



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Chance Good** has kidney stones and it has been slowly passing little bits of the stones.
- Continue to keep **Pam Richards'** parents in your prayers.
- **Reagan Kenyon** received an excellent report from her most recent medical tests. Praise our Lord for this excellent news.
- Beverly and Clifford Gunn, Judy Roybal, JO Vick, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Bobby Wright, Larry Reeder, Zell Gammill, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

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## Announcements

- **John & Lorraine White** have placed membership with our congregation. We are so happy to have this family join us!!
- **Keilt Robinson**, niece to Pow and Renee Carter, has been experiencing some serious health issues.
- **Sasha Tompkins** has throat cancer and doctors are only giving her about a month to live.
- **La Donna Gammill** has breast cancer and had a lumpectomy. Test results indicate she is going to require additional surgery, so your prayers for the family and the medical staff would be appreciated.
- We are so glad to report that **Meagan**

**Shotwell** is doing much better and is out of the hospital and doing better.

- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at **6 PM** for our monthly Working for the Master shared meal and then we will write notes of encouragement. There is a sign up list on the back table for items for the meal.
- **Les Miller's** father is in the hospital and is not doing well. The doctor's are not expecting him to leave the hospital.

### Benevolence Update

We are collecting **flour** and **sugar** for the Portales Christian Children's Home this month. Our goal is 50 items.

**Silas Shotwell** will bring the lesson today  
**Men Serving this Month**

- **Announcements:** Tom Oliver
- **Scripture:** Bob Addison
- **Song Service:** Mark McCollum

### Happy Birthday

January 16— Terry Addison

### Anniversaries—

None this Week

### Calendar of Events

**January 16**— MLK Holiday & No School

**January 18**— Working for the Master

**February 5**— Potluck Sunday



## THIS YEAR I WILL GET ONE RESOLUTION RIGHT.... BY STEVE RIDGELL

Here we are, just a few days into the New Year, and many of us are already lamenting the fact that we have failed to keep our resolutions. New Year's resolutions consist of two truths: most of us make them, and then we break them. In fact, the people that fail to make resolutions have generally learned from experience that they are hard to keep, so why bother.

But shouldn't resolutions be hard to keep? If they involved behavior that was easy, we would not have to make a resolution in the first place. Most resolutions require real work. Yet every year we make them. We do it at New Year's. We do it at birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries. We make them because we want to be better. We want to be healthier. We long to be people who make a difference. We desire to be better mates, parents, and friends.

So this year I have determined to keep my list of resolutions short. I am making just one: I am resolved to know Jesus Christ and him crucified. That's it. That is the one and only thing I am resolved to do this year. If you are a Christian, you may recognize this as something the apostle Paul said. If you are not a Christian, let me share with you why it is the perfect resolution.

1. Knowing Jesus will make me a better man, a better husband, a better father, and a better friend. He left me an example of how to live in this world and how to treat people. Jesus teaches me how to love people.
2. Knowing Jesus makes everything new. Christians are a new creation. They have a new life. The old life is gone, forgiven, and washed away. Jesus allows you to have the perfect do-over.
3. Jesus restores the broken resolution. As long as we stay focused on following Jesus, we do not have to be perfect. In fact, we will not be. We know it, and God knows it. But the blood of Jesus continually cleanses us. Just stay focused on Jesus, the light of the world. Perpetual newness.

I believe the three things listed above. They have proven true in my life. I believe they can be proven true in yours. As for me, I actually make this one resolution each and every day. Just to know Jesus, and to remember that he died for my sins. I would be honored to visit with you about how this can be true in your life. Write me at [steve@hopeforlife.org](mailto:steve@hopeforlife.org) or join the blog discussion at [www.hopeforlife.org](http://www.hopeforlife.org).

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