

Thank you, Alexis Brown
Speaker for today

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This first bulletin of 2024 begins the 35th year of a bulletin begun by Bill Brown, Sr.

Following the Pattern in the New Year

By Joe Slater

What do you suppose God's people were doing on New Year's Day roughly 3500 years ago? Would you believe they were putting up the tabernacle? *"On the first day of the first month, you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting"* (Exodus 40:1). *"And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up"* (Exodus 40:17).

Earlier in Exodus (chapters 25-31) God had given Moses explicit and detailed instructions about the tabernacle and all of its furnishings, beginning with this exhortation: *"According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so shall you make it"* (Exodus 25:9). The Lord repeated this command several times as He specified the dimensions, materials, design, etc., of the tabernacle and its furnishings. *"And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain"* (Exodus 25:40). *"And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain"* (Exodus 26:30). *"As it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it"* (Exodus 27:8).

Moses and the Israelites took God seriously! *"Thus Moses did; according to all that the Lord had commanded him, so he did"* (Exodus 40:16).

Congratulations!

Isaiah Diaz was baptized last week!
His mom is Elizabeth Carrillo. Their new address is
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Reminder

Business Meeting Next Sunday 2:30 p.m.

January Birthdays

14 Juanita Small

January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

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The tabernacle and things associated with it were a shadow of the better things Jesus Christ established in the New Covenant. The Hebrews writer taught that we ought to be even more diligent to be faithful in the New Covenant than Moses and the Israelites were in the Old Covenant (Hebrews 2:1-4; 10:28-31).

In this new year, let us renew our determination to follow God's pattern set forth in the New Testament!

New Year's Resolutions

By Jeff Arnette

Yes, it's that time again. It is the time of year when we usually commit ourselves to several worthy goals. We do this because we want to make our lives and faith better. We want to improve and that is a worthy goal. I have noticed that most of our resolutions revolve around money, health, and family.

While these are worthy goals, what would it look like if you could set the resolutions for the church or your family? I would venture to say that we would set a much more rounded, holistic set of resolutions. As I reflected on this question, I came up with a list that I think is a good start. It is not perfect by any means but these are the things I would like to see myself and others focus on.

- Pray more. 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- Invest in our God given talents. 1 Timothy 4:14-15; Matthew 25:14-30.
- Get more intentional about evangelism. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.
- Care for ourselves spiritually. Philippians 3:12-16; Mark 6:31; Exodus 20:8-11.
- Be willing to make the tough decisions. Acts 20:22-24.
- Confront the sin in our life. Heb. 12:1-2.
- Be forgiving of others and myself. Matthew 6:14-15.
- Love people without boundaries. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

- Quit comparing myself to others. John 21:20-23; 2 Corinthians 10:12.
- Read more. 2 Timothy 4:9, 13.
- Make family a priority. Colossians 3:18-21.
- Stay focused on Christ and His church. Acts 2:42-47.
- Continue to grow. Ephesians 4:15-16; 2 Peter 3:17-17
- Treat others like I would like to be treated. Matthew 7:12; Isaiah 1:16-17.
- Seek heavenly things above all else. Colossians 3:1-2.

This is a difficult list that could take a lifetime to master and yet, we are called to be Christ-like in every aspect of our life. Let's use our resolutions to ensure that we become the best Christian possible.

Broken Promises...Commitment Counts

By David Bragg

Various studies support the following statistics. Twenty-five percent of New Year's resolutions are broken during the first week of January. Nearly seventy percent are cast aside before February comes. Only a precious few (8%) survive to the end of December. And the saddest part is that no one will likely notice that a resolution has been broken. The exception is keeping our New Year's promise. Resolutions may be frivolously made and just as easily broken. Failure is not taken as that serious.

This is a sure sign that the resolution was too vague. A resolution that can be broken without concern or consequence is meaningless. Perhaps that's why the Bible talks about commitment rather than resolutions. A commitment counts. When we fail to keep a commitment, it is a real failure.

We should have clear goals set before us as we begin this New Year. Those goals will help us keep focused each day. They will help us to maintain our commitment to God, made not on January 1st but at the waters of baptism. That, in the big scheme of things, is a promise that matters. Happy New Year!