

A New Year

A Year of Time. Steven B. Cloud, Pulpit Helps, Vol. 14, # 2

...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into <year> we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

I am the new year. I am the unspoiled page in the book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed and didn't dare to do, all that you hoped for but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have, these slumber slightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things anew".



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WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE?

Life is filled with hard choices. And often, because we don't want to hurt others, we suffer instead. In Gen. 13 we read about Lot and Abram separating from each other to avoid further confusion.

Abram was Godly, & therefore chose to live by God's standards. Lot, on the other hand was the worldly type. The material things, the land, & comforts of life (Gen.13:10) Prestigious living (Gen. 19:1). He actually trapped himself when he chose to live near to all the activity that was taking place in Sodom. The choice offered the type of life he craved. His choice led him to be a prisoner of war.

Abram chose to be faithful to God & he put his trust in Him. Abram's separation from his nephew Lot didn't mean that he did not care about him, But sometimes we have to move away from situations to make peace, and let others see for themselves what is the consequence of their choice. If Abram didn't care he would not have gone to rescue him when he & his family were captured. His selfless attitude was revealed as he set a plan in place for his rescue. Even though it was Lot's choice. Abram did not carry a grudge,

but showed great leadership qualities. He was a leader.

What do you look for in life? Do you choose the pleasures of life, or do you trust in God & his promises? We all fall short at some time or the other, but is God your focus at this time? Are you choosing to be led by the Holy Spirit, practicing humility & showing wisdom in your choices, & treating others the way you want to be treated?

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. (Gal. 6:7)



Happy Birthday!



*Edward Broaster Jr. 3rd; Jervis Diamond 3rd;
Janice Swift-4th; Akil Flowers - 4th; Ihesha Pelayo - 5th;
Shanna Flowers - 8th;
Raymond Crown - 9th; Elsia Gillett- 15th ; Ingrid Hepburn - 17th;

Stephen Cain -17th; Tamina Flowers -18th; Claudine Lahoodie - 20th;
Corine Fuller - 24th; Inez Graham - 27th; Annette Crown -28th*



Prayer Sessions

**Sun. Jan. 4 - Thurs. Jan. 8
6:00 p,m**



Study on the Book of Revelation:

**Fri. Jan. 9 - 6:00 p.m &
Sat. Jan. 10 - 9:00 a.m -
Noon**

**Sunday School Teachers'
Meeting - Sat. Jan. 17, 2015
9:00 a.m**

**Annual Business Meeting -
Thursday, Jan. 29 @ 6:00
pm**

Make Resolutions!

**Some say they do no good -
that they are only tempo-
rary.**

**Well, so is a bath. Much
good comes from resolving
to do better. Make a positive
move by trying to be faithful.**

*“Praise & Worship is more
than singing songs in church,
It's a lifestyle of love from
the heart. A Biblical per-
spective on true worship.
It's a supernatural experi-
ence. It's not entertainment”.*
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Church Fellowships



Sunday Services:

9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am - Morning Worship
7:00 pm - Evening Service

1st Sunday - Communion after Evening Service
Children's Service 10:45 a.m.
Last Sunday: Singspiration: @ 7:00 pm

Women's Fellowship -1st Monday of the month
Church Council Meeting - 2nd Monday of the
month

Men's Fellowship - 4th Monday of the
Month

Trustees Meeting - 3rd Monday of the month

Wednesday - Evangelism @ 6:00 pm

Thursday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 6:00
pm

Friday @ 7:00 pm - Youth Meeting

Saturday - Music Practice - **Adult Choir** @ 2.45
pm

Praise Team - 4:00 pm (Every other week)

Couple's Fellowship - Last Friday of
the month



From The Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year! Praise God for supporting us during 2014, and al-
lowing us to see this New Year. As we face our mission for this year,
let's do so with a renewed spirit as we revisit our **COVENANT**.

Pastor Lloyd Stanford



COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus

Christ as our Savior, and on the Profession of our Faith, having been baptized in
The Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the
presence of God, Angels, and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter
into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian
Love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and
comfort; to promote its prosperity and to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all
institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support
of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of
the gospel through all Nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our
children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circum-
spectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and
exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive
anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage; and to
be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember
each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate
Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense,
but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to
secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon
as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the Spirit
of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

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*Think On This: There is a time to say nothing, & a time to say some-
thing, but never a time to say everything. Those who think they know it
all, still have a lot to learn.*