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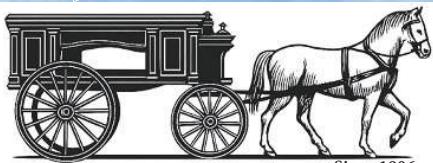
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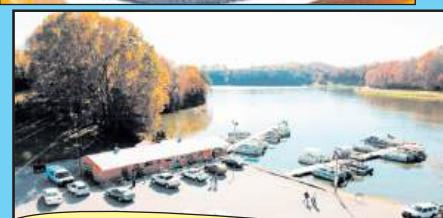


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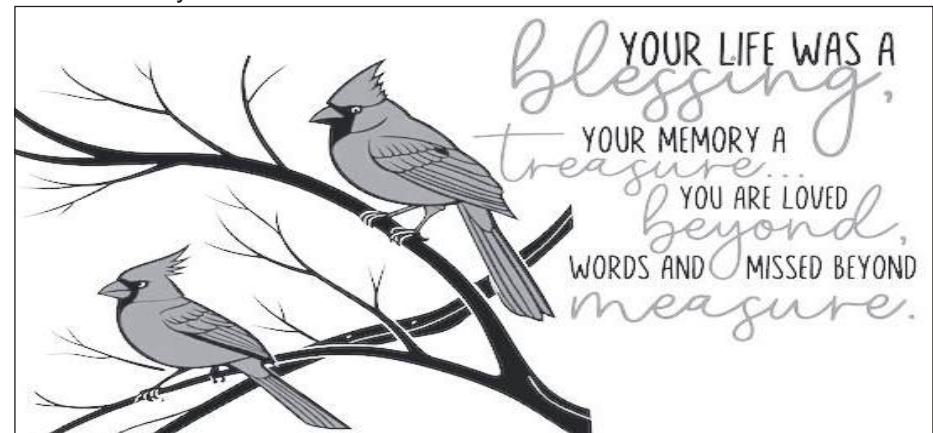
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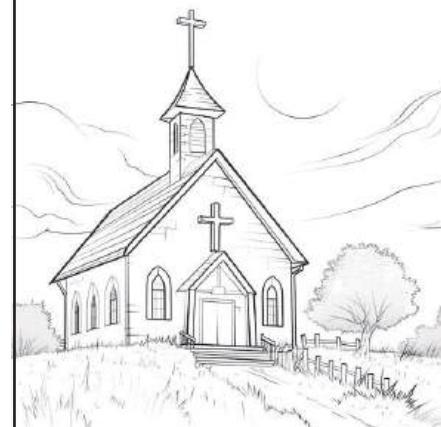
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I would like to introduce to you the new devotional at Seekernews.com, called Your Way Yahweh. There are inspirational messages with scriptures, songs, and more! Please remember our flip book is available online, as well as extra photos and videos of regional events. Please visit Seekernews.com. We recently added the PDF of each edition as well as the Flip Book! This allows readers to zoom and enlarge print as needed, to be as reader friendly as possible. These and other improvements were made with the help of Jim Kernicky of Kernix Web Design. If you need changes or a new design for your website, call Kernix. Details on page 6!

Let's enjoy life while we have the chance. One great way to do that is to take time out for an evening of great music and food at Charlie's Pickin' and Grinnin. More on Page 6.

We encourage you to join in worship at the church of your choice. Please visit our church directory on page 9.

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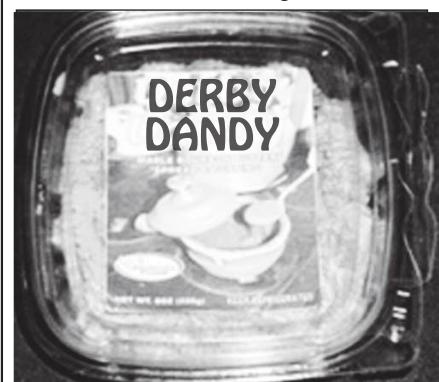
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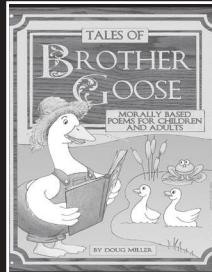
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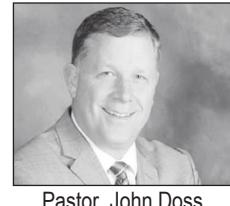


