



*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, a new creation appears! The old slips away. Look! The new has arrived!." - 2 Corinthians 5: 17-18 (Danforth Translation)*

The New Year is upon us and there's just something magical about the turning of the calendar. New possibilities await as the glowing ball slowly drops in New York's Times Square! We desire to be healthier, happier, and more purposeful in building a lifestyle that truly makes a positive difference for ourselves and others.

Lofty goals! Yet, we too often fail to reach them.



We need a new world view, that is, a whole new way to see how Reality works (and our place in it). This requires us to learn how to be "in Christ", a phrase the Apostle Paul uses quite often. So how do we do

this? I believe Paul might say something like "Begin with a commitment to never live life alone again. Choose every moment to live life hungry for the presence of God for guidance, hope, forgiveness, provision, strength, and peace. Let His Love be your lead!"

So before you choose your various resolutions for the New Year, I invite you to choose Christ first. Then watch your world change!

Happy New Year!

*Scott*

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Wednesday online Bible Discussion** begins the Book of Romans Jan. 8, 10-11 am. Shoot us an email, if interested.
- **SOUP SUPPER!** Join the party at the Greg & Nancy's house on Friday, **Jan. 24**, 6 pm (39864 S. Cream City Point, Cell - 906-430-8254). Bring a friend and a soup to share!
- **WINTER FUNDS APPEAL** ❤️: *Please prayerfully consider a special donation to help us through the financially lean winter months. Your Special Gift is very*

*much appreciated! THANK YOU for investing in Jesus' GOOD NEWS!*

- **STAY CONNECTED** during our long winter season by clicking on the "Connect" tab of our [webpage!](#)



Our **fourth quarter** missions focus has been reaching out **internationally**, emphasizing our outreach to the rural

poor in **Romania**. This is a multi-faceted ministry that is best described recently by Shirley and Gerry Hollister, Sunday, Nov. 17 (Catch their awesome stories on our FB post for that day). *Please stay tuned for our **first quarter** missions focus!*

Several churches in the Drummond Community got together and had a Shoe Box Packing Party for **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child 2024**. 37 boxes were filled and taken to The Baptist Church in Saint Ignace for further distribution.

We would like to get an early start on next year. Anyone who would like to buy items for Shoe Boxes can do so and drop them off at Lighthouse Church, Tuesdays mornings and Thursday afternoons or on Sunday. Items such as- Personal items- things for school and small toys. { No Liquids } Starting now so you can buy things when you see a sale! We will store these items and when it comes time for The Shoe Boxes in 2025 we will have a boxing party and fill as many Shoe Boxes as we can. Thank You. Any questions contact Sue Tyler at 906-493-6283 or Kerry Deal at 906-430-7486.

*"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*  
[Joshua 1:9](#)

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a

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hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago.

As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement.



A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this

year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones?

The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" ([Matthew 28:20](#)). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

*Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of a new year and for your promise to stay with us. We ask for your guidance and wisdom each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## **Pearls of Wisdom**      "Who I am in Christ"

I am mighty in the Lord's armor!  
See *Ephesians 6:10*      ♥ Ruth Wise

## January Birthdays

- 1      Patty Martin
- 25.    Mark Wenger
- 26.    Diane Grefer

## January Anniversaries

- 1      Bob & Chris Muter

*(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)*

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