

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Freeman Mahan
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Steve Foster	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	David Bryant	Joshua Brasher

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	David Bryant
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	David Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Noah Brasher

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

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# The Follower

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## Traditions

Did you eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day? If so, did you eat them because of the tradition that this will increase your chance for good luck during the coming year? Other foods traditionally eaten include greens (the color of money), cabbage, hog jowl, and cornbread (the color of gold). At our house, we always have peas, hog jowl, and corn bread, and while we may say it is for good luck, we know that good fortune is not related to one's diet.

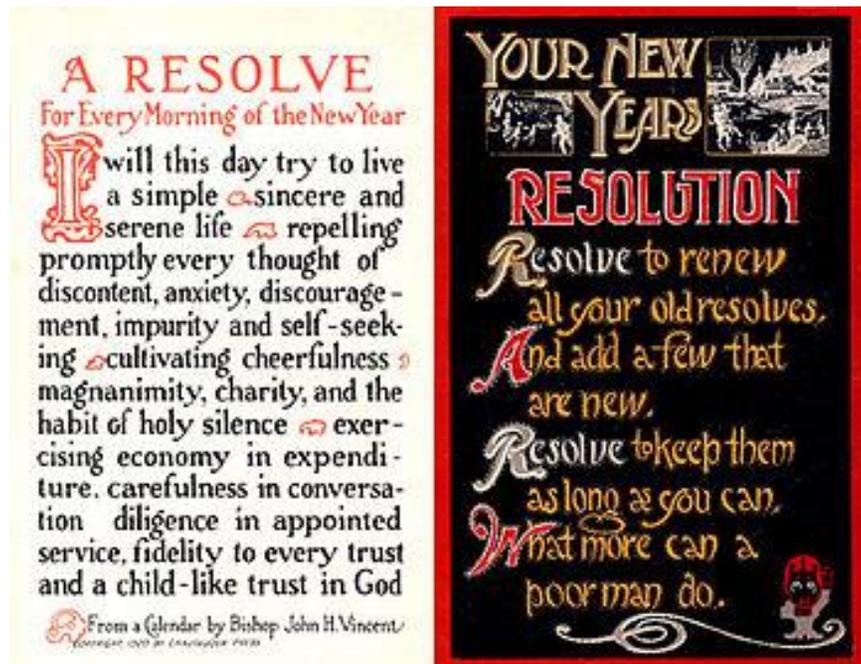
Traditions are mentioned in the Bible. Some are spoken against while others are encouraged. When the scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus why His disciples violated the tradition of the fathers by not washing their hands before eating, He told them that they transgressed the commands of God by their traditions, thus making the commandments of God of no effect (**Matt. 15:1-6**). During the centuries between Moses and the Law until the coming of the Christ, many Jews had added to (and in some cases supplanted) the important commands in the Law with their traditions. Jesus said this was wrong. Likewise, Paul wrote that the traditions of men, which are of the world, are not part of following Christ (**Col. 2:8**). Any tradition which takes away from one's commitment to God is sinful.

Paul encouraged the observance of some traditions, however, when he wrote to the church in Thessalonica. *Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle (2 Thess. 2:15). Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received from us (2 Thess. 3:6).* The traditions taught in the gospel are encouraged, while those of men and the world are discouraged due to the danger of sin.

Let us always desire to be right in God's eyes in the following of traditions.

May you have a blessed new year.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Keith** is sick with a cough and congestion.
- Baby **Brooks** has been battling croup for several days.
- Remember the **Bloodworth family** in the passing of Scott's dad. His services were held Thursday morning.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Pam; Joann Moore; Tatum; Orvaline; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo:** David Bryant

### MEMORY VERSE - John 16:33:

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. - Bill Vaughn

New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time. - James Agate

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. - Bill Vaughn