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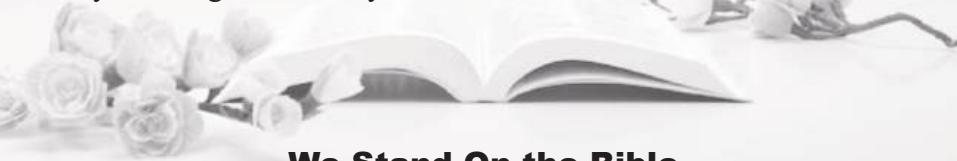
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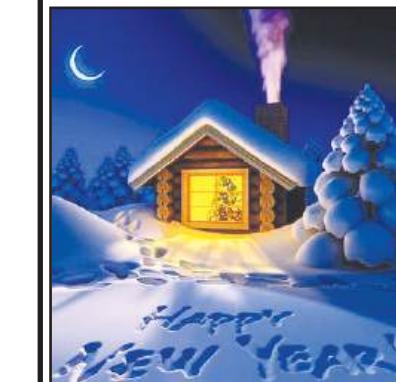
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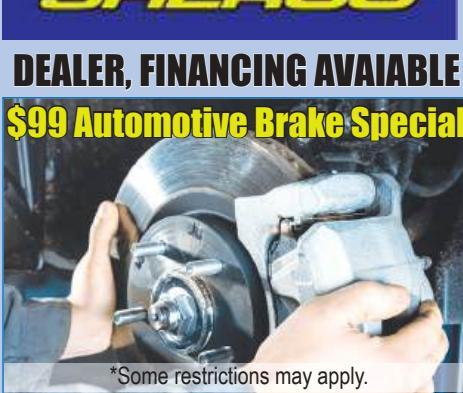
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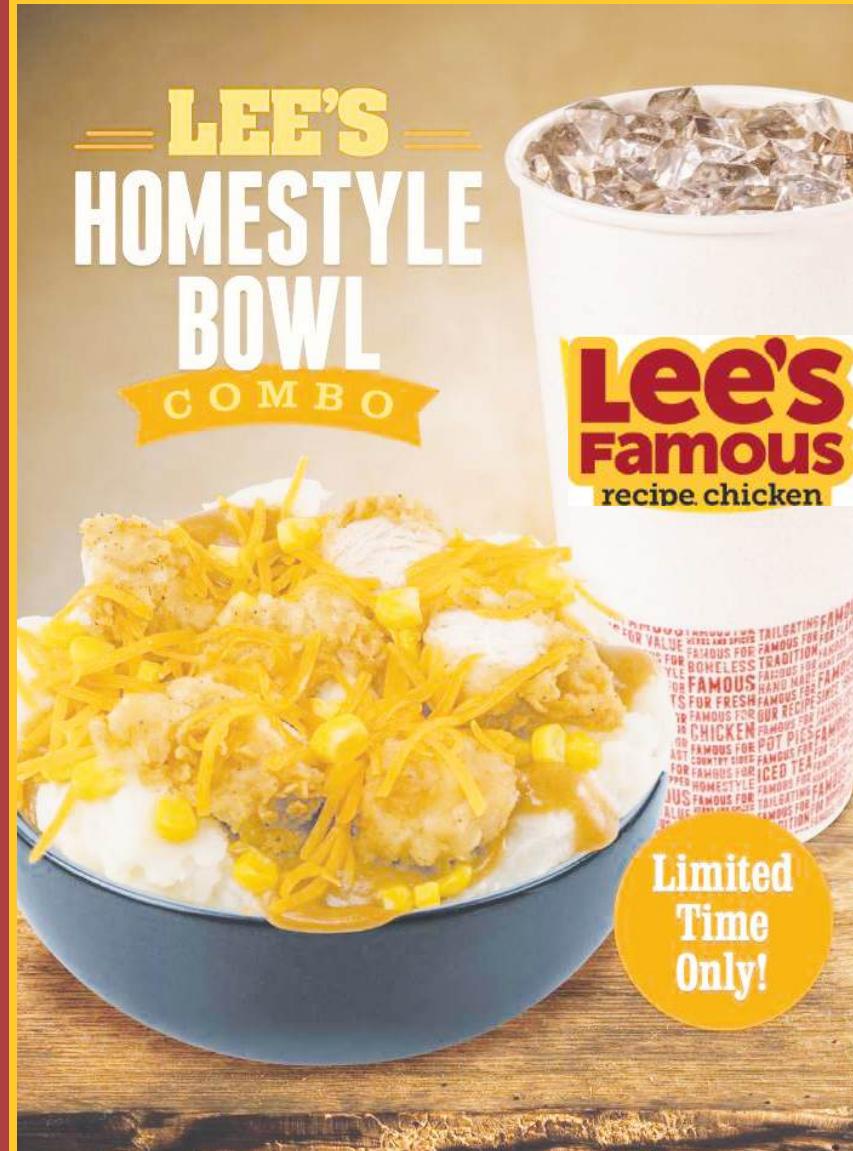


