



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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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 one 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)

# *Congregational News & Notes*

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris  
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,  
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,  
Teriyaki Anderson,  
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,  
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,  
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,  
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,  
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,  
Danny Darnaby

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,  
Caraline Rogers  
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,  
Jane Washington, Betty Green

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Things I Want to Give  
Myself in the New Year  
Matthew 6:25-33  
  
PM - HOTF - Amazing Grace  
Titus 3:4-7

### **Happenings**

#### **South Jackson**

Men's Business Meeting  
January 18th following  
AM Services

Areawide Singing  
January 30th  
Henderson Church of Christ

#### **Freed Hardeman Lectureship February 1-5**

### **Cards to Send**

Lisa Dukes  
36 trookfield Drive  
Oakfield, TN 38362

Troyce and Leslie Taylor  
80 Fawn Ridge Road  
Jackson, TN 38305

### **Weekly Record**

Bible Class	48/4
AM Worship	83/15
PM Worship	41/0
Wed Bible Study	42/10
Contribution	2712
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Jan 4 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith  
Read Scripture:  
Cosrel Ghimpu  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove  
Communion: Joe Venable  
Contribution:  
Paul Hatcher

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paaul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Greg Long  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Ron Clouse  
Communion: Joe Venable

## Jan 7 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Devo - Jerry Butcher

## Jan 11 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Read Scripture:  
Jeff Bliss  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson  
Communion: Greg Long  
Contribution:  
Louie LeRoux

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paaul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Colton Brown  
Communion: Greg Long

## Jan 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Marion Thomas  
Devo - Mike Wages

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## Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM