



The Caller

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A new year is now a reality. As the congregation here begins this year a good question for each of us to ask ourselves is "What does God want from me?"

People have always needed to know what God wants from them. It is true that He has revealed the answer to the question through His Word. However, there are those who have attempted to live life on their own terms and the reality of what God wants gets lost in the darkness of their wisdom. Allow me to share five things that scripture suggests God wants from us.

First, God wants our attention. People tend to forget about God and his love. In Deuteronomy 8:11-14, the scripture says "*Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God...*" Moses goes on to say not to forget God by not keeping the commandments, judgments and statutes that have been given. We need to listen to God and know that He wants us to pay attention to His Word.

Second, God wants our love. I have often wondered why God desires my love. I am not alone in this wondering. David writes in Psalm 8:3-5 asking this same question. In the middle of the passage he asked the question "*What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*" Yet Jesus in Matthew 22:37 says that we should love the Lord thy God with all our heart, soul and mind. God desires our love because He first loved us.

Third, God wants our obedience. Certainly we all realize this desire grows from our love towards Him. Obedience without love is meaningless and empty. I understand that He commands sacrifices and offerings, but He desires commitment and conviction to go along with these things. By being obedient to His word through faith, repentance, confession and being baptized we express our love and devotion to Him.

Fourth, God wants your life. We must be willing to submit our lives to Him every minute of every hour and every hour of every day. Living the Christian life is not just a Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night thing. Living the Christian life is not like a light switch to be turned off and on. It must always be on. Romans 6:22 expresses the idea of becoming a servant because we are made free from sin.

Fifth, God wants our company. He desires that we all be saved to live with Him eternally. Once again this is amazing to me. Why does God want me to be in heaven for eternity? He wants us there because He created us and gave His son for our sins. What a great day it will be when our Savior we will see.

Where are you in giving God what He wants? Let's all strive to make 2008 the best year of service to our Heavenly Father.

Tract of the Week

Each week over the course of 2008 plans are to feature a tract that you can take and give to someone you know. These tracts will cover a variety of subjects. Some will be geared for our young people and others will be for everyone. If you have tracts at home and would like them to be featured, give a copy to Ray. He will check the availability; and if they are still in print, he will order them. The tracts will be placed in the tract rack in the main lobby of the building, and 30 copies of each tract will be available during the week of the review.

My Preacher Says

In this tract the writer deals with the many statements people say to us as we try to teach the truth of God's Word. These statements are typically preceded by the words "*My Preacher says...*" While preachers are seen as ones who know what the scriptures teach; at times, however, they interject their own feelings about some subjects. This tract encourages one not to take every word a preacher speaks as fact, but to study the scriptures for himself/herself and see if the words of the preacher are in accordance with the teachings of the Bible. Pick up your copy today and see for yourself if what the preacher says is true or false.



As I was driving through town this morning I saw a message on a sign that was very interesting. It said:

"Another year older
Another year wiser
1 out of 2 isn't bad"

The choice of which one seemed obvious to me, but I began to think about the latter of the two statements. I hope and pray as we go through life that we become wiser as we become older. Hopefully, we learn from the mistakes of the past and move forward. Especially in the spiritual realm.

I look forward to seeing you in Bible study and worship on Sunday.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *A Missed Opportunity*
2 Kings 13:14-19

P.M. - *The Anchor of the Soul*
Hebrews 6:1-6

2008: I Am Resolved

The words are often sung: "I am resolved no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delight; things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have allured my sight." Webster says that one who resolves to do something is one who "reaches a firm decision."

Christians are resolved people; each day they firmly decide not to let Satan deceive them with sin. With a new year fast approaching, the Lord willing that the world continue to stand to see that new year begin (James 4:13-15), it seems to be a great time for each Christian to reevaluate and rededicate his or her life to the Lord.

Resolve to **ATTEND** each worship service and opportunity for spiritual growth. Christians look forward to times of assembly with the saints, whether they be to worship God (Acts 20:7; John 4:24) or to study the Bible together (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18). Assemblies with the saints are times that faithful Christians do not miss!

Resolve to **CONTEND** for the faith! To contend is to maintain or assert. In Jude 3, Christians are admonished to "earnestly contend for the faith."

Resolve to **DEFEND** the truth! The truth is plainly revealed to men (John 17:17). The freedom that comes only from the truth of the Bible is available to all (John 8:32; Titus 2:11-12). Opposition to the truth is plainly identified (Matt. 7:15-20; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Tim 4:3-5). We are not to be caught up in the passive indifference of the world, which continually presents more and more threats to the truth. Christians are ready to defend; "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11).

Resolve to **DEPEND** on God. He offers fallen man a place of refuge from the ever prevalent storms of sin. He has provided salvation to sinners and substance to those who strive toward righteousness. He assures mankind of His ever-listening ear and the power of prayer (2 Peter 3:12; 1 Thess. 5:17). Truly the Father is the only one on whom men may confidently depend to meet every need (2 Peter 1:3).

Resolve to **INTEND** on obeying God — no matter what! It is the first step, but it is an important first step! A life of righteousness begins in the heart (Matt. 12:35). Therefore, to awake to each new day with a renewed intention and purpose, then to live that day carrying out that intention through everyday actions is certainly a formula for success.

Resolve to **EXTEND** the love of Christ to all people in every possible way. That love will show forth in our concern for lost souls (Luke 19:10), in our treatment of others (Matt. 5:43-48; 7:12), and in our value of self (Matt. 16:26).

The New Year provides a great opportunity to rededicate that resolution which was made when the Christian came up out of the waters of baptism. However, it is readily realized there is no guarantee that the world will remain standing on January 1, 2008. Therefore, to live each day with greater dedication and zeal is essential to one who seeks heaven eternal. Revelation 2:10.

*Robert Hatfield
East Hill News,
Pulaski, TN*

News and Notes

ZOLA PENCE had knee replacement surgery Monday at Hardin Memorial and currently is in Room 235.

ELLA MAE MCCLASKEY has been undergoing some outpatient tests. **ONEIDA MORGAN**, Tom Morgan's sister who has been in the hospital in Glasgow, was moved back to the nursing home there.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Kent Lane
Alyenne Bates	J Martin
Neil Burden	Tom
Morgan	
Nickie & Gavin Calloway	Marie Rose
Elonda Crafton	Terry Showers
W.C. Davis	Grace
Speer	
Dana Fox	Wilma
Stull	
Howard Gardner	Barbara
Underwood	
Bernard Gillim	Lonnie
Underwood	
Faye Guess	
Lawrence Wells	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan Blair, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Betty Goheen, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Beulah Lasley, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Joe Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

The first Daily Bible Reading schedule for 2008 is listed on the back page. Since this is the first bulletin of 2008, please note the beginning date is January 13. To complete the yearly plan, you will need to read Genesis 1-37:24 before beginning this schedule. This is a seven day schedule rather than the five day schedule listed last year.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, and prayers, also for the flowers after the death of my brother. Words cannot express how much it means to me having you all as my brothers and sisters in

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

3. Alli Moss	21. Howard Gardner
Kaitlyn Gringle	22. Beth Boyd
4. Kristy Vernon	25. Angie Carter
8. Charles Hardin	26. Jackson Pawley
9. Will Bybee	27. Kay Thomason
10. Marie Rose	Amanda Hardesty
12. Kyle Nowland	29. Joyce Pack
13. Shandy Allen	31. Courtney Chandler
20. Peggy Hogan	

Anniversaries

Chuck & Pam Ball	January 7
Lawrence & Kathleen Wells	January 24

Christ.

*In Christian Love,
Dyrena White*

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 1/13/08

Pkgs./Boxes of

Rice

A Note from the Elders

John Board has been hired as the pulpit minister for our congregation. He and his wife, Brenna, and daughters, Kayleigh and Emaleigh, will begin working with us March 2. John will have articles in upcoming issues of *The Caller*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ **MONTHLY PHONE CALL** to the Central brethren in Donetsk, Sunday morning, **January 13**, at 8:30 a.m. This will be the last scheduled monthly call.
- ☐ **5TH GRADE & UNDER MEETING** with parents immediately after services Sunday morning, **January 13**, in Room 10 to plan 2008 activities
- ☐ **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **January 14**, at 10:30 a.m. here at the building.
- ☐ **SINGING AT ATRIA**, **January 27**, 3:00 p.m.

OUR RECORD FOR

January 6, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	142
Sunday Morning Assembly	211
Sunday Evening Assembly	147
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	No Class
Wednesday Bible Study	123
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,179

**Elder/Coordinator for January
Mike Pence**

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What ancient city was condemned to be destroyed for its attitude that there was "no city besides me."?

Last Week's Bible Question: No question.

*Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to **rpac119@bbtel.com** by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.*

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Genesis 37:25-40:8
 2. Genesis 40:9-42:28
 3. Genesis 42:29-45:15
 4. Genesis 45:16-48:7
 5. Genesis 48:8-50:26; Exodus 1
 6. Exodus 2:1-5:9
 7. Exodus 5:10-8:15
- Jan. 13 — Central Phone Call
Jan. 13 — 5th Grade & Under Meeting
Jan. 14 — Church Workers Workshop
Jan. 15 — Ladies Bible Class Resumes
Jan. 18-20 — Evangelism University, TN
Jan. 27 — Singing at Atria
Feb. 3 — Youth Devo/Super Bowl Party, Nowlands
Feb. 3-8 — FHU Lectures, TN