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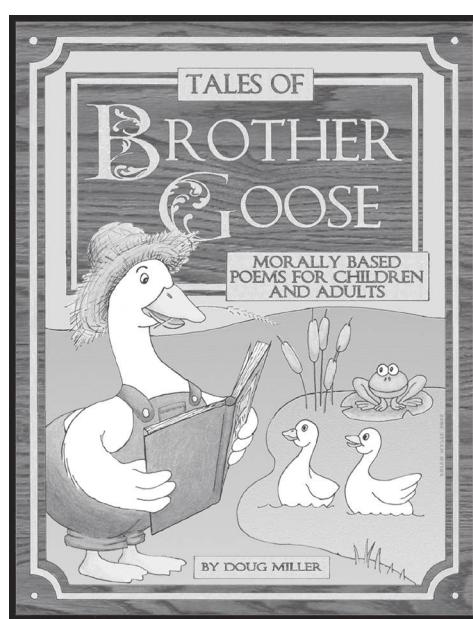
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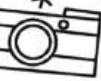
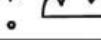
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LITTLE LAUGHS

What is corn's favorite day of the year?
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What's a cow's favorite night of the year?
Moo Year's Eve :)

Knock, knock.
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Lettuce.
Lettuce who?
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What's a spider's New Year's resolution?



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JIM SHIELDS BOOK SIGNING



JIM SHIELDS HELD A BOOK SIGNING at the Kentucky Artisan Center on Saturday, December 6. He introduced his new books, *Gifts to Share*, a collection of sonnets in Volumes 1 and 2. His wife, Rosita, was there in support, and they enjoyed a visit from longtime church friend Jackie Thorne of Berea.

MAN CAVE CORNER

HOW TO ENJOY THE NEW YEAR

By Pastor and Evangelist Robert Bailey

Jesus First - Others Second - You last - Brings true Joy!

GREETING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! This time of the year we start making New Year resolutions. Are we going to be better people or do better in 2026? We as Christians feel we need to get closer to God than we ever have been before. James 4:8 says "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." In 2026 let's try to be more excited about having compassion, making a difference and serving God.

As we approach 2026 can we think of someone we can help to get through a hard time or problem in their lives by just being there for them, being a friend, or having compassion? Jude 1:21-22 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

As we approach 2026 as Christians can we project the life of being a new creature as children of God? Have you put on the new person created by God in holiness? Ephesians 4:24 And that ye

put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Are you walking in the newness of life and of the newness of spirit? Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. & Romans 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Are you renewed in mind and knowledge?

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. & Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Are you enjoying the new and living way?

Hebrews 10:19-21 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God;

In Conclusion: As we focus on a new vision for a new year, carefully and prayerfully ask yourself these important questions and study what the Word of

God has to say about them. As we make our New Year's resolutions for Christ for 2026, let us ponder on the Lord's Truth. Luke 9:23-24 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

In 2026 try to:

- 1) Pray Daily- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.
- 2) Study the Word of God Daily-2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

3) Witness for Christ- Acts 5:42 And

daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

- 4) Attend Church every service that you can- Hebrews 5:12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- 5) Visit and invite people to church- Acts 20:20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

We hope and Pray You and your family have a Very Blessed and Happy New Year!



