

## **No More Wait; It's 2008**

As each new year begins, millions and millions of people make “resolutions” that they contend they will accomplish by the end of the year. Many resolve to lose weight, eat healthier, and exercise more, while others purpose to work harder and earn more money. Both are legitimate and worthy resolutions, as long as those resolutions do not form partitions between that person and God. The Bible teaches that we are to be good stewards of what God has allowed us to have (Luke 12:42-43). The Bible also teaches that we are to make preparations for the future (Luke 14:28). Our ultimate preparations, however, should not be with the intent to satisfy the flesh nor should it be considered with an earthly timetable. Our preparations, here on Earth, should be with a heart and mind fixed on the Day when we shall appear before the Righteous Judge. When we make our resolutions to “do better” in the year to come, let us remember, first and foremost, our responsibilities as Christians.

Let Us Be Resolved To:

- \* Read From The Bible Everyday (2 Timothy 2:15)
- \* Pray Everyday (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- \* Be A Light To A Lost World (Matthew 5:14-16)
- \* Be A Good Neighbor (Matthew 22:39)
- \* Attend Every Service (Hebrews 10:25)  
– Including: Bible Classes, Gospel Meetings, VBS, etc.
- \* Sing, Pray, Teach, Partake of The Lord's Supper, and  
Give in spirit and in Truth (John 4:24)
- \* Love One Another (1 Peter 1:22)
- \* Seek and Save The Lost (Luke 19:10)

Let us, as a congregation and as individual members, each resolve to bring (at least) one new individual to our services this year. We may have to invite hundreds of people in order that only one visit with us, but let us be resolved. Let us resolve to set up (at least) one Bible study with a non-Christian or an erring member of the Church this year. We may have to ask hundreds of people and hundreds of times to set up that one Bible study, but let us be resolved. Let us be resolved to grow stronger in the Faith in 2008.

On a personal note, April and I would like to thank you all for your friendship and fellowship in Christ. We are blessed to have had each of you in our lives in 2007 and look forward to the year ahead. Thank you.

– *Brad Green*