

Be Kind, Please Rewind

Be Kind, Please Rewind! The phrase was often seen on VCR tapes. The local Blockbuster or Movie Gallery encouraged you to be kind and please rewind. How frustrating to rent a movie that needed rewinding before you enjoyed! Times sure have changed. Blockbuster is a thing of the past. So too are VCR tapes. Even DVD's are starting to phase out. Movies are now accessed digitally.

I want to encourage you to be kind, please rewind. I don't mean a VCR tape of course. At the first of a new year we typically look ahead, planning the year and making resolutions. It is a great time to do that, to start fresh and seize the day. I also take time to look back at the previous year, to rewind the year if you will and reflect. I like to reflect upon and record:

The girls' birthdays and how old they turned
Mine and Lori's anniversary
Any major event in the life of my family
What marathon(s) I ran for the year
What God did in the life of our church
What God did in my life

We tend to live such busy lives. It is good to stop and reflect on the past. Be kind, please rewind 2017 and consider the goodness of the Lord!

Your Pastor,

Jason R. McNaughten



New Year, New Thought Life

Each year people around the country gather together making lists of goals for the new year. Whether it's weight loss, financial, or spiritual, people love to make new year's resolutions. This year as you consider ways to improve your life, consider adopting a spiritual new year's resolution.

As a seasoned Christian, sometimes finding new and challenging ways to grow can be difficult. A spiritual new year's resolution sets a goal and moves towards it for your own personal spiritual vitality. But how can the Bible motivate us to monitor our thought life's?

Matt 9:4 tells us, "Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?" When we remember that Christ knows our every thought, it can help us to better direct that thought towards "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things." **Phil 4:8**

But dwelling on the positive is only one aspect of guarding your thoughts. **Romans 12:2** says "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" This means that as Christians, we must seek the influence of God to transform and renew our minds to become more like His! Obviously, this goal is not only a New Year's resolution, but a lifelong one. This year seek to become more Christlike, a New Year's resolution with an eternal impact.

Youth Pastor,

Joshua Peeler



Happy January Birthday

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| 4 th | John Angelle | 13 th | Lee Weber |
| 6 th | Marie Damron | 15 th | Leo Day |
| 6 th | Brenda Summers | 20 th | Jack Elstrott |
| 7 th | Joni Ewing | 20 th | Kinley Stuart |
| 7 th | Beverly Stuart | 20 th | Eric Weston |
| 10 th | Cindy Bennett | 21 st | Kevin Fabre |
| 10 th | Madison Picard | 22 nd | Stafford Chenevert |
| 12 th | Josh Fulmer | 27 th | Clara Jarreau |
| 12 th | Robin St. Romain | 28 th | Nathan Fulmer |
| 13 th | Betty Mounger | 31 st | Nevis Cormier |

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Wed. Services: 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

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- *Office Closed Mon.-Tues., Jan. 1-2*
- *Nursing Home Ministry, Wed., Jan. 3, 1:15pm*
- *Wed. Adult Bible study @ 6:00pm*

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