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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for January 2020

We all have incidents in our lives when we wish we could have a “do-over.” In the game of golf, this is called a “mulligan,” and when my son and I used to play we gave ourselves a mulligan on each on both the front and back nine holes. It really didn't help our score any, but it did make us feel better, anyway.

Many things start over in January. The tax year starts over. Many organizational budgets start over. School semesters start over. And of course, the calendar year starts over too. Because so many things start over in January people often look to this time of the year for a fresh start, a sort of mulligan for their lives. I think this is the source of New Year's Resolutions. People who want to turn over a new leaf in their lives may try to do it in January.

The problem with turning over a new leaf is that what people really need is a new life! New Year's Resolutions about living a better and more peaceful life usually don't make it past New Year's Day! Like alcoholics, we are powerless over our frailties and sin. Try as we might to change our ways, we can't do it without outside help. It just can't be done!

The good news about this dismal situation is that our God is the God of second chances! Think of how many characters in the Bible totally missed God's will and way but were redeemed by His power and because of His love? Adam and Eve, Moses, Jacob, Jonah, David, Peter, Paul . . . and the list goes on and on!

If you've had a bad year the answer isn't a New Year's Resolution. The answer is to turn to the one who empowers you, as Paul wrote, to “be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Let me suggest that instead of making a New Year's Resolution, that we all turn to our Lord and Savior who can give us all newness of life!

Every blessing in 2020!

Director of Missions; Otis Corbitt

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

Praying for Each Other in 2020

In Paul's teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 6, he told us we should be “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, . . .” In 2020, I'd like you to join me in praying for a different one of our churches each week.

Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

January 2020

January 5: Adellum
January 12: Babbie
January 19: Beda
January 26: Bethany

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Babbie, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Rawls,
Pleasant Home, Southside-Andy, Sanford,
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CHURCH NEWS

ADELLUM

Adellum Baptist Church is searching for a pianist. For further information, Please contact Bro. Billy Boles at 334-343-1066.

Oakey Ridge

Oakey Ridge Baptist church welcomes Rev. Scott and Tammy Donaldson . he is a native of Covington County. they will begin their ministry Sunday Dec. 15th. merry Christmas from Oakey Ridge Baptist Church.

New Beginnings

Are you ready for a NEW year? For a NEW chapter in the book of your life? NEW sometimes can be a little scary, because we can't see what is ahead. Think of how Mary must have felt not knowing how her life would play out upon hearing the words of Gabriel. And yet she humbled herself and trusted God.

Aren't you thankful when you get a chance for a NEW beginning? I am thankful every day for a fresh start! I am thankful that when I do blow it; The Lord has promised that His mercy and compassion is NEW every morning! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

I thank the Lord He saved me from the slippery path I was on and made me a NEW creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)

My grandmother just recently went to be with the Lord. Once again it excites me and reminds me to think of the day to come when all is made NEW!!! “For behold, I create NEW heavens and a NEW earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.” (Isaiah 65:17)

Today is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad it in!!!

