



January  
2019

### **New Year's Resolutions or Spiritual Disciplines**

Changing calendars are accompanied by traditions which include New Year's Resolutions. Many are soon broken, and efforts for life transformation are quickly abandoned.

Spiritual Disciplines are different. Effort is exerted throughout the year so that even with starts and stops our efforts toward life transformation continue. These soul exercises are means of grace which open our hearts, minds, and souls to the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit. Activities, such as:

**Prayer and personal devotions.** Take time for prayer and study each day. It might be when you wake up or go to bed. Maybe you pray during a daily activity like washing the dishes or commuting to work. When you turn on your computer to check email or browse social media, you might also study and check your knee-mail. There are many places to find Bible reading plans. I found several interesting plans at <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/>. Your prayer and study time will open you to spiritual growth.

**Presence.** Come to church. Come every Sunday you are in the area unless you are sick or working. Go from once a month to twice, from twice a month to most Sundays. Visit churches while on vacation. Join a Sunday School class. Become part of a small group for study or fellowship. When you show up, the effort will show up in your faith formation.

**Gifts.** Bring Jesus your best financial gifts. Giving a tenth of your income (tithing) is a good benchmark. If you are giving less than ten percent, increase your giving by one percent this year. If your giving is irregular, discipline yourself toward weekly giving. Giving, like any other spiritual discipline, will change you. God will transform you from stinginess to generosity. God will use this as a means of grace in your spiritual development.

**Service.** You have talents and spiritual gifts that are needful around the church. Teaching, phoning, handy-fix-it-ing, baking, smiling, hand-shaking, cleaning, and whatever-else-ing you are good at. Serving the church is a soul exercise that will bulk up your spirit.

**Witness.** Reaching into the community. Bountiful Blessings. The Rock. Kairos and Emmaus Chrysalis. A mission trip. Praying for a missionary. Establishing an email relationship with a missionary or writing encouraging letters. Sharing your faith. Inviting people to church. All these activities will invite the Holy Spirit through sanctifying grace to grow your faith.

As you take down your old calendar and put up the new one, I pray that 2019 will be a great year for spiritual growth because you have put effort into spiritual disciplines.

See you Sunday,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Brad".

Pastor Brad



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2018 has come to an end. It's been a great year. My life has changed a lot this past year, mostly because I got married. Marin and I are super happy and those first year difficulties everyone warned us about haven't really come yet. It's been super cool being married and has changed the way I look at many things. It's been a blessing to have such an amazing woman in my life!

I look forward to new things in 2019. Even though New Year's Resolutions can be cliché and never lived out, I think time for reflection is really important. Here are some of my reflections for this year:

1. I wasn't as faithful in my quiet times as I wish I would have been this year, and look forward to changing that in 2019.
2. I loved coaching track and investing in the lives of students outside of the walls of the church. I look forward to doing that and being more invested in the lives of my athletes this year.
3. I never went camping this year. I love being in nature and just detaching from this crazy world. Marin and I have already started planning some camping adventures next year.
4. I read a lot more in 2018 than past years. I don't love reading, but love the growth that comes from it and plan to continue doing so next year.
5. I wish I would have shared the Gospel more. It's so easy for me to share when I know that I'm talking to another believer; however, there were a few opportunities with non-believers that presented themselves that I didn't take. And I want to be faithful in doing that. I want people that I bump into to know Jesus.

There are a million more that I could list, but those are just a few things I'm reflecting on as this New Year begins. So what about you? What is something you want to continue in 2019? Or what is something that you need to change in 2019? I'd love to hear about it! Whatever those things are, I hope that 2019 is great for you and that you do things that will have an eternal value.

In Christ,  
Pastor Tom



# Bountiful Blessings

**Bountiful Blessings will have new hours starting January 2019. It will be held the third Monday of each month from 9-10:30 am and 6-7:30 pm. Along with food items, there will also be paper products, cleaning items and personal care items. Please call the church office if you have any questions at 419-533-2881.**

## News from the Nursery



In this newsletter you will find the Servant Schedule for 2019. The nursery schedule is the same schedule that has been used for the past several years with a few changes. Please review it and mark your calendar! We want to thank everyone who gives their time to minister to the youngest attenders. As parents of young children, we truly appreciate everyone who is willing to play in the nursery

for an hour so we can worship or attend Sunday School. However, there are still some openings in our schedule, especially for the 8:15 a.m. service. Perhaps some of you who attend the 10:30 a.m. service could come a little early to help in the nursery during that time, then attend Sunday School and worship later. If you have a conflict with the date you are supposed to serve, please try to trade with someone else and let Kara, Sherry or Julie know. Liberty Chapel is so blessed to have all these little children and to have a great crew of adults to light their way. Thank you!

the light  
Bible Reading Challenge

1. John 1:1-9	17. Isaiah 42:1-9
2. Psalm 36:1-9	18. Isaiah 42:10-17
3. Job 33:23-28	19. John 3:16-21
4. John 12:30-36	20. Isaiah 9:1-7
5. John 12:44-50	21. Isaiah 60:1-11
6. Psalm 119:105-112	22. Isaiah 60:12-22
7. Psalm 56:1-13	23. Matthew 4:10-17
8. Psalm 97:1-12	24. Jeremiah 31:33-37
9. Job 12:13-25	25. Daniel 2:19-23
10. Psalm 19:1-10	26. Matthew 5:11-16
11. Proverbs 4:13-19	27. Matthew 6:19-24
12. Isaiah 5:16-21	28. Luke 8:11-18
13. Isaiah 58:1-8	29. Psalm 43:1-5
14. Isaiah 58:9-14	30. I John 2:7-11
15. Proverbs 20:22-27	31. Psalm 18:28-33
16. Luke 11:33-36	

