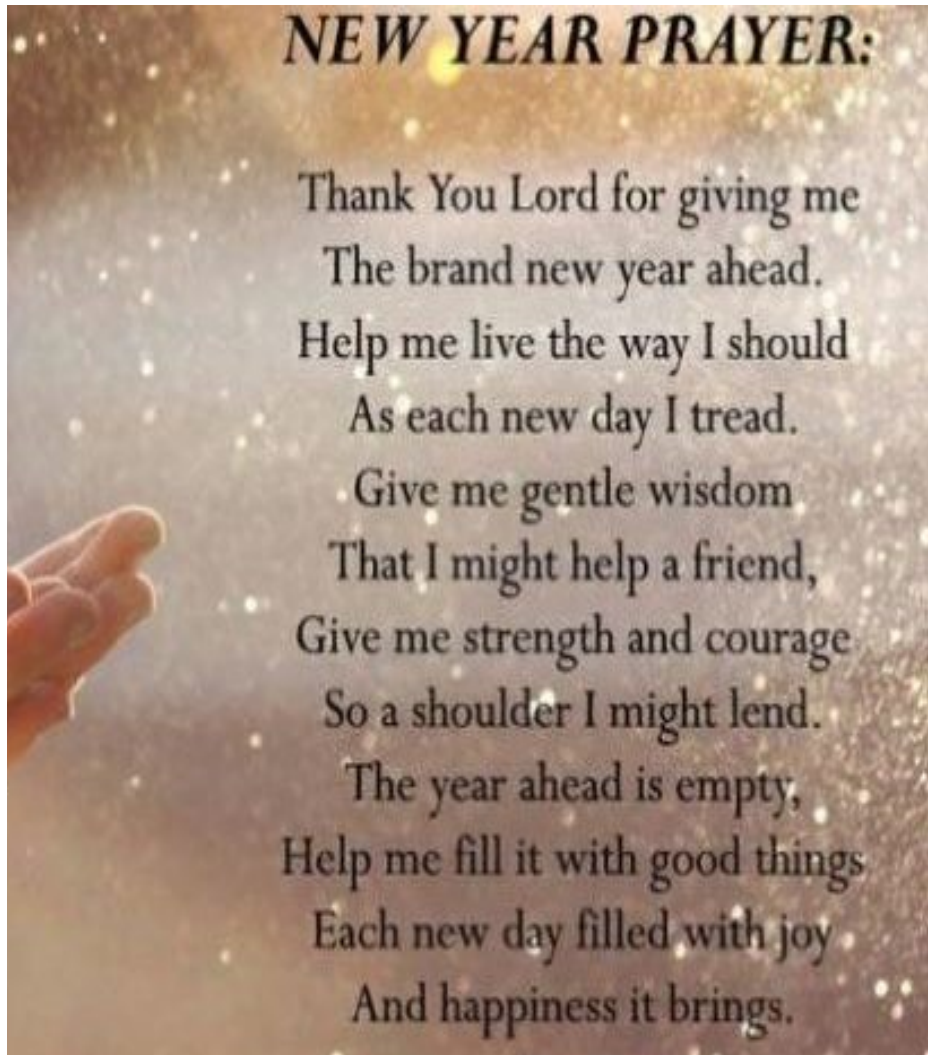


- Feb 4 Nicole Thomas
- Feb 5 Nadine Coats
- Feb 9 Chris Sorell
- Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
- Feb 18 Glen Cary
- Feb 23 Hailey Latshaw
- Feb 25 Kelcie Collins
- Feb 26 Gretchen King



January 2nd
John & Ruth Paschen

- Jan 2 Alexandria Hamaker
- Jan 4 Avery Goodman
- Jan 4 Elise Kidder
- Jan 5 Kathryn Straub
- Jan 7 Olivia Gary
- Jan 11 Richard Schlee
- Jan 13 Bob Beltz
- Jan 13 Amelia Davis
- Jan 18 Christin Berry
- Jan 18 Brian Gary
- Jan 19 Jean Clark
- Jan 20 Gary Schooler
- Jan 23 Paul Mead
- Jan 24 Chelsea Kilbourn
- Jan 25 Emily Ivey
- Jan 25 Bryan Davis
- Jan 28 Harlynn Casey
- Jan 28 Diane Burrows
- Jan 29 Ava Marni Bene
- Jan 31 Bailey Davis



A NEW YEAR'S POEM FOR CHRISTIANS

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
 Consider committing to a biblical solution
 Your promises are easily broken
 Empty words, though earnestly spoken
 But God's Word transforms the soul
 By His Holy Spirit making you whole
 As you spend time alone with Him
 He will change you from within

-- Mary Fairchild

*Therefore, since we are surrounded
 by so great a cloud of witnesses, let
 us also lay aside every weight, and
 sin which clings so closely, and let us*

run with endurance
the race that is set before us.

HEBREWS 12:1



10 Spiritual Goals for the New Year

1. Live like you're loved and liked by God. (Romans 8:35, 38-39)
2. Act like you're truly free. (Galations 5:1)
3. Walk like you're righteous. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Thrive like you're chosen. (1 Peter 2:9)
5. Step forward confidently like you're victorious. (1 Corinthians 15:57)
6. Endure like you're brave and strong. (Joshua 1:9)
7. Rest like your power Source is infinite. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
8. Function like you're purposely designed. (Psalm 139:14)
9. Stand like your faith is unshakeable. (1 Corinthians 16:13)
10. Believe like you belong to the God Who makes all things possible! (Matthew 19:26)

For additional information on these, go online to:

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/10-spiritual-goals-for-the-new-year.html>



FIVE WAYS TO DRAW YOUR LITTLE ONE CLOSER TO GOD

1. Pray - for yourself.
2. Pray with your children.
3. Hide God's Word in their hearts.
4. Make Bible stories come to life.
5. Demonstrate small acts of kindness every day.

Go to <http://momlifetoday.com/2012/02/five-ways-to-draw-your-little-one-closer-to-god/> for more information!

Word Search

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Congregation

God

Hebrews

Holy Bible

Holy Spirit

Jesus

Offering

Pastor

Praise

Prayer

Respect

Sanctuary

Sunday School

Worship

Church

A few weeks ago at "Children's Time", we discussed snowflakes and how God gave each one their own design, and God gave each of us our own design even though there are many of us. They were given a snowflake with (1) verse on it and were asked to put a second verse on it. This is what we have.

VERSE ONE

SNOWFLAKES THAT FALL
FROM THE SKY,
EACH ONE IS DIFFERENT
LIKE YOU AND I.

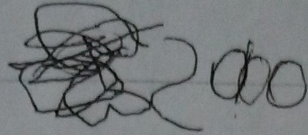
NATHAN
← MARKOS

VERSE TWO

Even though we're
different, we know that
we're the same. Only
through trial and
error, we know
God's not to blame.

Nathan Markos age 11

that's not
how I write ones



VERSE ONE

SNOWFLAKES THAT FALL
FROM THE SKY
EACH ONE IS DIFFERENT
LIKE YOU AND I

← HARLYNN
CASEY

VERSE TWO

EVER THOUGH
WE ARE ALL
DIFFERENT WE
DRIP SPECIAL
IN OUR OWN
WAY

HARLYNN

VERSE ONE

SNOWFLAKES THAT FALL
FROM THE SKY
EACH ONE IS DIFFERENT
LIKE YOU AND I

← PASTOR GARY

VERSE TWO

AND JESUS LOVES US,
AS JUST WHO WE ARE.

PASTOR GARY

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Happy
NEW YEAR

Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for
this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18