IT'S TIME TO TAKE YEAR END INVENTORY

The end of the year is generally the <u>time</u> that most companies and businesses devote to doing the often dreaded (but greatly needed) task of taking a physical inventory. Inventory allows us to determine what we have, what we are lacking, what we have accomplished, what we failed to do, and the areas that need attention for the coming year.

It would be a foolish and risky decision to neglect such a helpful and informative introspection. The end of the year is also an opportune time to take a spiritual inventory. A self-examination of this nature is even prescribed by the Word of God. In the first part of 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul tells us to:

"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves."

With these thoughts in mind, let's take an inventory of the following:

1) Take An Inventory Of Our <u>Prayer Life</u> — Much can be learned about our level of spirituality by examining our prayer life. How much praying did we do this past year? Did we pray fervently when there was a sickness, financial problem, death or other difficulty?

These are certainly times when we need prayer. In times of difficulty and hardship we need the help of our Father. The best part is, He desires for us to come to Him with our weaknesses, illnesses, heartaches and troubles (1 Peter 5:7). But if this is the only time we utter a prayer, there are changes that need to be made.

Perhaps we need to pray more often than that, but it is only a few half-hearted words muttered out of guilt or obligation. If so, there are changes that need to be made. If our inventory reveals a frequent, fervent and heartfelt prayer life, let's keep it up in the upcoming New Year (James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

- 2) Take An Inventory Of Our Bible Study Habits How much time did we spend this past year in Bible study? (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV). We cannot count the time spent studying in Sunday morning or Wednesday night Bible classes, because this is the bare minimum that anyone who wears the name of Christ should study (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:97). How much did we study on our own? Did we spend more time reading the paper than the Bible? If so, changes need to be made.
- 3) Take Inventory Of The Spirituality Of Our Family During the past twelve months did we make the church the center of our family? (Matthew 6:33). Did we put spiritual things first or were they occasionally neglected due to other things? Did sports, trips or friends come before spiritual things or worship services and Bible classes?
- **4) Take Inventory Of Our Place In The Local Congregation** In 2012, did we help or hurt the work of the Lord? Did we get on board and work to accomplish the goals set by the elders of the church, or did we just stand on the sideline criticizing and complaining? Each member is a vital part of the body, but those members must be working together (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

Brethren, when was the last time we took inventory of our life, the direction we are going and what we hope to accomplish for the Lord? (see here and here). For some of us, it may have been this time last year, in which case we are in desperate need of and are long overdue for a spiritual inventory.

The FOLLOWER

January 7, 2018

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BIRTHDAYS: 8-Mary Bryant, 11-Mark Wright, 14-Benji Lawrence, 18-Tonya Box, 26-Zoey Morgan,

29- DJ Youman, 30- Edward Ray Ford, 30-Hunter Lindsey

ANNIVERSARIES: 30- Kyle & Ginger Foster

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE - JANUARY: LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 14th: Fellowship Lunch
- February 4th, 2-3 p.m.: We will be hosting a Bridal Tea for Sara Beth Wright and Blake Mayfield; Registered at Wal Mart AND Bed, Bath
- •• February 18th 21st: Winter Meeting with Dorian Flynn (Monthly Fellowship Lunch also on the 18th)

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME: Margaret Barlowe, Van Ayer Manor, 640 Hannings Lane, Martin 38327

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER LIST:: Mrs. Leona Aden, (Dale's mother) has been in very bad health and was in the hospital this past week; Jimmy McClain had to be taken to Dr. last week but is back home and better; Mark Wright's nephew Christopher Dunavan had another seizure and niece Kaitlyn was at hospital again for respiratory problems; Logan Chrisman is doing much better after surgery; Frank Wilson has been in ICU in Jackson after a fall; Peggy Rogers, Rita Foster's cousin in Camden is home with Hospice Care; Sheila Hargas, Charlie Wachsmuth, Christina Cannon, Margaret Barlowe, Christine Hodgson, Harold Tyler, Demetrius Burnett, Lois Arrington, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Penny Warren, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett

CANCER: Jackie Smith, Ricky Griffin (Dylan Holt's Uncle), Keith Inman, Lynn Harrison, Barry Barber, Carmen Bobbitt McCain, Sue Price; Linda Cherry; Deborah Browning; Rhyan Loos; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

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Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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JANUARY 2018

DATES	WEEK OF JAN 7	WEEK OF JAN 14	WEEK OF JAN 21	WEEK OF JAN 28	
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	STEVE AND RITA FOSTER	STEVE AND RITA FOSTER	STEVE AND RITA FOSTER	STEVE AND RITA FOSTER	
GREET	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	
POWERPOINT	MARK WRIGHT	MARK WRIGHT	MARK WRIGHT	MARK WRIGHT	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	SHERRILL SMITH	GREG MCCLAIN	TIM ROGERS	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE BALLENTINE	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	JACK LAWRENCE DANIEL ROGERS JACOB PEEVYHOUSE NOAH BRASHER				
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	STEVE FOSTER	DYLAN HOLT	JOSHUA BRASHER	JACOB KEEN	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	MONTE PAUL MORRIS	NORRIS DEPREIST	KYLE FOSTER	WILLIAM MOORE	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	STEVE FOSTER	DAVID BRYANT	DALE ADEN	DALE BALLENTINE	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	NOAH BRASHER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB KEEN	STEVE FOSTER	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	DYLAN HOLT	DANIEL ROGERS	CHARLIE WACHSMUTH	ZACK CHRISTMAN	
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	STEVE FOSTER	TIM ROGERS	NICK BRYANT	DALE BALLENTINE	SHERRILL SMITH
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	JAN 3 JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JAN 10 JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JAN 17 JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JAN 24 JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JAN 31 JACOB PEEVYHOUSE
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	TIM ROGERS	MARK WRIGHT	DAVID BRASHER	DALE ADEN	DAVID BRYANT
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	MONTE MORRIS	JACOB KEEN	STEVE FOSTER	NOAH BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER