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Let your light so shine
before others . . .
Matthew 5:16



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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR -----

DEAR FRIENDS:

LIGHT IN A NEW YEAR:

We are in a new year, and with a new year comes new possibilities. Metaphorically, it's a fresh start, and a new start at life, a new year to do things differently. A time to learn from past failures and turn them into present victories. John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, is someone who was given a fresh start and a new beginning. For nine months, he could not speak because he had questioned God's ability. Once God showed Zechariah that He was Almighty, God returned Zechariah's speech. The first thing Zechariah prophesies is that his son will be the forerunner of the Christ. Then he speaks this of the Christ: "Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace" Luke 1:78-79 (NLT).

Jesus' birth is surrounded by symbols of the light He brought into the world. The light of stars and angels announced His birth to shepherds and wise men. Through the light of revelation people like Simeon and Anna could recognize Christ from all the other newborns being presented to God.

As we begin a new year, I believe it is paramount to understand that Jesus has brought light into our lives. He does not desire that we stay in the darkness of sin, the world system, or even destructive traditions and habits that are unhealthy. Jesus desires that we not only live in His marvelous light but that we also reflect His marvelous light into the lives of others.

Jesus wants us to seek out His truth. Jesus wants us to separate fact from fiction and enjoy the light of relationship with The Father. Because Jesus did not stay a baby in the manger, but because He grew to be a man—a full-grown Messiah, our King of kings and Lord of lords—because of this Jesus, The Christ, is more than able to guide believers to peace. Not external peace, but internal peace, joy, happiness that is spiritual. God is not a human; He is Spirit. Jesus is not a political Messiah; He is a spiritual Messiah; thus, what He gives, He gives in the realm of the spirit. While Jesus' death on the cross was physical, the result is spiritual; He gave His life for our sin. He has made a way to remove the spiritual darkness and replace it with spiritual light and life.

May we start this new year right, celebrating and remembering the light Jesus has brought into the life of believers. May we be like John, proclaiming that Jesus has made the way that we can walk in newness. May we understand that we can doubt and question positively without calling into question God's ability. Like Zechariah, may this be the year we learn from past failures and turn them into present victories.

Zechariah went forward with praise on his lips. He enjoyed rearing a son in his old age. Zechariah learned from his past mistake and turned it into a present victory by forth telling that Jesus will give light to all who sit in the darkness of the shadow of death and Jesus will guide all who seek to the path of peace. Jesus will give light to all who sit in the darkness of the shadow of death and Jesus will guide all who seek the path of peace.

Blessings, Chuck

UP RIVER FRIENDS MISSION STATEMENT:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES:

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Nursery and Junior Church
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- 02nd 6:30 pm Fellowship Meal
- 7:00 pm Children's Program
- 07th 7:00 pm Ministry and Counsel
- 09th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting
- 14th 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle
- 16th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children's Program
- 23rd 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children's Program
- 30th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children's Program

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

- 01st Rose Ann Riddick
- 02nd Chase Bradford Thompson
- 03rd Madelyn Jean (Maddie) Winslow
- 05th Judy Parsons
- 06th **BRAD & AMANDA C. THOMPSON**
- 07th Sarah R. Price
- 10th Jason Rountree
- 11th **ROB & LORI WINSLOW**
- CHUCK & SONYA HARTMAN**
- 12th Kelli L. Price
- 15th Jane Brown Riddick
- 16th Zachary Winslow
- 17th Ashley Rountree Collins
- 19th Jada Elm Lassiter
- 20th Wesley Ward
- 22nd Kelvin Williams
- Rick Owens
- 23rd Rachel Wilcox,
- 24th Beth W. Sanders
- 25th Scottie Winslow
- 27th Nancy B. Winslow
- 31st Linda Hall, Nancy L. Winslow

FLOWERS:

- 06th Jacque Pagels
- 13th
- 20th
- 27th

(Would you like to provide flowers on the 13th, 20th or 27th, if so please call or e-mail Catherine. Thank you.)

