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TIME OF SERVICES

Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Worship Service	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.

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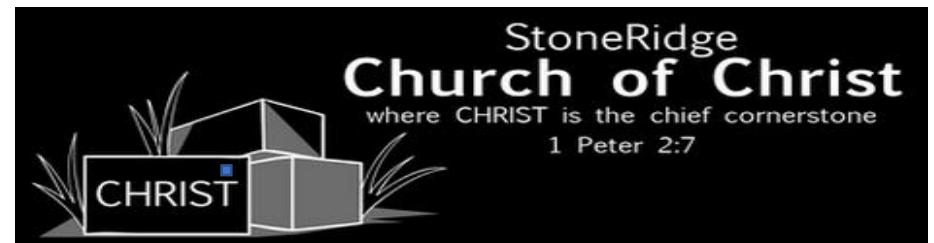
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P's From The Devil's "P Patch"

A man said "I've quit trying to figure out what makes my wife tick. Now I'm trying to figure out what gets her wound up." The Bible gives some motives which have made man "tick" though the ages. They're not hard to see.

PROSPERITY AND POSSESSION Ahab was sick at heart because he coveted Naboth's vineyard. His wicked wife schemed to get it for him after he had a pouting fit. (1 Kgs 21). Jesus taught that aa man's life doesn't consist of his possessions.

PRIORITY STATUS: Diotrophes was fond of first place (3 John). Selfishness is at the root of this universally despised trait. Even some of Jesus' disciples quarreled over who was the greatest.

POPULARITY: Absalom stole the hearts of the people from David by making unethical insinuations that would boost his popularity (2 Sam 15). Some believers wouldn't confess Jesus for fear of losing the praises of man (Jn 12).

PRIDE: Pride caused Ananias and Sapphira to lie to God (Acts 5). Simon the sorcerer wanted the apostles' powers that would distinguish him from others.

PLEASURE: Solomon had uninhibited pleasure in his quest for happiness. It failed. Those who live only for pleasure are "dead while they live" (1 Tim 5:6).

PEOPLE: The **highest** motive is concerns about the needs of people. This is what motivated Jesus (Phil 2:5-8; Acts 10:38). Numerous scriptures say "he was moved with compassion." He taught us to meet people's needs – the Golden rule, Love. The basic badge to identify Christians is their love. We have seen this recently in the help that Christians gave those who suffered loss from the hurricane. How important to have our motives under control. **-db**

New Year's Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
This brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
And in the way that you have said

Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings

A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease

Please give to all this earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With your blessings from above

The New Year lies before you
Like a spotless tract of snow
Be careful how you tread on it
For every mark will show - *author unknown*

***Birds singing their song loud and clear
Announcing to the world a New Year is here!***

Faith is not an emotion. It's a decision to stand on God's word.

News/Notes/Quote

THE SICK. **Evan Campbell**, had tonsils & adenoids removed Friday and is recovering at home... Continue to **remember Bob Johnson** with some ongoing health issues...**Cherilynn McFarland** still confined from foot surgery Prayers requested for **Wayne French** (Nola's brother), dealing with covid & cancer . Shut-ins: **Shirley Coots** at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Ray Vines** at Roger's home...**Ruby Vanhoozer** is at home under hospice care...**Karen Livesay** at home...

PODCAST. John Mundy – Monday-Friday. 8 am on Facebook & YouTube.

GROUP MEETINGS. Gr 1, 1/25, at Karleen's. Gr 2 at Pickens, 1/18. Both 5:30.

CONGRATS! Congratulations to **Addie Harris** on receiving her master's degree this month. She completed her bachelor's and master's in the same year. Quite an accomplishment! What's especially important is that she did this and maintained her faith and continued to come to worship while doing all that work. We deeply appreciate her example in serving the Lord.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS. 1st – Freddy Horton, Martha Thetford; 2nd – Taylor Harbin; 7th – Madison Suell; 8th – "T" Richmond; 9th – Bryan Ellis; 14th – Kemuel Camp; 16th – Carol Caldwell Eagan; 17th – David Ledgerwood; 20th Bob Johnson; 21st – Jake Sullivan, Tyler Wilson; 25th – Beverly Allen Carly Lands; 26th – Gary Bearden; 28th – Tommy Johns; 30th Angela Johns, John Mundy

Sometimes you need a "stop doing" list as badly as you do a "to do" list.

Conformity is doing what everyone else is doing, regardless of what is right. Biblical obedience is doing what is right, regardless of what everyone else is doing.

Many say God is love," but fail to understand that He rebukes, corrects, chastises and disciplines those whom He loves.