IRON SHARPENS IRON

SO ONE FRIEND

SHARPENS ANOTHER

Proverbs 27:17

MEANINGFUL HUMAN INTERACTION, like iron rubbing against iron to become sharp, helps people improve, grow, and become wiser and stronger in character, faith, and understanding through mutual encouragement refining their spirit and mind. True friendship involves this mutual sharpening, where friends uplift each other, but it also warns that ungodly company can dull your spiritual edge.



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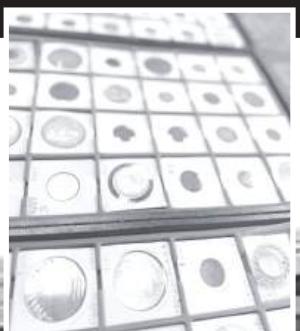
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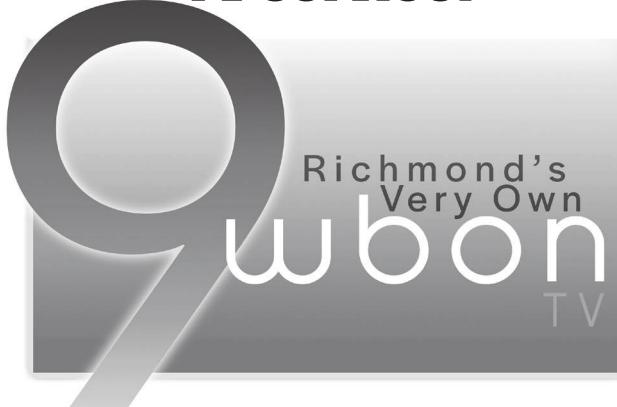
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3. Which legendary gospel group, formed in 1938, became famous for their tight harmonies and hits like Amazing Grace?
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By Charlenea Kay Wirth

WALKING BRISKLY ON A COLD December evening, I could see my breath hang in the air. I was bundled up to view The Live Nativity Set created by The United Methodist Church in Berea, KY. I didn't know what was to be expected although I had visited many other Live Nativity Sets over the years and thought this would be similar. Just a form of entertainment perhaps?

But, when I found the very simplistic Mary watching over her very realistic baby, I was without words. I just stood there at what felt like a moment in ancient time through an honest, humble beginning of the birth of our Messiah as a baby. Nothing more. Nothing less.

There wasn't a sequined drummer boy or a Mary with sculptured nails or commercial signs hung promoting other businesses di-

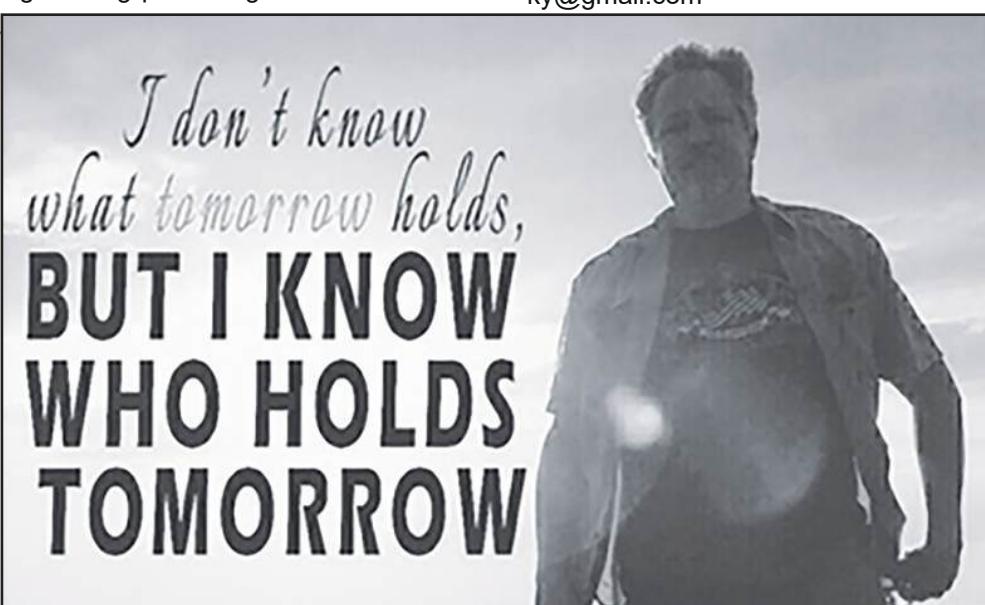
recting you to spend more money during this season.

