## **Those Privileged to Serve**

Dec 31st- MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M. B Richardson, M. Wages

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: Ray Pack Read Scripture: Carleton Kidder Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper Sermon: Freeman Kidder Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

**Communion:** K. Ross, A. Vaughn, H. Davis E. Anderson, T. Williams, C. Richardson

Greet: Tommy & Clara Williams

## **Dec 31st - EVENING WORSHIP**

Lead Singing: John Smith Opening Prayer: Darrell Cunningham Sermon: Jeff Lewis Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

> **Communion:** J. Venable, F. Kidder

### Jan 3rd - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper Devotional: Ken Ross Closing Prayer: Jeff Lewis

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South Jackson Church of Christ 845 Hwy 18 Medon, TN 38356 www. southjacksonchurchofchrist.org (731) 424-9721 Jan 7th- MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Announcements: Jeff Lewis

Lead Singing: John Smith Read Scripture: Costel Gimphu Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson

**Communion:** D. Cunningham, G. Phifer, A. Vaughn M. Thomas, P. Hatcher, B. Landers

Greet: Panda & Nijerika Green

## Jan 7th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages Opening Prayer: Joe Venable Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Jeff Lewis

**Communion:** M. Thomas, W. Ferguson

## Jan 10th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder Devotional: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Darrell Cunningham

## Weekly Record

6 AM Worship Sun. Morning Bible Study Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Wed. Bible Study Contribution	\$	20 79 126 69 55 3360
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# Suggestions for a New Year Robert Notgrass

As we think about this New Year, there are things that we need to remember to have a good year. The decisions and choices we make will determine the kind of year we can have. Therefore, let's notice some suggestions that will help us to have a good year.

**Apologize when we do wrong**. The three words, "I am sorry" are difficult to say for those filled with pride. If you would, think of the relationships, homes and even congregations that have been destroyed because one who has committed sin, will not humble himself to repent (Matt. 5:23-24, 18:15-17; Lk. 17:3-4).

Accept good advice. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly. . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord" (Psa. 1:1-2). "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise: (Prov. 12:15). Now, certainly we must be able to distinguish between foolish and wise counsel.

**Avoid conforming to the world**. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed . . ." (Rom. 12:2). We must all come to terms that the world is out to mold and shape us into that which the Lord does not want. Thus, when on begins to "love" the world and "live" like the world, we are unable to have a "good year" spiritually (1 Jn. 2:15-17).

Act only after thinking. Some of the greatest problems we have in this life have been brought upon ourselves because we forgot to stop and think before we acted or spoke. Therefore, we need to "taste" our words and "weigh" the consequences of our actions before we speak and react (Phil. 4:8; Eph. 4:29; Gal. 5:19-21).

Adhere to the Word of God. God has given us, through His Word, that which we need in this life (2 Pet. 1:3). Hence, it is the Scriptures that provide and is profitable for our spiritual well-being (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Therefore, as we apply the Word of God to our lives, we are providing the means by which we can have a "good year" and ultimately a home in Heaven.

**Appreciate God**. Without God in our lives it is impossible to have a "good year" as He desires and demands. Thus, if we do appreciate and reverence God as we should, then it will be seen in our life (Eccl. 12:13)

# New Year's Resolutions Aaron Veyon

"I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your laws" (Psalm 119:30).

The term "resolution" (as we often think of it) basically means "firm determination to take a course of action." With each new year people all around the nation make their new year's resolutions. With some it is to quit smoking; with others its to go on a diet or to get more exercise (etc.). Though intentions are usually very good, for many it seems that their determination loses steam in just a short while.

The same kind of frustration can be seen in our spiritual lives. It's not good enough to just talk the talk, we must also walk the walk. There is little good in making noble plans if we will not put those plans into action and see them through.

God (our most perfect example) says of Himself, "...Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:11). Let me encourage you to follow God's example. And let us not only resolve to do the Lord's will, let us actually do it.

# Sunday Sermons

AM - December 31, 2017 - Freeman Kidder - Matthew 22:37-40 PM - The Focus of Our Faith - Jeff Lewis - 1 John 5:4

# **Congregational News and Notes**

# **Prayer Requested**

## Members

Harold and Doris Davis, Ron and Nadine McDonald, James Eddleman, Rachel Epperson, Ted Lingren, Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder, Iva Hopper, Roberta Donaldson, Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse, Margie Montgomery, Tom Crow, Margie Whitehead, Helen Avent, Louise Buck, Gwen Smith, Jorita Richardson, Barbara Ray, Jerry Crabb, Jeanette Morris, Mary Bolen, Shirley Puckett, Gaylon & Betty Cooper,

# Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd, Al Stewart, Ruth Cox, Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle, Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love, Bethany Tims, Nancy Anderson, Bill and Gladys Gowan, Loretta Stanfill, John Sawyer, Jerry Yarbrough, Rick Barnett, Jere Jennings, Diane Hubbard

# Cards to Send

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# Happenings South Jackson

1/7/2018

Forrest Cove Devotional at 2:30

## 2/4

Mel Futrell will be speaking at our evening service

## 2/4-2/8

Freed Hardeman Lectureship

2/18-2/22

Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies Lectureship

Ray will be speaking on Wednesday at 1:30 PM

# **Pantry Item**

Peanut Butter

