



One more Sunday for 2017. This year has not been kind to religion in general or the church specifically. It seems that the love of many has grown cold and there is a general malaise among the American people. However, it is in such times that those of true faith will be manifest. In this lesson, we study on The Marks of True Faith so that we can make sure our religion is sincere.

**In Need of Prayer:** Sue Isenberg has been showing gradual improvement. John Austin Geraldts is continuing his therapy but the structure of it may change as he progresses. We will supply a new address for him so you can continue to send him cards and encouragement. Lavonne Welch had to have some blood at the hospital but continues her treatments. They are scheduled to continue for a few more weeks. Vivian Geraldts was taken to the hospital again due to her lung condition. Our complete prayer list is at [www.mtgileadchurch.net](http://www.mtgileadchurch.net)!

**Fifth Sunday:** Remember that today is a fifth Sunday. Every fifth Sunday we use everything above our average contribution for extra benevolence. Any extra you give will have a big impact on the ones we help. Consider giving an additional amount. Also, consider that the amount given is your last chance to give and date it for 2017 for tax purposes.

### New Year's Resolutions

I know many people who never make plans; they are content to leave everything to chance. However, as followers of Christ, we are doubly blessed because we know both our purpose and our goal. However, we must dedicate ourselves because our goal cannot be achieved by accident or coincidence.

That is why it is crucial for us to be specific in setting goals that will bring us into a right relationship with God:

- A. Be more God-like (Live a life of love).
- B. Recognize the value of time (Do more for God).
- C. Do not become a slave to the past (Let go and let God).
- D. Establish Godly priorities (Big things first).
- E. Shun the evil of this world (Let your light shine).

To be a Christian is to be part of an intentional and committed community. It is not enough for us to make resolutions at the beginning of the year. Christianity requires us to — “Resolve to grow in the grace and knowledge of the lord.” (II Peter 3:18 NKJV)

We are doubly blessed because we have Christ as an example and God’s inspired word to guide us in our resolve. Just as Paul instructed Timothy, we also should resolve to be diligent in our study of the scriptures. Christians never stop learning and a frequent, consistent study of scripture is essential to our growth. (II Timothy 2:15)

Finally, Peter instructs us to resolve to grow in our faith: “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. . . . Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

(2 Peter 1:5-11 NKJV)

Pray that all of us will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and receive God’s blessings of a happy and prosperous New Year! By Ron Ellison

### DECEMBER 31, 2017

Announcements:	Gene Goode	
Opening Prayer:	Mike McPherson	
Closing Prayer:	Jim Stoops	
Scripture Reading:	Jimmie Proffitt	
Song Leader:	Steve Hagan	
Head Table:	Greg Houchens	
Wait on Table:	Gary Dyer	Morris Scott
	Dennie Biggerstaff	Garett Lyon
Ushers:	Jimmy High	Ray Cecil Lyon
Main Door Greeter:	Tony Harlan	
Side Door Greeter:	Larry Copas	
Kitchen Dr Greeter:	Bobby Dale Geraldts	

**Ladies:** The Ladies’ Class is Beginning a new study on “Great Bible Characters of the New Testament”. You can get a book in the fellowship room in the back on the shelves or see Sharon. The new study starts next Sunday at 4:45.

*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**
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**Birthdays**

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

FOOD PANTRY

*Chicken Noodle*

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For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. <sup>9</sup>But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:8 NKJV

*Elders:*

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Roger Deckard.....270-487-8544  
Steve Carter.....270-487-8746

*Deacons:*

Larry Copas, Bobby Dale Gerald, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray Cecil Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland, Tony Harlan

*Evangelist:*

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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:** Bible Study... 9:30am  
Morning Worship...10:05am  
Evening Worship... 6pm  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study... 6pm

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