No, this was the way it could have really looked and a moment for me that touched my heart deeply, intimately as it was so simple and unadorned. This scene was focusing just on Jesus, and it drew my attention to just Him. It portrayed the reason we celebrate Jesus and all He has done and continues to do for us. It was not for entertainment purposes and yet was one of the most beautiful scenes I have ever felt. It made me think of what I needed to do "for Him."

I started to cry and realized He was touching my heart through His love for me and for everyone who listened, observed and made room for Him in the Inn.

I walked there cold and walked away warmed. Sometimes less is more!

Thank you, United Methodist Church! Charlenea Kay Wirth singingheart-ky@gmail.com



GRANDMA AND THE BUTTERFLIES

By Bruce Walker ©2026

I WAS SITTING on the edge of her bed, holding my 85-year-old grandmother's hand. We were not sad. The ravages of disease had taken their toll, and she was ready to go.

She looked out the bedroom window, smiled softly, and said, "Look—there's a butterfly. They've returned once again." From as far back as I can remember, Grandma talked about butterflies, especially Monarchs. Under her bedroom window, she planted what she called a "butterfly bush." It wasn't much to look at—scraggly, with small pale-yellow flowers. You wouldn't feature it in a landscaping magazine, but it did exactly what Grandma wanted: it brought the butterflies.

She began telling a story I had heard all my life. "These butterflies have traveled thousands of miles—over mountains, across the Gulf of Mexico, and through fierce ocean storms. They start their journey in the Oyamel fir forests high in the mountains of northern Mexico." Grandma had never been there. In fact, she had lived her entire life in Alabama and rarely left her farm. Yet there she was, smiling, describing the adventures of those butterflies as if she had walked among them herself.

"I'm told that if you walk into the Oyamel forest on a certain spring day," she continued, "you'll see what looks like Christmas ornaments hanging by the millions from the trees. Then, when the sun hits them just right, the whole forest comes alive. Millions of wings beat the air, sounding like a gentle rain, as brilliant orange and black Monarchs move through the trees like living stained glass."

As she pictured it, her voice grew stronger. "They gather together and begin their journey north, year after year. None of the butterflies that leave Mexico will make the entire trip to Canada. It's a multi-generational journey—birthing, living, and dying along the way."

What struck her most was that the Monarch's entire life is spent on a journey—finding its way and passing that knowledge, somehow written into its DNA, on to the next generation. Grandma had looked out that same bedroom window for more than sixty years, watching the butterflies return. Now, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were beginning their own journeys. "You know," she whispered, "those butterflies and I have a lot more in common than you think. We've come to the end of our days—and we've found our way."

She didn't need to shout it. By her example, Grandma passed on everything we needed to navigate this life. Some of her "DNA" for the journey included: "You can't see over the hill or around the corner."

"Don't let your temper get in your pocket-book."

"Don't borrow troubles from tomorrow; there's enough for today."

"Don't let the sun go down on your anger."

"What goes down in the well comes up in the bucket."

"There's many a good tune played on an old fiddle."

And her favorite verse:
"Trust in the Lord, for He will make a way where it seems there is no way."

(Isaiah 43:16–19, KJV)
Like the Monarchs she loved, Grandma finished her journey knowing she had shown the next generation how to find its way.



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He wanted to start the year with sweet dreams.

What should people never eat on New Year's Eve?
Fire crackers.

What's a digital camera's New Year's resolution?
1080p.

Where can you go to practice math on New Year's Eve?
Times Square.

Why should you put your new calendar in the freezer?
To start off the New Year in a cool way.

What do you tell someone you didn't see on New Year's Eve?
I haven't seen you for a year!

What did the mirror say on Jan. 1st?
"New year, new reflection!"



Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Radio.
Radio who?
Radio not, it's a new year!

My New Year's resolution was to read more, so I turned on the subtitles on my TV.



I made a New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating, but I'm going to wait until next year to start.