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## January Servant Schedule

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
8:15 Door Greeters				
8:15 Nursery			N. Carter Family	Steph & Britt Gillen
S. S. Door Greeters	Masuwa Family		Mack Family	Hoffman Family
S.S. Nursery	S. Clapp Family	Oberhaus Family	Gutierrez Family	Barnes Family
10:30 Door Greeters	Masuwa Family	Meter Family	Mack Family	Hoffman Family
10:30 Nursery	Masuwa Family	Ainsley Quigley	Jones Family	Cramer Family
Greeters Welcome Center	O'Neal Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Nash Family	Masuwa Family

*Prayer*  
 *Changes things*  
*Let us pray for you with Faith*  
*Believing*  
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Greyson Tramm & family (Boyd & April Mzingo's grandson) - Broken left leg.

**Long-Term Needs:** Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; Family and friends of Nathan Soto; Courtney Patton—Health Concerns; Isaac Seagrave (Steve & Mary Seagrave's son) - Health concerns; Margaret Bollman—Health Concerns; Rebecca Liven-good (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Morris Myers—Lung Cancer; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Kent Spiess, Braden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Brady Chapa—Cancer; Connie Cramer (Christy Myers' mother) - Lymphoma. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>January</h1>					
6 Juliette Smith Eliza Trapp	7 Cheryl Shadday	8 Jacob Clapp Kelly McIntosh	9 Lily Wong	10 Eloise Griteman Blake Graber	11 Max Fetterman	12 Tyler Cobb
13 John Hartford Gretchen Tedrow Jim & Cathy Leatherman	14	15 Hanson Saneholtz Trisha Carter	16 Aaron Shafer Nate Shafer	17 Laura Case Tom Atkinson Sherry Martin	18 Mark Jones	19
20 	21	22 Cathy Griteman	23 Austin Smith	24 	25 Christian Griteman	26 
27	28 Leah Martin	29 Hadlee Amstutz Kelsey Ford	30 Louise Dalton Bob Griteman Connor Cobb Carl & Cheryl Carter	31 Hope Oelkrug Joe Gillen		
						

	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
8:15 Nursery			N. Carter Family	Steph & Britt Gillen	Karen Mohler	C. Carter Family	Wiechers Family	O'Neal Family	S. Tedrow Family	-----	Spangler Family	Young Family	-----
S. S. Nursery	S. Clapp Family	Oberhaus Family	Gutierrez Family	Barnes Family	Howe Family	Graber Family	Estelle Family	T. Myers Family	Martin Family	Starkey Family	Jeanette Saneholtz	S. Clapp Family	Eloise Griteman
10:30 Nursery	Masuwa Family	Ainsley Quigley	Jones Family	Cramer Family	Whitman Family		J. Gillen Family	Shadday Family	Keller Family	O'Neal Family	Jones Family	Mack Family	Oberhaus Family
Greeters	O'Neal Family	Ron Saneholtz	Nash Family	Masuwa Family	Whitman Family	Witte Family	Shadday Family	Todd Shafer Family		B. Sharpe Family	T. Myers Family	J. Clapp Family	Starkey Family
	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
8:15 Nursery	Howe Family	J. Sharpe Family	-----	Krugh Family	Michelle Short	Whitman Family	S. Tedrow Family	C. Carter Family	K. Mohler Family	Steph & Britt Gillen		N. Carter Family	D. Bare Family
S. S. Nursery	N. Carter Family	S. Tedrow Family	Keller Family	Brenda Saneholtz	J. Hartford Family	O'Neal Family	Martin Family	Howe Family	Conner Family	Barnes Family	Miller Family	J. Gillen Family	Shadday Family
10:30 Nursery	Gerberich Family	Estelle Family		T. Short Family	Gutierrez Family	Masood Family	Masuwa Family	Oelkrug Family	Davis Family	Trapp Family	Jerica & Lydia	Estelle Family	Gutierrez Family
Greeters	Bare Family	Hamlin Family	Oelkrug Family	Graber Family	J. Hartford Family	D. Mohler Family	Carpenter Family	J. Gillen Family	Cathy Anderson		Roger Saneholtz	Shadday Family	Louise Dalton
	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
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Greeters	Hoffman Family	Keller Family	Strayer Family	Spangler Family	Masood Family	L. Leatherman Family		Fetterman Family	C. Carter Family	Quigley Family	S. Clapp Family	J. Leatherman Family	Barnes Family
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10:30 Nursery	Jerica & Lydia		D. Bare Family	Masood Family	J. Gillen Family	Nash Family	Spangler Family	O'Neal Family	Graber Family	Estelle Family	Logan & Kortney	Barnes Family	Miller Family
Greeters	Terry Shafer Family	John Sharpe Family	Meter Family	Marilyn Spiess	Mack Family	Ted Mohler Family	Jones Family	Estelle Family	Case Family	Young Family	K. Mohler Family	Howe Family	Martin Family