



"I Do Not Resolve"

Here's a New Year's resolution for you - don't make any! I don't mean to discourage you from making some genuinely healthy changes and helpful improvements for year 2018. Many of us do. According to the Human Quirk Index, a multinational think-tank dedicated to tracking aberrant human behavior, of the 100,000 interview subjects, 98.7% had made one or more resolutions on New Year's Eve. But guess how many had actually done any of those things with any kind of consistency of purpose by the time they followed up in March - 3.1%. Not impressive

According to Dr. Quirk, the most common un-followed New Year's resolutions include "quitting smoking or drinking, losing some weight, watching less reality television, spending more time with family, filing taxes early rather than at the very last possible minute, reducing dependence on foreign oil, reading a good book once in a while, and getting some exercise" Do you recognize any of your resolutions on this list?

Chances of following through with your resolutions are higher, though, if one or more of them happens to be from this list: not driving while handcuffed, not eating steak with a spoon, bathing at least once per month, not murdering more than absolutely necessary, and not repeatedly committing impeachable offenses while

president. My hope is you never find yourself struggling to keep any of these!

The downside to making New Year's resolutions is not that we don't have some personal improvements to make, but that we become discouraged with ourselves and our ability to fulfill self-commitments. And after we "break" our resolution, we give up.

Truth is, we aren't good at keeping promises to ourselves. Nevertheless, the Church often promotes promise-making. For example, before being baptized, the prayer book of the Church of England requires candidates to make resolutions. One must answer in the affirmative questions like - "Do you turn to Christ?" and "Do you renounce evil?" The American Book of Common Prayer, however, takes into consideration human inconsistency and flat-out weakness. It also adds gravitas to our promises. Instead of answering, "I will," one responds the "American" way: "I will, with God's help." Whereas we grow discouraged once we've "broken" our resolution, God lets us start over again and again! God is a God of new beginnings. It's called grace. So if you won't take my advice and must make resolutions - don't beat yourself up. God's grace is sufficient! (2 Cor. 12:9)

Happy New Year,
Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one and would like to bring it home, they are available for pick up in the Sanctuary.

Trustees Meeting
Monday, January 8
5:30 p.m., CCR

Valet Service

Do you have trouble finding a handicapped parking spot on Sunday mornings before Worship? We can help. Please call the church office for details at 927-5454.

Wednesday Night
January 10
Dinner, 5:15 p.m.

Beef Vegetable Soup,
Green Salad, Corn Bread,
Cobbler

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.
Practicing Our Faith:
Introduction to the Prophets

Family Gathering
Sunday, January 21
11:30 a.m., CAH

2018 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes inside the bookcase on the piano side vestibule.

Newcomer Ministries Meeting
Monday, January 8
6:00 p.m., SDR

Ladies Book Study
Monday, January 8
1:30 p.m.

A Missing Piece/ Grief Share
Wednesday, January 10
1 p.m., SDR

MLK Holiday
Monday, January 15
Church Office Closed

Deacon Ordination and Installation Service
Sunday, January 28

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital
Danette Parker
Connie Stigall

In Loving Memory
Mr. Roy Wallace *united with this church on January 18, 2004 and departed this life on December 23, 2017.*

Mr. Wilbur Rogers *of Shreveport, Louisiana united with this church on August 6, 1971 and departed this life in December 2017.*

Day of Caring
Saturday, January 27

This will be our fourth *Day of Caring*, and another opportunity to put our *Dawnings* initiative into action. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Hall, then we will break into small groups to contact our at-home and inactive church members. Please call the church office to sign up so that we can plan for breakfast.

Bears for Brave Heart
Sunday, February 4 & 11

Small bears will be collected during the worship hour to go in backpacks given to displaced children helped by the Brave Heart organization.

Farm Fresh Produce Initiative

Southeast Ministries Food Bank will begin a new program on Tuesday, January 20 that will occur on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. On this day they will receive four pallets of fresh bulk produce and are looking for two shifts of volunteers, one to repack items, the other group to distribute the produce on a first come, first serve basis. The Food Bank will be closed on this day to regular client traffic. They will need about 8 volunteers and several substitutes for this new program. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please call Patricia Poulter at 225-229-0865.

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 4

10:30 A BBQilters

Friday, January 5

9:00 A Yoga

Sunday, January 7

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship, Youth Sunday & Communion

Extended Teaching Care

Lindsey Duvall, Kelli Rayburn,
Jessica Best, Nita & Chris Hannie

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Monday, January 8

1:30 P Ladies Book Study

6:00 P Newcomer Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

9:30 A Yoga

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

1:00 P A Missing Piece, SDR

5:15 P Church Family Dinner

6:00 P Chapel Bells
Youth Bible Study

6:15 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 11

10:30 A BBQilters

Friday, January 12

9:00 A Yoga

Saturday, January 13

12:00 P Children's Ice Skating

CHILDREN

Ice Skating

Saturday, January 13

12:00 pm-3 pm

Leo's Ice Rink

**Bears for
Brave Heart**

The children will collect bears during the worship service on February 4 and 11.

YOUTH

Youth Sunday
January 7, 10:30 a.m.

Our own Mary Mullen will preach the sermon and the Youth of BBC will be involved in every aspect of the worship service.

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