PRAYER REQUESTS: World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth and leadership of our meeting. An unspoken need, Jesse Rountree, Bob and Judy Parsons, Clyde Stallings, Jamie Davenport, Cheryl White, Lona and Tommy Stallings, Barbara Saunders, Jo White, Joe Liner, Janet Riddick, Vivian Winslow and family, James Batie, Chuck's friend Jason LeShana, Jovan and Wesley Ward, Steve Sanders and his Aunt Gladys, Rebecca Hobbs, granddaughter of Curtis and Joyce Perry, Tommy Riddick, Wiley Shore, Archie Creed, Eura Hall, Dale Hunter, Leah Robertson, Forrest White (great grandson of Judy Parsons), Betty Ann Thach, Lester Baker, Tommy & Peggy Chappell, John Cullen, Carlton Rountree, Karen Boblit, Sonya Hartman and her mother Jean Presley, sister Wanda, and aunt Sue Hall, Christine Chappell, Perry Robbins, Eloise and Lyndon White, Affie Spivey, Jeff Sweeney, James Parks, Dawn Alexander (Dena Richardson's sister), Renee Marshburn (Robin Winslow's sister), Herbert Williams, Pat & Mary Frances Twiddy, Sid Stallings, Cecil & Ann Brown (friends of Jacque), Garland Anderson, Kathy Turner, Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick), Lois Faye, Paul White and family, Quincy Riddick, Abby Baker, Anna Spivey, Carey Guyer, the families of Faye Lassiter, Kim Hunter Daugherty, Reggie White, and Dale Graves, our care-givers, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Make a New Year's Time Capsule

Make a container to hold your treasures and your wishes and goals for the New Year.



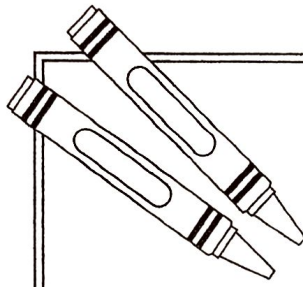
You will need:

- small storage tin (You may have a cookie-, popcorn- or candy-tin leftover from the holidays. If you don't have a tin, a shoebox will work.)
- goals for the coming year
- permanent markers ■ paper
- glue ■ tape ■ scissors ■ paint
- paintbrush
- little treasures (photos of friends or family, small toys, coins, etc.)

How to make it:

- Wash and dry the tin.
- Decorate the tin with the markers or paint. (If the tin already has a design, you can use that one. Or you can decorate pieces of paper and then glue them to the tin's lid and sides.)
- Mark your name and the date on the lid.
- On a piece of paper make a list of goals – things you would like to accomplish during the year. (For example, be a better student, be more helpful around the house, make new friends, etc.)
- On another piece of paper write some of the important things that happened last year. (For example, got a new puppy, went on a fun vacation, learned to ride a bike, etc.)
- Place the list of goals in the tin along with any little treasures you want to include.
- Tape the lid onto the tin.
- Store it in a safe place (for example, your closet, under the bed, etc.).
- Open the tin on the next New Year's Day. Did you accomplish all your goals? Did you remember what was in the tin?

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Just for KIDS

"Who Am I?"

It's a new year and you may be thinking about time, birthdays and how old you'll be this year. Below are some people from the Bible and the ages they reached.

First, fill in the name of each person. If you need help, look up the verses in the Bible. Next, find the age of each person by matching the number under the blanks to the sum of the digits in the ages listed. For example, if the number under the line is 11, it could be 290 (2+9+0=11) or 47 (4+7=11).

Names:	Abraham	Joseph	Adam	Moses	Isaac	Noah	Jesus	Sarah
Ages:	33	110	120	127	175	180	930	950

1. I was God's first man. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (Genesis 5:5) (12)
2. I built an ark when God flooded the earth. I lived to be _____ years old.
Who am I? _____ (Genesis 9:29) (14)
3. God said that my offspring would be as many as the stars in the heavens. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 25:7) (13)
4. I was close to 90-years-old when God said that I would have a son. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 23:1) (10)
5. My parents were Abraham and Sarah. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 35:28) (9)
6. My brothers left me in a pit in the wilderness. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 50:26) (2)
7. When I was 3-months-old, I was placed in a basket in the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Deuteronomy 34:7) (3)
8. I began my life in a barn with animals. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Luke 2:7) (6)

Answers: 1. 930, Adam; 2. 950, Noah; 3. 175, Abraham; 4. 127, Sarah; 5. 180, Isaac; 6. 110, Joseph; 7. 120, Moses; 8. 33, Jesus

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