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Newell's News

Dear Church Family & Youth,

As the New Year has come upon us, there is something that needs to be thought about. A popular saying amongst young people today is "New year, new me." While this saying is catchy and remotely inspirational, it is a lie.

The New Years' Resolutions are always the same, whether it is to lose weight, to find a job, to find love, it's the same thing every year. Physical appearance and worldly possessions are all temporal. Changing the temporary things does not change you. However, in the midst of pop culture, this saying just may have an ounce of truth to it.

As this year of 2014 begins, I urge that you would consider your walk with Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (NKJV). Do you see it, Church? Do you see it, Youth? This New Year, there can be a new you! God tells us through His Word that when we are in Christ, we are brand spankin' new! Sometimes, even in the middle of a society that no longer has reverence for the Lord, there can be beauty found. Look hard enough and you can see where God uses evil for good. Genesis 50:20a, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good," (NKJV).

Following as Christ leads,
Brandon Newell
Student Director
Psalm 20:7



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God. Bible. Prayer. Community. Acts 5:29

January 2014

Up Coming Events

**Covered Dish
Dinner**

Sunday,
January 19, 2014
Following AM
Service

Please bring a few covered dishes, enough for your family and some to share. Come and join in the family and friend fellowship.

**Revive
Worship Service**

**Need a Mid week
boost?**

**6:30 PM
Wednesdays**

Traditional worship service with hymns and hearing from God's Word. Come prepared to experience God in a fresh new way.

Another Year Is Here

2013 is in the books. Done. Gone. Never to return. What you and I did or didn't do in 2013 may not be reversed. There is no going back. So then what are we to do as 2014 is here and perhaps our present circumstances are less than desirable? It would be easy to seek the answers to this question from the opinion of man, but this would be shaky and unstable ground that will lead to chaos and catastrophe. However, when we dig into God's Word – The Bible – we see God-ordained instruction on how we are to deal with challenging circumstances.

Philippians 2:14-16 - "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Numbers 11:1 - "Now when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; for the Lord heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the Lord burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp."

One common temptation we face as sinful people is to become more selfish when not getting our way. Yet, the solution to true joy and contentment through God and His Word is just the opposite: Focus on God and focus on others (Luke 10:27).

As we enter into 2014, let each of us strive to be a grateful people that understands that true JOY really is: Jesus Others You.

Be encouraged and let's make 2014 a great year, all for the praise of God's glory!

Psalm 115:1 - "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory..."

Pressing on, Jon

How to Deal with Fear and Doubt

In His Word, God gave us promises that we can rely on when we need hope and comfort. These promises reveal to us the nature of God and tell us who God is in relation to His people.

When we have problems or when we are afraid, we often begin to imagine the worst-case scenario. We forget that our loving Father holds us in His hands.

When fear and doubt about God's faithfulness seem overwhelming, here's a way to refocus:

- Choose to trust that God is bigger, smarter and more loving than you can imagine.** God loves His children, and He always keeps His promises. Read and reread God's promises to you. Fill your mind with them. Check out Proverbs 3:5-6
- Resist the temptation to worship your problems**—it's a common form of idolatry! It's easy to get so focused on a problem that we talk about it endlessly instead of praying about it and focusing on God's ability to handle it. Read 1 Peter 5:7
- Regain your joy and peace: focus on God.** Focus on who God is and what He has done for you—and worship Him. Keep His ability, not the problem in the forefront of your mind. Take a look at Psalm 121:1-3
- Pray, thank God, and let Him take care of it!** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*—Philippians 4:6-7

Adapted from Bible Promises for Hope and Courage

Deacon Schedule for January

Dec. 30– Jan 5	Tom DeGroff	289-0224
Jan. 6 - Jan 12	Charles Inman	224-5752
Jan 13 - Jan 19	Johnny Macias	374-6475
Jan 20 – Jan 26	C L Thomas	839-8254
Jan 27 - Feb 2	Ray Valentine	839-1305

Nursery Schedule for January

Jan 5	Lorraine Lundy
Jan 12	Florence Myers
Jan 19	Kristin Couch
Jan 26	Jana Price

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service No Regrets following service	2 11:00 AM Young At Heart 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Horizon Bay	3	4 9:00 AM Take down Christmas Decorations
5 Hospitality Committee Meet following AM Service 4:30PM Deacon's 4:30 PM Prayer and Praise	6 7:00 PM Bible Study	7 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM Men's Study	8 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service	9 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	10 7:00 PM Church History Study	11 9:30 AM Finance Meeting 10 AM Church Council 11 AM By-Laws and Tech Team
12 Connect Group Meeting after service	13 7:00 PM Bible Study	14 8:30 AM MOPS on Base 7:00 PM Men's Study	15 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service	16 7:00 PM Dorcas Class	17 7:00 PM Church History Study	18 8:00 AM Women of Prayer 10:30 AM Go Team
19 Church Wide Covered Dish Fellowship Following Service	20 7:00 PM Bible Study	21 11:30 AM Sunshine Class 7:00 PM Men's Study	22 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service	23 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @Sue's	24 7:00 PM Church History Study	25 8:00 AM Youth At Metropolitan Ministries 9:00 - 12:00 workday
26	27 11:00 AM Pressing On Widows 7:00 PM Bible Study	28 7:00 PM Men's Study	29 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive Worship Service No Regrets	30 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @Sue's	31 7:00 PM Rehearsal for No Regrets"	



01/01 Ryan Davidson	01/07 Sandra Brown	01/12 Olivia Macias
01/02 Peggy McEwen	01/07 Myrtle Potts	01/25 Deborah Biel
01/05 Carol Suitor	01/10 Bob Hutchinson	

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