

hope you all had a merry Christmas and are looking forward to 2016. This morning we examine the timeless teachings of Jesus on prayer in Matthew 6. The Lord's admonitions are just as good today as when they were said 2000 years ago. Let us make 2016 the best year for prayer and blessings that we have ever had. BTW, the lessons will now be posted again on the website since we are through for the moment with the maps in our Sunday School auditorium class.

<u>IN NEED OF PRAYER</u>: Rachel Bartley is still in Kentuckiana Hospital. She is off the ventilator but is in very poor condition. She is having dialysis on her kidneys and has a long way to go. Your prayers are requested for the family of **Edna Deckard**. Also, **Connie Carter** just has one more treatment to go on the 19th!

<u>Thank YOU!</u> My family and I would like to thank all of those at Mt. Gilead for such a wonderful outpouring of gifts and well-wishes to all of us this holiday season. May you all have a prosperous New Year!

Ladies Day: It is looking like our Ladies Day will be on March 19th. Ladies, make your plans now to attend.

Pantry Item: still vegetable soup

<u>Bible Bowl:</u> There will be a Bible Bowl in March at Oak Hill. We will announce the Scriptures covered later this week.

WORK LIST FOR JANUARY 3, 2016

Announcements:	Kevin Sweezy		
Opening Prayer:	Tony High		
Closing Prayer:	Calvin Shaw		
Scripture Reading:	Dennie Biggerstaff		
Song Leader:	David White		
Head Table:	Timmy Hammer		
Wait on Table:	Marshall Isenberg	Larry Clements	
	Gary Dyer	TBA	
Ushers:	Jeff Geralds	Shawn Massingille	

My Three-in-One New Year's Resolution

I freely admit that my New Year's Resolution this year is borrowed from someone else. I wanted a very simple goal for this year. I decided to select one thing and make it my 2016 focus. I found it in my Bible. It was stated by the Apostle Paul in a letter to the church in Philippi, and it is my one resolution for the year. Here it is:

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13b-14).

The resolution is Jesus and here are the three things that Paul is determined to do. These are good resolutions for all of us.

- 1. Forget the past. Let go of your past sins and poor choices. God has forgiven you in Christ. Your past does not have to determine your future. Let go of guilt, shame, and humiliation. Stop hanging on to past hurts. You cannot look forward when you are focused on the past.
- 2. Go for the prize. We are going home to heaven. Do not quit. Do not get distracted. Do not lose sight of where you are going. Stay on the road that leads to where God has called you.
- 3. Press On. Choose faith over fear, joy over depression, hope over despair, forgiveness over revenge, and love over hate. Be bold and radical this year in following Jesus. Give generously. Pray boldly. Read God's Word daily. Share your faith. Represent Jesus in your world. Share your faith.

One thing: Jesus. Three things to do: forget the past, focus on heaven, and press on till you get there.

I know that some of you reading this have not yet fully bought in to following Jesus. This is the year to hear the call of God in Jesus. Listen and obey. by <u>Steve Ridgell</u>

What Must I do?

- Hear the Gospel Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

• LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10

Birthdays

Rita	Hammer	01/03
Kevin	Cloyd	01/06
Charlie	Williams	01/06
Sharon	Bartley	01/07

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday: Bible Study... 9:30am

Morning Worship...10:05am

Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday: Bible Study... 7pm

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