

# Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome to our Services..... January 1, 2017

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Chronological Bible-In-a-Year schedule:**

**Week of Jan 1: Gen 1-3**

**Tim was not able to come home when expected but will hopefully make it back to the area this week. The plan for now is to take him back to the rehab place in Angola. Barb and the kids left yesterday to spend the New Year's holiday with him. Please continue to pray fervently on his behalf.**

**Wendi Baker was taken to the hospital here in Coldwater yesterday. The port she has is severely infected. She is in room 292. Visits are welcomed and prayers appreciated.**

**Loretta's Aunt Rosie was admitted to the hospital in Jackson. It was found that she has a large mass on one lung and spots on the other lung. The doctors diagnosed her with cancer. It is not treatable. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.**

**Our yearly Congregational meeting will take place after our potluck on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on staying to discuss the elders' plans for the next year.**

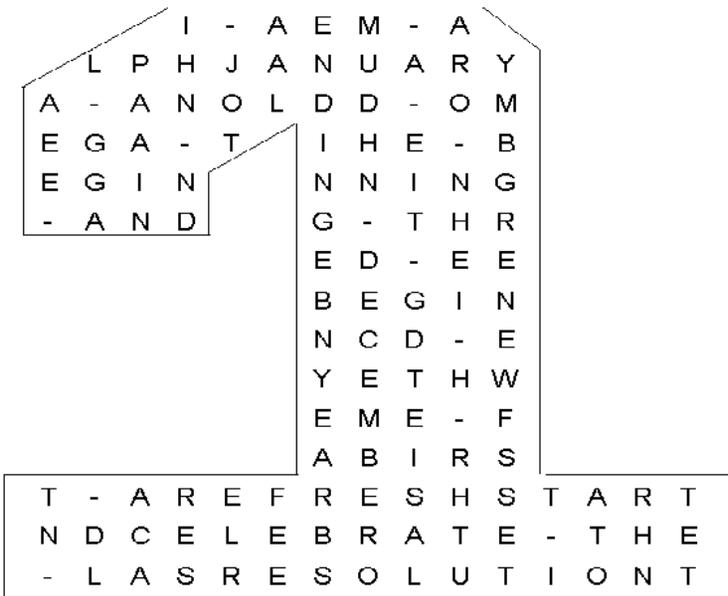
**\*On that note, if you have an idea you'd like to discuss and that you would like to lead in, please write it down and give it to one of the elders. \***

**If you'd like to donate a little time during services to lead during Kid's Church, please see Pete.**

***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor. 5:17***

## The First and the Last

Find the words listed below hidden in the puzzle.  
Find the hidden Bible verse in the letters that are left.



Begin  
Celebrate  
December  
Ending  
January  
New

Old  
Refresh  
Renew  
Resolution  
Start  
Year

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**Today's Sermon..... Year of Purpose**  
**Next Week's Sermon.... The Journey Together**  
**Wednesday Night..... Prayer Service/ Erin's Mission Trip Presentation**  
**Wednesday Ladies' Class ... Old Testament-Cathleen**  
**Sun. Adult Bible Class... .. Ben S.**  
**Sun. Night..... Ben S.**

**Service Times - Sunday: Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship.....11:00 a.m.**  
**Evening.....6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.**

**Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars...**

January 15<sup>th</sup> – after potluck – congregational meeting

**Please fill out prayer request sheet to have someone added!**

**\*\*\*Prayer List\*\*\***

Loretta's Aunt Rosie – lung cancer

John Owens – Dale's brother – taken off ventilator – home

Georgette Larson – lung problems

Harold Cregor

Tim Slomers - some improvement – moving closer this week

Edna – pain and problems at home

Thad – Dale and Beth's son-in-law - severe infection- healing

Cathleen– healing

Ella Boston – knee pain

Joshua Winslow – Edna's grandson

Penny Green – friend of Shirley – breast cancer

Jenny Mullenix – Shirley's niece – breast cancer

Wendi Baker – asthma – in hospital - infection

Birtie Akers - Joyce's sister –in-law– return of cancer in 2 places

Sydney – Joyce's brother-in-law – heart failure

Shirley Ware – knee pain

Joyce Fosdick, Marilyn Fitz

**TV BIBLE STUDIES:**

*Getting to Know Your Bible – on Charter*

*In Search of the Lord's Way – Charter-7:30 am-Sunday-channel 357*

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**Steps of Salvation:** Hear: Romans 10:14, 17 Believe: Acts 16:31

Repent: Acts 2:38 Confess: Acts 8:36-37 Baptism: Acts 2:38

Faithful: Matthew 7:21

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As Time Rolls On...

Mark Brouwer has some keen insights on how we measure time:

"The first mechanical clocks appeared in the 13th century, and signaled a subtle shift in the way we measure and think about time. They ushered in the concept of exact time – no longer just dawn, noon, mid-day – now 6:03, 12:00, and 3:20. Today our ability to divide and measure time has grown into insane proportions. For example, a cesium clock divides a second into 9,192,631,770 parts.

As James Burke wryly observes, now we can capture the "smallest elements of existence and learn more and more about less and less." We can divide time into the smallest of increments, but in so doing we miss the big picture."

"Exact time" actually does confuse us, because marking duration by a clock can give us a false impression of time...

The clock is round; it moves in circles, endlessly repeating. Digital clocks give the same impression. They make you think that time is cyclical. You go through a day, but the next morning when you wake, it's the same time again. It can seem like an infinitely repeating cycle; every day, time repeats itself.

But it doesn't! And the dawn of each year reminds us of that. At some point we realize that the days add up, and after we've lived them... they're gone, never to return.

Time is linear, not cyclical. The days do not repeat themselves; they are finite, and we lose them one by one. And the clock keeps ticking... The Bible gives great and practical insight into this subject. In Psalm 90 we're instructed to pray, "So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom." -- Psalm 90:12

Instead of "killing time" we should be "redeeming the time" (Ephesians 5:15-16), making the most of our limited time by focusing on those things that are most important: our family, our friends, and... our relationship with God!

When we look at the big picture, we realize that it is our relationship with God that is MOST important, for it has eternal consequences: "For the wages of sin is death, but the GIFT of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).