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Exodus 12:2, “*This month [shall be] unto you the beginning of months: it [shall be] the first month of the year to you.*”

The LORD established the calendar for the Israelites. It began at the Passover which would have been around the first of April according to our calendar. The LORD under the New Testament has not set our calendar. That was left to us. The only time keeping that is set up by the LORD that we keep now is the first day of the week.

It’s hard to believe that we are at the beginning of the year, but as of tomorrow, a full week of the year has already passed. That is about two percent of the year that is over. I’m sure as the year progresses, we’ll find it hard to believe that time is passing so quickly.

Still, we are basically at the beginning of the year. This is the time of year most people resolve to better themselves. Some will succeed and many will not. One of the things that defeats people in resolving to better their lives is the first failure. Many will never try after that. When we fail in anything, we need to pick up and start over.

If you are trying to eat better, maybe a gathering where there is much food has caused you to not meet your goals. You are the one that set the goal. You can simply restart. Never let one failure cause you overall defeat.

Never is this more important than in our service to the LORD. Perhaps you have resolved to read the Bible daily and to attend every service. We are nearly a week into the year. Maybe you have already been unable to keep what you have resolved. It doesn’t matter what time of year it is, simply start again. One of the greatest tools used against us in our spiritual lives is discouragement. Do not be discouraged when you fail. You can began anew.

People also fail because they grow weary when things are going well. They feel things should be better or different, and often stop what they were doing that was leading them on the right path. Paul wrote in Galatians 6:9, “*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*” Again he wrote in II Thessalonians 3:13, “*But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.*”

Becoming weary in well doing is like the classic fable of the hare and tortoise. The tortoise won because of steadfast, although slow, progress. The hare was fast but often stopped. In the same way, let’s progress steadily toward the only goal that matters— our eternal salvation.

Regular attendance, study, prayer and service to the LORD will lead us to our goals. It doesn’t matter what time of year it is, if you have failed in doing your service to the LORD, start over. Start now, and progress with steadfastness.

—Marty Edwards❖

Hebrews 6:19, “*Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.*”

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, and Leon Seaton. Erin Davis** been cleared for surgery for the implant in her back to relieve chronic pain. **Denise Miller**, sister of Sharon Franklin, is doing better. **Shirley Parson** will have surgery for a blocked carotid artery in four to six weeks.

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Psalms 119:40, “*Thy word [is] very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.*”

The new year is already a week old. One resolution many make is to read the Bible through within a year. It can sometimes be a challenge for people because they start and run into chapters with difficult names or very long chapters. You do not have to read the Bible in order. You can swap from the Old to the New Testament each day.

We do provide a free copy of each chapter of the Bible in audio format on the church’s website. Each chapter is a separate MP3 file that can be downloaded and played on any computer, tablet, or smartphone. These are copyright free and can be shared with others.

Some people do find it hard to sit down and read three to four chapters a day. The audio copy of the Bible we have on our website is 68 hours long. If you only listen 12 minutes each day, you can easily finish the Bible in a year. With 12 minutes of listening per day, you will finish hearing the Bible in 340 days, or about 11 months and 5 days.

Twelve minutes of listening per day can easily be done. We can do that while we are getting ready for the day each morning or while driving to work. Just by dedicating 12 minutes per day to

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Sunday, December 30, 2018		
Classes	10	Hebrews 9:26-10:4
Preaching	20	Acts 2 (What if this was your last Sunday?)
Contribution	\$891.00	
Evening	11	Matthew 6:19-34
Wednesday, January 2, 2019		
Classes	16	I Chronicles 24:1-31

Visitors— Dec 30 (AM) Lillie Mynes (Three Springs, KY)

Bible Quiz

What does God clothe that is tomorrow cast into the oven?

Last Week’s Answer— Thank and praise the LORD (I Chronicles 23:30)

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listening to the Bible, you can easily have it read in a year. If you continue to do this, after 11 years, you will have had the Bible read through about 12 times. Just think about how much Bible knowledge you’ll gain and how much closer to the LORD you will be.

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)