Frank and Joe were planning a big surprise for the New Year's Ball. Frank opened the skylight above the ballroom and stood ready while Joe was entertaining the crowd. At the stroke of midnight, Frank upended his cargo and dumped 10 pounds of cooked pasta onto the confused revelers below. Joe looked up and shouted, "I said confetti, not spaghetti!"

"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to."

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4-5 slices bacon, I use thick-cut
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 cups brown rice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon cayenne, optional
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth, plus extra for casserole, if needed
2 cups cooked, chopped chicken (optional; see notes)
4 cups collard greens, stems removed and thinly sliced
2 (14.5 oz) cans black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided

For serving:

1/4 cup sliced green onions

Directions:

Heat a large skillet over medium heat fry bacon until done. Remove leaving the bacon grease in the pan. Crumble the bacon and save for topping the

casserole. Add the chopped onion to the pan with the bacon grease and sauté until tender, add garlic, rice, salt, pepper and cayenne (if using) and stir, add chicken broth and bring to a boil.

Cover, reduce heat and cook until the rice is mostly tender. Preheat the oven to 350 and spray a 9x13 casserole dish with cooking spray. Uncover the pot, stir in the collard greens with the rice and cover the pot, turn off the heat and let it sit for 5 minutes.

Transfer rice and collard mixture to a large bowl and stir in the chicken, black-eyed peas and 1 cup of the cheddar cheese. If your mixture seems dry, add an extra 1/4 cup chicken broth.

Transfer to the prepared casserole dish and bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Serve hot with the reserved crumbled bacon green onions

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2 tablespoons milk

Directions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 9-inch round cake pan or 8-inch square pan. In large bowl, beat Cake ingredients with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, scraping bowl constantly. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool slightly. In small bowl, mix Coconut Topping ingredients. Spread topping over cake. Set oven control to broil. Broil about 3 inches from heat 2 to 4 minutes or until golden brown.

2026 OUR NEW JOURNEY

By Dr. Charles Burton

STOP PUTTING IT OFF. It should be our greatest goal of 2026 to: CARE MORE ABOUT OTHERS THAN WE CARE ABOUT OURSELVES.

However, we are challenged in this effort, by our tongue.

James 4:17. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Look at: James 3:6. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Surely, if we can tame beasts, we should be able to tame our tongue. The fire, the iniquity and the hurt we cause others. part of being right with God is the controlling of our tongue. What a goal for 2026.

Late for work: A new employee had been caught coming in late for work three times and the fourth morning the foreman decided to read him the riot act. "Look here," he snapped, "don't you know what time we start work around here?" "No, sir," said the man, "they're always working when I get here." Many of you may work with people like that. I hope you aren't one of them.

In a rural setting, church is sometimes that way. We've had missionaries here who are worried when 5 people are here at 6:25 on a Sunday night. I tell them, "Don't worry, most of our people haven't even left home yet...and if they hit the stop light up-town, they might be even later."

That's well and good when it comes to man-made schedules...but it very dangerous when you are dealing with a relationship with Jesus Christ. It's always amazed me how we'll sit in line for concert tickets, ballgames but we struggle to meet the God of the universe on time. Worse yet, there are many who put off even considering His offer of salvation for decades, thereby endangering their eternal destinies. Why is this so dangerous? Why is it dangerous to wait until tomorrow when dealing with God, whether it's for salvation or dealing with any issue?

I am going to share a few very important thoughts concerning some Scripture this day. My Prayer is that you guys will be Blessed. Not only

Blessed but encouraged in these ideals.

I want to clear up any questions you may have concerning our scripture today.

Let 2026 be the year of your salvation. Throughout Christianity people have wondered who really gets to go to Heaven. We all know that the Word teaches you must be Born Again. Also, most believe that you can be Saved anywhere anywhere. Then there are those who say that you can be Saved on your Death Bed.... At the last minute.

All are RIGHT. Salvation is to all who call. No specific time or place. No denominational ties needed. Just by Faith, as a child, Trusting His Death, Burial and Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Matthew 18:3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven

Let this happen for you in 2026.

I am going to share the parable of the vineyard today.

