



# The Calvary Connection

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*Sacrifice, Commitment, Discipline!*

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Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2019. Every year at this time we reflect upon the previous year and decide what we want to change or do better in the next year. We call these resolutions. I recently read an article in which 2,000 people were polled about their New Year's resolu-

tions. The top three resolutions were 1) Diet/Eat Healthier, 2) Exercise More, 3) Lose Weight. These are all admirable resolutions and they all have one thing in common: they take discipline to accomplish.

What if we, as believers, were to commit ourselves to spiritual discipline? You may be asking "what are spiritual disciplines?" Spiritual disciplines are practices which we find in Scripture which promote growth as believers in

Christ. These include Bible reading/study, prayer, worship, service and evangelism just to name a few. What if we were to choose one spiritual discipline and commit this next year to improving on it? I want to challenge you to commit to one of these spiritual disciplines this year to grow in your faith. Maybe you choose Bible reading and commit to reading the entire New or Old Testament this year, or the whole Bible. Maybe you choose prayer

and commit spending 20 minutes each day in prayer for the church, your family, and your witness. Or maybe you choose evangelism and commit to simply sharing the gospel with 10 people this year. This year, in 2019, let's not just make a resolution to better ourselves physically, but let us together commit to growing deeper in our faith. God bless and have a great year!!

His Instrument

Jason

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
DECEMBER 2	86
DECEMBER 9	95
DECEMBER 16	78
DECEMBER 23	78
DECEMBER 30	76
<b>AVERAGE 83</b>	



A suggestion might be for a Bible Study Class to provide flowers to honor their teacher.



### Flowers for the Altar

If you would like to provide flowers for the Communion table in memory of or in honor of someone's special day such as birthday's or anniversaries you need to sign the list on the bulletin board behind the Baptistry. The flowers can either be fresh or permanent.

Gene Dotson	03
Bob Chapman	04
Steve Eans	11
Brenda Jenkins	11
Savana Romey	16
Joe Gibson	21
Gerald Pelton	26
Lois Singleton	27
Judy Smith	28
Kathy Hellman	31