

The Chatter

Gabbin' with Gordon

January 2017

I want to thank you for your very generous Christmas gift! I consider it an honor to serve the Lord with such a loving, caring and generous Church family. I pray that you will have a happy and prosperous New Year!

2016 will soon be history. In 2017 God will give each of us a clean slate, an unfilled calendar and a fresh start. So how will you fill the New Year?

In his book "The Journey: Billy Graham offers several insights to a better year and a better life.

1. *Live At Peace With Others.*

Life is short so don't waste it by living in turmoil with someone else. Now is it possible to do this with everyone in your life? Probably not. So the secret here is to do everything you can to live peacefully with others. The Bible says in Romans 12:18, "*Do the best you can to live in peace with everyone.*"

2. *Treat Others As You Want To Be Treated.*

Jesus put it like this in Luke 6:31, "*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*" So when we practice this truth we will see a difference in how we view others.

3. *Guard Your Tongue.*

Many marriages and friendships have been either damaged or destroyed because of

criticism that has spun out of control. The Bible says in Proverbs 21:23, "*Watch your words and hold your tongue; you'll save yourself a lot of grief.*"

4. *Avoid Revenge.*

Paul gives us great advice in Romans 12:17, "*Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.*"

If someone hurts us it is best to simply let it go. Rise above the hurt. Take the high road. By doing that we will honor the Lord.

5. *Practice Forgiveness.*

God tells us in Colossians 3:13 "*Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*"

When we forgive others we are doing exactly what Jesus did on the cross when He forgave those who crucified Him.

If we practice these five insights throughout the year I am convinced we will have a great New Year!

Happy New Year!



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January



17th—5:00 p.m.—Daycare Ministry Meeting
—6:00 p.m.—Missions & Property/
Finance Meetings
—6:30 p.m.—Board Meeting

21st—6:30 p.m.—Movie Night! We will be watching the movie 'In His Steps' and will be having a pot luck for supper. Please plan to bring an item to donate to the homeless, if possible.

25th—6:30 p.m.—Annual Meeting



January 25th
6:30 p.m.

On the Ballot:

Bill Daily- Elder
Greg Chilcote- Elder
Dan Sikkema-Elder (1 year)
Dale Bates- Deacon

To my family at OCC,
Once again I have been overwhelmed by your blessings! Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas gift. It has been such a pleasure to serve the Lord with you here at OCC through the years. I will miss serving as your secretary/treasurer, I have many beautiful memories of this job to take with me. God's blessings in the new year!
Love, Laura



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