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Bring In The New Year

By Bubba Garner

Lose weight. Exercise more. Quit some bad habit. Read the Bible from start to finish. The new year is upon us, a time when we make plans about how we're going to spend the next twelve months. But one of the best resolutions you can make for 2015 is the decision to bring someone to the Lord. That is not only a commitment that will change another's life; in the process, you will start your own revolution.

Bringing someone to Jesus makes you take a closer look at the Savior. I have found that there is no better way to get to know the Lord than to tell other people about Him. Since you want them to come and follow Him as you have, you will seek to present His case in the most persuasive and convicting manner.

When you describe His miracles and wonders, you will have a better appreciation of His deity. When you tell of His temptations, sufferings, and tears, you will have a greater grasp of His sympathy with the human race. When you explain His sweat that fell as drops of blood and the nails that were driven through His hands and feet, you will have a more graphic picture of the destructive nature of sin. And when you tell of His glorious resurrection from the dead, you will grow the anticipation of your own promised victory over the grave.

Help someone see Him through the eye of faith and watch how your vision for the unseen becomes even clearer.

Bringing someone to Jesus makes you take a closer look at the Scriptures. No matter how many times you have read [Rom. 1:16](#), “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”, those words will take on a new meaning when you see them in action.

It is that gospel that has the power to penetrate stone hearts and to break stubborn wills. It is that gospel that causes hope to be realized with the news that “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness” ([1 Pet. 2:24](#)). It is that gospel that brings people under the condemnation of their sin and provokes the response of “what must I do to be saved?” It is that gospel that produces inexpressible joy over the forgiveness of sins like the eunuch, after he was baptized, “went on his way rejoicing” ([Acts 8:39](#)).

Show someone the passages that led you to the obedience of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It will only draw you closer to Him who authored that same message.

Bringing someone to Jesus makes you take a closer look at yourself. If you want to point someone to Christ, then let them see Him living in you. “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I

who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me” ([Gal. 2:20](#)). Your life is no longer about you. It’s about Him.

Jesus said, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven” ([Matt. 5:16](#)). Who was more qualified to make that statement than He who practiced what He preached? Jesus never took the approach of “Do as I say, not as I do.” And He needs disciples who will follow in those steps of sincerity. You can’t recommend a way of life that you are not willing to live yourself. People have to see Jesus when they see you. Not only will that allow you to be a good example to those you come in contact with, it will ultimately bring glory to God.

Live the life of a Christian. Evangelism is as much about showing as it is telling.

The story of Jesus is too good not to tell. It’s too good not to live. You say you want a resolution? Ring in the New Year by bringing someone to the Lord.

—Southside church of Christ Bulletin
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Redeem The Time

By Don Willis

Time is indeed priceless! It can be used, wasted, abused; but, it cannot be purchased nor rolled back and relived. It is often argued, "I don't have time." Generally this will arise when one is discussing the church or some aspect of its work.

Those who need to obey the gospel don't have time to spend studying the Bible to find out what God requires of them. Members of the church don't have time to do service which they have been encouraged to perform. How people use their time is a proper index to character. Those who can find time for fun and pleasure in spite of their jobs and obligations, but neglect their duties in the church by the excuse, "I don't have time," are poor examples of Christians.

Those who are using their time as they should are busy like other folks and meet their obligations in life. But they know the significance of Paul's admonition, "...redeeming the time" (Ephesians 5:16).

—New Caney church of Christ Bulletin

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Address Change

Buford and June Guthrie have moved to Duncanville, TX to take care of June's mother. Their new address is

307 Cardinal Creek
Duncanville, TX 75137

Upcoming Events

Our **Twelfth Annual Singing** is coming up Friday Night, **January 16**, at 7:30 PM. We are looking forward to another full auditorium and some wonderful singing led by **Tim Stevens, Dane Shepard** and **Todd Dennis**. Keep this in mind and make your plans to attend.

Our **Weekend Meeting** for 2015 will be **February 13-15**. **Terry Slack**, from the Northwest church in Arlington, and **Tyler Sams** from the Judson Road church in Longview will be our speakers.

Kris Emerson from Beaumont, TX will be the speaker in our spring meeting **April 19-24, 2015**. Kris is an outstanding speaker and preacher of God's Word.

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NEWS (continued from back page)

- Continue to remember **Christopher Ferguson Jr., Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Judy Hinson, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, Ronald Stringer, and Bob Arnold**.
- Remember our **Shut-ins**: *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, Lanelle Latimer.*

NEWS

- **Kenneth Amerson** received a very positive report in which the polyps that were discovered are considered benign.
- **Charles Kyle** continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments. He is also mourning the passing of his sister last week.
- **Danny Davis**, the brother of **Charles Davis**, **Ricky Davis**, and **Collette Shumate** passed away two weeks ago.
- **The Willefords** have been dealing with illnesses.
- **Stacy Rogers** is expecting her second child in June.

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ELDERS:

Bob Arnold 563-2977
Leon Goff 572-6809
Kendall Johnson 572-9306

DEACONS:

Ron Burns 577-9978
Ricky Davis 572-9428
Ken Ferguson 572-4135
Pat Marshall 572-9347

SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

PREACHERS:

Jared Rogers 717-3788
Leon Goff 572-6809

ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

January 11, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper
Sunday Morning
Scripture: Alec Capel

Luke Arnold **Andrew Arnold**
Tom Davis **Colton Fullmer**

Sunday Evening

Luke Arnold **Andrew Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—William White **(Opening)**
 —Randy Blackmon **(Closing)**
PM—Phil Brown **(Opening)**
 —Charles Davis **(Closing)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Leon Goff
P.M.—Paul Chapman

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

Think It Over—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eternity? To all who love God, and to those who do not, but should, to all who are weary and heavy laden; to all who are lonely and sad; to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will come a hearty welcome is extended.

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