

January 2014

Greetings again church family.

Well 2014 is here! Now is the time when we all make resolutions for the New Year. Some want to lose weight, and some want to exercise. Some want to finish that project at the house that never got completed. Some want to spend more time with family or kids and some even take up a new sport or activity.

As we begin a new year I would like you to consider recommitting to several activities that will support your walk with Christ. It is easy to get complacent about our relationship with Jesus. Over time we sometimes get busy and neglect the simple, yet important, activities that help us grow in our walk with the Lord. It is so vital that we read his word, pray, memorize scripture and fellowship with the body of Christ.

The key to our walk with Christ comes down to one simple word – time. We have to spend time with God to grow with him. If we were too busy this holiday season to spend time with God, then we need to adjust our schedule and re-evaluate our priorities. Spending time with God takes planning and commitment. There is not time like a New Year to recommit to following Christ and spending time with him.

God bless all of you.

Bro Keith



AWANA January schedule

8th: New Year's Night ¹/₂ Way There Night Party

12th: Dress Up Your Pet

19th: Arctic Night

26th: Drive-In Night

From My Desk

When I was a child, we didn't have computer games, DVDs, Gameboys, or any of the other toys that children have today. But we had comic books – Donald Duck and his friends, Daffy, Sylvester and Tweety Bird, Batman and Robin, and Superman. They were very inexpensive and we traded the comic books with friends. It probably would take about 15-20 minutes to read one comic book, depending on how fast you read. Then Hollywood got into the comic scene and really destroyed our imaginations of the comic characters.

A few years ago Patti and I went to see "Superman Returns". My, what a difference! It used to take 15-20 minutes to read a story. Hollywood took 154 to tell the story. If you listened and watched closely, one might think that the movie was somewhat spiritual to the Christian, for it implied spirituality. Jael, the father of Superman, from the plane Krypton, sent his only son to earth to save the world. When the son needed strength he would to the sun, or light. He died and rose again from the bottom of the sea to reign as Superman. Lex Luther thought himself as very handsome and very powerful because he sought out the crystals which possessed power, intelligence, strength, and everything o the universe. Lex Luther was out to take over the world. In the end, Superman prevailed and Lex was put in

Be careful when you watch movies or read some books, there are overtones of New Age spirituality. The use of crystals and the light is very strong in the New Age spiritual movement. The New Agers worship the creation and not the "Creator". Remember that Satan is a created being and he will use anything and everything to destroy a follower of Jesus, the Christ.

By all means, watch "Superman Returns" or any other movie you want to see, but remember Satan is out there to destroy you belief and trust in Jesus Christ and he will use whatever avenue to get to you.

God, the Father
God, the Son
God, the Holy Spirit

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... is the truth and only way to be happy and to have earthly and eternal rewards.

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