Read this carefully. Matthew 20:9-16

9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

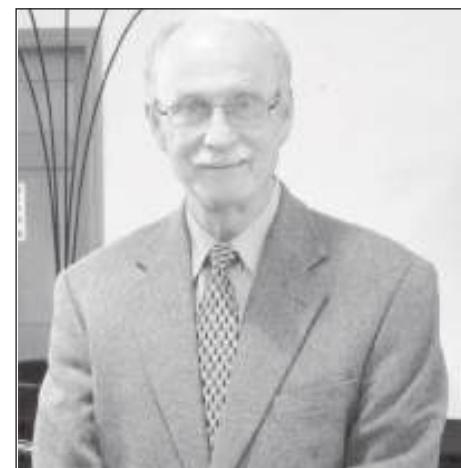
14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

The most important fact concerning Salvation is this: God is sovereign in it. God is sovereign in the entire redemptive process. God alone deals with Salvation.

Know this: It is His job on a one on one



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basis.... and. there is nothing else involved, Nothing.

Look at: John 6:39. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Those that Believe are sought by God and given to Christ.... He is sovereign in salvation. So, who is going to heaven? I will explain.

You may want to share with a friend. Read the parable again.

Let me give you three truths about this.

#1 As you can see, Salvation occurs both late and early in life.

Can we all say, "Thank you Lord".

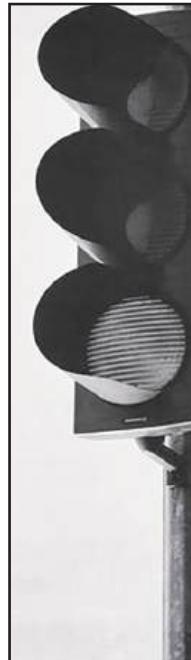
#2 Only God sets the terms of Salvation. Note that they worked a different number of hours.... but received the same pay (Salvation). Only God is able to determine this. No one enters Heaven but by the Blood of Christ. There is no running out of redemptive Blood.

#3 God is always calling sinners to His kingdom (Salvation). God is giving everyone a chance to be saved and this chance lasts till He comes again. This is done by the Spirit drawing men and women and boys and girls to Him...All the time.

Look at:

2 Peter 3:9. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

So, In 2026 where do you stand. If you died while reading this do you have the assurance of going to Heaven? If not. Stop what you are doing and ask Christ to come into your heart and forgive your sin. Tell Him you Believe He died to save you and tell Him you are sorry for your sins. Tell Him you Believe He rose from the dead to purchase your salvation. Thank Him and TELL someone you let Jesus in your heart.... IT IS THAT SIMPLE.



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BEREA MASONIC LODGE EVENT



THE BEREA MASONIC LODGE event was held Friday, December 19. Nearly 50 members gathered with their family and the brethren.

TO KNOW
CHRIST,
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IS TO LOVE THE
BIBLE,
THE WRITTEN WORD.

exposing sin, and revealing the glory of CHRIST (John 5:39). To ignore the Bible is to close your ears to GOD Himself. That is not love—it is rebellion.

You may admire sermons. You may attend church. But if the Bible collects dust while your heart chases pleasure, fame, or self— Do you truly love the LORD?

REPENT. Turn from apathy. Confess your coldness. Ask GOD to reignite in you a burning love for His Word. For no one is born again apart from the Word (1 Peter 1:23), and no one grows in holiness without it (John 17:17). If you do not hunger for the Bible, you must ask:

Do I truly know CHRIST at all?

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word..." — JOHN 14:23

"Whoever says, 'I know Him' but does not keep His commandments is a liar..." — 1 JOHN 2:4

"Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day." — PSALM 119:97
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JANUARY RESET ANCHORED IN CHRIST

J oyfully begin the year with Christ at the center.

A lign your heart with His will daily.

N ourish your soul with Scripture and prayer.

U plift others with words of kindness.

A sk boldly, for His promises are true.

R eflect His light in all you do.

Y ield each day to His perfect plan.

A NEW YEAR DOESN'T ASK US TO RUSH,

it invites us to realign. January is a gentle reminder to place Christ back at the center, to move forward with intention instead of pressure, and to trust God more than our own timelines. May this month shape our hearts before it fills our calendars. May we walk slowly, pray deeply, love boldly, and yield daily. If you're stepping into January seeking peace instead of perfection, you're not alone.

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