News Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Geoff & Sarah Hill on the birth of twin daughters, Ruby Sue & Shirley Jean on Jan. 2nd. Tammy West is the grandmother; Donna Stevens is the great grandmother. Best wishes to all.

THANKS: To **Rob & Anita Hopwood** for their donation of Ball point pens. Available at the desk in the foyer.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Resumes this Thursday, Jan. 16th.

PANTRY: Dinty Moore Stew.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: John Sprout, Peggy Linger, Randy Beagle, Bob McMahan, Scharlotte Jones, Becky McKitrick, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Gary & Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. Fox-Chester: Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. Elsewhere: Carolyn Carbone, 103 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

Top 10 Predictions for 2025

As we see the beginning of a new year, with all the problems the world is facing, it can be unsettling, but there are some things of which we can be sure. Here are ten predications that will to come true this year!

- 1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
- 2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
- 3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
- 4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
- 5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
- 6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
- 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
- 8. There will still be room at the cross.
- 9. Jesus will still love you.
- 10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to remember who is really in control, and "the Word of the lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

- (Bulletin Digest) -

Simply Trusting

Simply trusting ev'ry day, trusting thro' a stormy way, Even when my faith is small, trusting Jesus, that is all. Brightly doth His Spirit shine into this poor heart of mine; While He leads I shall not fall, trusting Jesus, that is all. Singing if my way is clear, praying if the path be drear; If in danger, for Him call, trusting Jesus, that is all. Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by; Trusting Him what'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.

- Edgar P. Stites, 1876 -

Reasons to Read the Bible Each Day

There is no way to know all the challenges, trials, triumphs, and sorrows the year will bring. However, one thing is certain: you will have a better year if you read the Bible each day. The following are reasons to read the Bible each day:

Read the Bible to increase your faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Read the Bible to increase in knowledge. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Read the Bible to be wise unto salvation. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

Read the Bible to know how to live right. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Read the Bible because you will be blessed (truly happy) if you do. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3).

Read the Bible that you might know truth from error. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Read the Bible because it is commanded. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

All of these Scriptures reveal the need to read the Bible. When making your list of resolutions for the New Year, resolve to read the Bible each day. You will be glad you did.

- Mark Lindley, Chapman church of Christ, Ripley, MS (Bulletin Digest) -

Heed the Creed

The only creed we need, the only one indeed, is the one Christ decreed.

So let us never impede, precede, or exceed where it does not lead.

And let us feed on the seed for which Christ did bleed.
Let us read, heed, and proceed knowing we will succeed.

- Ed Sterchi (Bulletin Digest)

People cannot change the truth, but the truth can change people.