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A Note
from Our
Pastor...

How do you prepare for the New Year? Here are some interesting New Year's traditions from around the globe:

In Siberia it is tradition to dive into a frozen lake while holding a tree trunk, which is placed underneath the ice.

In a traditional festival from Burma, people splash water on one another to start the New Year with a purified soul.

Armenian mothers bake special bread which they knead with good luck and good wishes.

In the Philippines homeowners open all their doors and windows on New Year's Eve in order to allow negative energy to leave and good energy to enter.

Spanish tradition holds that eating 12 grapes just before the clock chimes midnight will bring good fortune for all 12 months of the upcoming year.

One New Year's custom in Russia is to write a wish for the upcoming year on a piece of paper, then to burn the paper and place the ashes in a glass of champagne, which needs to be consumed right before the New Year is rung in for the wish to come true.

Residents in Johannesburg, South Africa throw old appliances and furniture out the window, representing the old adage "out with the old and in with the new."

Brazilians wear white clothing, a custom meant to bring good luck for the upcoming year. This is often accompanied by a trip to the beach to throw flowers in the sea while making a wish.

In Louisiana, many like to eat black-eyed peas or cabbage. I like both!

Generally, in the United States we make New Year's resolutions. We look at some aspect of our lives and determine that something needs to change. It may be our

eating habits, our spending habits or any number of bad habits we have acquired.

Like many of you, I have resolved to change something about my life but found myself failing. We seem incapable of changing ourselves.

However, the Bible tells us our God is in the life changing business. He can take a sinful, broken life and create something beautiful and wonderful. The Apostle Paul told the Ephesians believers, "we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus..." (Ephesians 2:10).

God is doing a wonderful, life changing work in your life and mine. He is working to create the image of Jesus in you and me.

This new year, let us resolve not to try to change ourselves, but to not interfere with God's work of changing us.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Brian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Hudson	3rd
Savannah Merriott	6th
Beth Rice	8th
Kevin Lott	13th
Kelly Spearman	15th
Karen Lee	16th
Beverly Lee	20th
Jackson Franklin	21st
Joe Tyler	26th
Ruby Barnes	29th
Lynda Flowers	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Darlene Hay	14th
Jonathan & Beverly Lee	25th



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
FROM 12 TO 2 P.M.



After Worship Service
January 31st



FOR TODDLER NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING SUNDAY WORSHIP

See Kay Sutton or Carole Prucey if you would like to help



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2015. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me.

I would also like to thank Nancy, Ricky, John, Nathan (our new computer operator in training) and Jere for their faithfulness in playing the instruments, working the computer and running the sound each week. We couldn't do it without you!!

We hope you were blessed by the Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all of you who attended.



Dear Church,

With the hustle and bustle of holidays being over, my thoughts turn toward a new year. I'd like to say thank you to the pastor and church for the love you've shown me and my family. I'd also like the church to know that we have an incredible group of young people who are genuinely seeking out for God.

In the upcoming year, I hope to see the youth group grow even closer to God and to each other. We are working towards those two goals and look forward to the outcome. Thank you for your prayers and help.

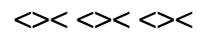
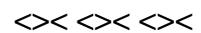
Blessings,
 James Snyder



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

AT 9:30 A.M.



Wednesday Night Worship
6:30 p.m.

Adult Prayer
Youth/Children Bible Studies
Praise Choir Practice

Church Council

January 6th at 5:15 p.m.
Monthly Business Meeting
 January 17th after Morning Worship

Don't forget God in your New Years Resolutions!