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New Beginnings Make New Endings

By Cathy Irvin

I recently saw this quote, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives.

As a believer in Christ, it is not about saying I will do this and I won't do that and then dropping the idea or falling

short. It is more about asking the Lord to help us each day, to fall deeper and deeper in love with Him. This way our focus will be set on the things of heaven and not on all this earthly stuff.

If I were to make a New Year resolution, it would be to have a deeper commitment, a deeper love, and a deeper worship for the Lord. In the beginning of this past year, He spoke to me in that still small voice in prayer and said, "I am more than enough. I am more than enough in every area of your life." He also said to tell others the same thing.

This year I am determined to make Him my all and all. He wants our undivided attention in spite of the distractions and temptations that lie waiting around the corner. He has to be our main focus.

How we will end this year will be determined by how we started it. Did we want to get more "INTIMATE" with the lover of our soul? I looked up the word intimacy and the meaning is to be close, familiar, very personal and private. Do you want a new ending this year? How do you want the ending of your life? If you're not a Christian, please know that this could be the best New Year of your life. Your life can be filled with hope and peace. To know what the ending will be is an extra bonus. Why should every year be the same as the one before with nothing really changing? After all, the New Year resolutions may or may not get accomplished.

If you are a Christian and you feel stagnate in your relationship with the Lord, then now is the time to rekindle the love affair with Him. He calls us to Himself and says, "Come away my beloved." Can you hear Him? He is tugging at your heart. The real ending in our life will be when Jesus says well done my good and faithful servant. That statement will be for someone who took the time to get to know Him, love Him, and that obediently followed Him.

Pastor Bowdre

January 2017

Schedule of Services

Sundays

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Bible Classes

6:30 p.m.

Ministry Meetings

2nd Sunday

Care Groups

North, Central & South

3rd Sunday

Youth C.O.R.E.

(Centered On Rejoicing Eternally)

4th Sunday

MENistry

8:00 a.m.

1st Tuesday

The G.A.M.E.

(Girlfriends Anointed Motivated and Excelling)

1st Thursday

Technology Meeting

6:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Women's Circle Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Rehearsals

1st & 3rd Sundays

SouthCentralites

8:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Sundays

Total Praise

Deacons

Prentice Butler
Rufus Thompson

Pastoral Illumination



At SouthCentral Church of Christ...PRAISE is what we do!

Derren Smith, Minister of Involvement/Development

December 4, 2016	
Sunday School	23
10:00 Worship	91
Mid Week	33
Visitors	21
Placed Membership	8

December 11, 2016	
Sunday School	36
10:00 Worship	83
Mid Week	32
Visitors	16
Placed Membership	8

December 18, 2016	
Sunday School	41
10:00 Worship	75
Mid Week	38
Visitors	11
Placed Membership	8

December 25, 2016	
Sunday School	NA
10:00 Worship	91
Mid Week	35
Visitors	30
Placed Membership	8

Youth CORE monthly meeting will be on Sunday, January 15th following morning worship. If you have not enrolled in Youth CORE please attend and complete registration. We have a year of fun filled events planned.



NOW OPEN!!

The Youth CORE store is open each Sunday and Wednesday following services. Please stop by and buy items from the store. Among items for sale are chips, Cheez Its, water, Airheads, blow-pops, water and Capri Suns. Proceeds from the YC Store to help with cost associated with the upcoming Youth Xtravaganza and other youth related projects.

Tax Statement Requests

2016 statements of giving will be available by request only for amounts exceeding \$250. Please make your requests by signing the appropriate sheet in the foyer. In our effort to maintain efficiency and good records, we ask that "consistent givers" please use a contribution card each week. Pay Pal users do not have to fill out a contribution reports. A report is generated for those contributions. A church is not totally tax-exempt, especially one that has (501) C3 status as we do. It is imperative that we record both outgo and income. Please help us comply with this federal rule. This is also the **ONLY** record that we keep of your giving for tax purposes, therefore it is **IMPERATIVE** that you remain consistent in this matter. **Tax Statements are prepared by contribution cards and PAYPAL only.**



The **birthday challenge for 2017** has begun. We ask everyone (including children) to pay your age and above (in 2017) in dollars. Please do not cut your regular tithes and offerings. This is an annual fundraiser that is over and above your regular contribution. You may pay funds to **Janet Jones, Paula Loftin or Feleta Stewart** or you may include this on your contribution card on the "Special" line by noting "Birthday Challenge". Include a breakdown of persons on the back of card if paying for multiple persons.

Electronic Giving

We now offer the ability to give by pay-pal, credit card and debit card via the church website. It's simple and you can do it at any time! Simply log in to the site and choose your method of payment and follow the instructions. You will be given a receipt number and simply indicate it on your contribution card. Several are finding this method more convenient!



Please No Food or Drinks
in Sanctuary.

Silence Cell Phones.

