

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

January 12, 2020

20 / 20 Vision

It's that time of year again ... time to think about your plans and goals for the new year. Except this year, because the year is 2020, we may be challenged to try to see the future more clearly, more sharply than we might in other years.

By definition, 20/20 vision is the term used to express normal sharpness or clarity of vision measured at a distance of 20 feet. It doesn't mean you have perfect vision, for other factors are involved, such as peripheral awareness, color vision and eye coordination. But it is a good standard for measuring visual sharpness.

Do you think it would be great to have 20/20 vision as we think and plan for the coming year? How would it affect our plans and goals if we could see clearly how our health or finances or opportunities impact us? How would we adjust our goals and actions if we could see precisely how the government or the weather or stock market would influence our lives? Would having 20/20 vision of the coming year be a good thing ... or not?

From my point of view I'm glad I can't see clearly what the new year will bring. If I could, I might be tempted to walk by sight instead of walking by faith in God (2 Cor. 5: 7). I might be tempted to say, *"Today or tomorrow we will go into such and*

such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit instead of saying, “*If the Lord wills we will live and do this or that*” (James 4: 3-15). Or, I might be tempted to build bigger barns instead of being rich toward God ” (Luke 12: 16-21). If I could see clearly what will happen the new year, I would be tempted to trust in myself instead of trusting in my God.

While there is some benefit in seeing clearly what the future holds for the coming year, there is far greater blessing for people of faith to trust the God who created the past and the future, the One who “*upholds all things by the power of His word*” (Heb. 1:3). Think of the peace that “*surpasses understanding that will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 4.7). Think of the confidence we can have knowing we can do “*all things through him who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4.13). Think of the joy we can have, like Jesus, in seeing past the present into what we can know lies ahead (Heb. 12.2). Think of the comfort of being wrapped in the arms of Jesus no matter what the future holds (Matt. 11.28-29). Think of the security knowing that the Lord is our Shepherd who feeds us, cares for us, and protects us (Psalm 23; John 10.1-15). Think of the hope and encouragement we have: even if nothing works out the way we want it to in 2020, we know Jesus will come again some day and take us to our heavenly home (1 Thess. 4.13-18).

For 20/20 vision, trust and obey Jesus ... there's no other way.

— Joe Chesser

A Handful of Resolutions

Stop judging others.

— Matthew 7:1

A new year is a good time for resolutions. Here's a handful that will help us make a U-turn when we catch ourselves wallowing in judgmental mud.

I resolve to remember that I will be weighed on the same scales that I use in weighing others (Mt 7:2).

I resolve to be aware that putting someone down doesn't build me up.

I resolve to refocus—away from the perceived flaws of others, to a mental scrubbing of my own mind and tongue.

I resolve to reverse direction—doing an about-face from what I find distasteful in a person by zeroing in on some admirable quality in him.

I resolve that when I am critical of a person—in word or thought—I will spend an equal amount of time praying for her.

*Treat people as you do your pictures—
display them in the best light.*

— Joe Barnett

Save this Date :

**Sweetheart banquet will be delayed until
Saturday March 21**

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Flavoring packets for water, Baby wipes (*must be unscented and alcohol free*) Sample containers of shampoo, conditioner, foot powder, lotion, shower gel, body wash, mouthwash, Tooth-brushes and toothpaste Q-tips, razors, dental floss, hand sanitizer, deodorant

Birthdays : Butch Reynolds January 13
Betty Lowe January 16

Reading : Matthew 6: 19-34

NEXT WEEK : (January 19, 2020)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : Ron

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Prayer List :

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has had surgery to remove water from behind his lung. The water has already begun returning, but he has been given medication which will help control this.

Ruby Miller : No update .. Assuming Sis. Ruby remains in the bounce-back unit at the Manor while and is to be doing well.

Mary Smith : No update .. Sis. Mary is also in the bounce-back unit at the Manor while she recovers from a broken hip.

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother will have her 3rd back surgery on the 21st in hopes of finding some relief from her pain.

Stanley Rich : Jonathan's uncle Stan has been battling fluid buildup on his lungs. On several occasions he has had it drained by inserting a needle and tube, but next time a more serious procedure will be required.

Mary Niehls & Sarah : Our daughter, Sarah, is going to Haiti on a medical mission trip during the last week of Jan. There is civil unrest in that country, but they just decided Sun. PM to go ahead with the trip. Could we please pray for their safety? I will be going to PA that week to be "Mommy" for her 5 young children while she is away -- I might need some prayers too.

Jim Jarnigan : Greg's cousin Jim has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Jim is still waiting for treatment options,

Doris Jarnigan : Has improved significantly.

Brenda Stevens : Brenda has new pain meds for her back which are more effective than her previous medications.

Ruby Bradd : The 3 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae had laparoscopic surgery to remove the remnant of her adrenal gland tumor. We do not yet have the result.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Doris Faulkner : Rm. 603 in Alzheimer's unit at the Manor.

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues and water on the lung

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. His condition is deteriorating.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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