February 7, 2021 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements Larry Wood

Sunday Song Leader Logan Yancey

Wednesday Song Leader Mason McAlister (02.10.21)

> Scripture Reading Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer Micky Chandler (AM) Britt Lindley (PM)

Closing Prayer
Terry Chapman (AM)
Eli Carter (PM)

Count and Usher Chase Chapman, J C Newby

> **Communion** Ricky Cissom

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

January 31, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 64 Sunday Morning Worship: 86 Sunday Evening Worship: 72 Wednesday Night Bible Study:79 Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: NA

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Happy New Day! Doug Dingley

"Happy New ... DAY...?"That's right! "Happy New DAY!" That is the first thought that every Christian ought to strive to:wake up with every morning; make their own personal theme for the entire day; and share with everyone they meet throughout each new day - no matter what day, week, time, or year it happens to be because we know without a doubt, that our Lord's mercy and compassion upon us never wavers, fluctuates, or fails to be "new every morning" (Lam. 3:22-23). His great love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness is the only reason we are not consumed by His wrath, and therefore enjoy continual hope (See: Lam. 3:21-26) - no matter what morning it is, or how the day's earthly news may seek to beset or up set us.

We know from God's word that each and every new day is nothing short of a fantastic, one-of-a-kind, never to come again, Godgiven gift to heartily celebrate and appreciate; Psalm 118:24 stating that "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." We also rejoice in the fact that throughout each and every new day, new moment, and new situation that we are given by our God to experience, that "The Lord is righteous in her midst, He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails..." (Zeph. 3:5).lt was David who similarly confirmed, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits..." (Psa. 68:19), subsequently stating elsewhere: "So I will sing praise to your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows" (Psa. 61:8). Yes, it is obvious that God's Old Testament faithful understood the infinite value of the priceless gift of each new day.

We also, as God's New Testament children, people, kingdom, and priests (1 Ptr. 2:9-10), should arise to "stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord" (1 Chron. 23:30) just the same as His Old Testament priests and servants the Levites did (See: 1 Chron. 23:27-30). Only we should do so on a much deeper level, as we have been given a much better covenant with God,through the shed blood of Jesus our Lord(Hebs. 7:18-8:13).

Our faithful first-century brethren also experienced the infinite value, happiness, and appreciation of each new God-given day as they broke bread from house to house, and ate their meals together "with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people," to the extent that the Lord was able to add "to the church daily" those who saw their daily happiness thus wanted to be saved too (Acts 2:46-47).

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:42); "So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5). Our first-century brethren and showed their heart-felt loved appreciation to God for His great love and forgiveness on a daily basis. They did so by searching the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11); reasoning from the Scriptures with those not yet Christians daily (Acts 17:17, 19:9); and exhorting one another as Christians on a daily basis as well, so that their brethren would not lose heart and give up and in to sin (Acts 3:13). And they did all of this despite the absolutely life and death physical, political, and persecutorial distractions of their day.

So... over the next few days, if anyone wishes you a "Happy New Year," return their greeting with a "Happy New Day" ... and then tell them how to continually have one each and every day for the rest of their earthly lives in Christ Jesus our Lord (Prov. 16:20, 28:14, 29:18)!

"CHRIST IS NOT LOOKING FOR PART-TIME HELP"

by Dalton Key

No one but a fool would consider leaping a chasm in two jumps. Here it is either complete commitment or total failure. The same is true of Christianity. Too many of us are like the little boy who cut off his puppy's tail an inch at a time for fear of causing the dog undue pain by lopping off the whole thing at once.

Our lives are lived in *partial* surrender. We seem content to stop with the verse of the song promising "some of self and some of Thee." And we're ever searching for the elusive answer to what we consider to be life's single most important question: "What is the *least* I can do and still make it to heaven?" We should know better. We should recognize this anemic attitude of halfhearted Christianity as running counter to what our Lord clearly demands: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall find it." (Luke 9:23,24.) Jesus is not in the market for part-time help; He seeks full-time, fully committed disciples. The apostle Paul gladly answered the Lord's call to commitment. He counted all things as loss that he might win Christ. (Philippians 3:7,8.) He considered himself "crucified with Christ." (Galatians 2:20.) He counted not his very life as dear unto himself. (Acts 20:24.) And he finally offered himself as a martyred sacrifice. (2 Timothy 4:6,7.) Paul was determined to live a "none-of-self-andall-of-Thee" life.

2 Timothy 4:6-7

Are we?

⁶For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

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- •SICK SUNDAY: Pat Shackelford, Ola Wade
- HOSPITAL: Wilma Wood
- SURGERY RECOVERY: Kim Lindley
- •EXTENDED ILLNESS: Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman
- CANCER: Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa
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