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Let 2026 be the year for growth!

As 2025 comes to an end, it is always good to take an objective look back and recount how we responded to the events and challenges we faced in 2025.

If we are not careful, we can get consumed with the difficulties we faced and forget all about how our Lord intervened and/or carried us through the storms we faced, so to speak.

The truth is, we all face difficulties! Our Lord told us that we would, but for us "take heart" for He had already overcome the world. (John 16:33)

So as we look back over 2025, were there times that maybe we doubted our Lord or what He was doing? Were there times when we were fearful or flat out scared to death? Maybe there were instances where we didn't see eye to eye with another Brother or Sister or family member or co-worker and in a weak moment, lashed out and said or did something which we wished we hadn't? In short, maybe there were times in 2025 when we didn't respond well to a situation like we probably should have or at least could have responded better. We have all been there!

Times like these, reveal that while we are striving to live our lives pleasing to our Lord, we are growing in our walk with our Lord! We haven't arrived or mastered living and acting like our Lord. As much as our Lord has changed our lives, we all are still growing and becoming like our Lord Jesus! His transforming work is not complete in us and will not be complete in us as long as we live in this world. For we have not yet been showed what we will be like when Christ appears. But, we do know that when He does appear we will be like Him! (1 John 3:2) In the meantime, we all have a need for growth in our lives to be more pleasing to our Lord.

Let us not be deceived by the evil one's tricks, but rather let us trust and believe in our Lord Jesus more in 2026! Growth in Christ is intentional! May we strive to know our Lord more and be like our Lord Jesus all the more in 2026! And not just acting like Him, but in knowing Him so much more, that we start to think like Him!! That we truly see others like He sees them. That we hear the cries of others, like He hears them. In short, that we truly begin to love others, like our Lord Jesus loves them and us!!

With the Holy Spirit's daily leading and guidance in our lives, when 2026 comes to an end, we can look back and give our Lord praise for the growth in Him that we have experienced!!

With much love, respect, and prayer for you all!

Bible Trivia

1. What Judge had 70 sons?
2. What book in the Bible mention how wonderful grandchildren are?
3. Who let spies escape through a window by using a rope?
4. Who shut up the door of Noah's ark?
5. What gift was given to Christians as a sign of God's power to unbelievers?

Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus Monthly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday January 8, 2026 at the church at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) This month in honor of the fast that Pastor Jerry has called, please let your side dish be in line with the fast (ie:vegetables and/or salads). Bob and Carrie Hughes will be our special speaker ad share their testimony and involvement in the AG MAPS program. We hope to see you there!

Remember the fundraising effort of \$8000 to build a church in Madagascar, Africa. We have raised approximately \$2600, but still need your help! Please pray and consider what you would like to give toward this effort!

Have an Anniversary or Birthday coming up? Let Cindy know your special date, so we can celebrate with you!!

On a Lighter Side:



An elderly couple were driving across the country. The woman was driving when she got pulled over by the highway patrol. The officer said, "Ma'am did you know you were speeding?" The woman, hard of hearing, turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?" The old man yelled, "He says you were speeding!" The patrolman said, "May I see your license?" The woman turned to her husband once again and asked, "What did he say?" The old man yelled, "He wants to see your license!" The woman gave the officer her license. The patrolman then said, "I see you are from Arkansas. I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I've ever seen." The woman turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?" The old man yells, "He said he thinks he knows you!".

A southern boy married a nice New Yorker Catholic girl. After their marriage he moved to New York to be close to his wife's parents and decided to convert to the Catholic church. So he went to the priest and took instructions and was later baptized Catholic. He had one problem; however he couldn't get it into his skull that he was a Catholic man, and no longer a Protestant. This became such a problem that he returned to the priest and asked for some advice. The priest told him that he was born a Protestant, raised as a Protestant, but that now he was a Catholic and that he was to repeat the phrase "I'm a Catholic, not a Protestant" enough times the idea might penetrate his thick skull. The man left mumbling to himself, "I'm a Catholic, not a Protestant. I'm a Catholic, not a Protestant." The next Friday the priest decided to visit the newlyweds. He knocked on the door and was greeted by the wife. When he stepped in, he smelled something that should not be in a Catholic's home on a Friday. He asked the wife where her husband was, and she replied that he was in the kitchen. The priest walked into the kitchen and saw the man pouring thick brown gravy on a thick venison roast. Agast, the priest was about to explode when he heard the man say, "You were born a deer, you were raised as a deer, but now... you're a catfish!"

Prayer Needs:

Ruth Elmore
Roger Mullin
Brenda Gomez
Judy Biaseda
Josie Nine
Kathy Jelinek
Jerry Colston

Happy January Birthday To:

Norma Taylor - Jan. 19
Dave Nickel - Jan. 25

Happy January Anniversary To:

Wayne & Candus - Jan. 12
Rodney & Tamara Laroux - Jan. 17

Trivia Answers:

1. Gideon (Judges 8:30)
2. Proverbs (Proverbs 17:6)
3. Rahab (Joshua 2:15-21)
4. God (Genesis 7:16)
5. Tongues (1 Corinthians 14:22)

Here's a Recipe to Try:

Fresh Fruit Salad

Into a large bowl chop 3 apples (honey Crisp is good) and dice 3 stalks of celery. Add 1 can of pineapple tidbits and 1 can of mandarine oranges. Drain only half the juice. Add 1 cup of chopped green grapes and 1 small bag of dried cranberries. Add chopped pecans to your liking. To all this add 1 cup of poppyseed dressing.

Submitted by Kathy Jelinek