

# Church of Christ Rocketdyne Road

*“Every member a minister...through service”*

JANUARY 2, 2011

*For surely*  
I KNOW THE  
plans  
*I have for*  
YOU,  
says the  
*Lord...*  
TO GIVE YOU A  
future  
WITH  
*Hope.*  
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

## GOD'S PROMISE FOR 2011

Who knows what will happen to us in the coming year? All we know is this: Whatever comes our way will not be a surprise to God.

He is the One in control!

This alone should create peace and joy in our hearts, because there is no one who loves us more!

He sent His Son to die for our sins and secure our future as His children.

Listen to what God has in mind for us:

*For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

(Jeremiah 29:11)

This is God's promise to us all and now is the time to claim it and move forward by faith in it!



Betty Cagle, Gary Elam, Doug Hughes & Carolyn Green are all recovering from surgery. Pray for our homebound, our widows and live alones, those on our sick list and for all our brothers and sisters.

### Failed Resolutions

At the beginning of a New Year, a high school principal decided to post his teachers' New Year's resolutions on the bulletin board. As the teachers gathered around the bulletin board, a great commotion started. One of the teachers was complaining. "Why weren't my resolutions posted?" She was throwing such a temper tantrum that the principal hurried to his office to see if he had overlooked her resolutions. Sure enough, he had mislaid them on his desk.

As he read her resolutions he was astounded. This teacher's first resolution was not to let little things upset her in the New Year.

It has been said that "nothing is certain but death and taxes." Perhaps we should add one more thing to that list of certainties -- the breaking of New Year's resolutions! As an old Chinese proverb puts it, "Failure is not falling down. Failure is not getting back up." Or as the Japanese put it, "Fall down seven times, get up eight." If there are areas of your life that you've tried to improve and failed, let this be the month that you try again. And if you fail this month, get up and try again next month. Learn from your mistakes and become stronger. God does not turn his back on the Christian who fails (if you question that, you need only look at the story of Peter's denial of Christ). However, He cannot help the Christian who refuses to try any longer.

If you have made a resolution to develop a habit that will bring you closer to God or a resolution to get rid of a habit that is pulling you away from God, may God bless you with the strength to accomplish your goal. And, if you should stumble on your journey, may He pick you up and dust you off so that you can continue on the long journey of becoming like Christ.

### SECOND CHANCES

We all love second chances. The policeman writes you a warning instead of a ticket. Your teacher lets you re-take a test you failed. Your golf partners give you a *mulligan*. (For you non-golfers, it is a chance to hit a bad shot over again without incurring a stroke.)

We love movies that touch on this theme: *It's a Wonderful Life*, in which George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, is blessed by an angel with a renewed perspective of the positive influence of his life. Then there's *Scrooge*, the ultimate story of redemption and making the most of life's second chances.

It is more than coincidence that these are Christmas movies. After all, it is only because Jesus came into this world that we have any chance at all!

In the Bible we are introduced to several Second Chancers: Jonah, Sampson, Moses, Peter and Paul. Can you think of others?

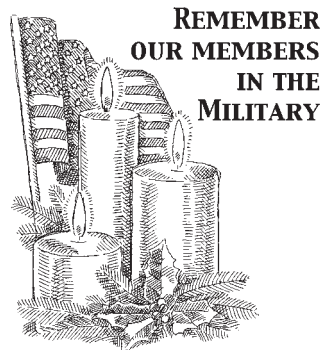
How about us?

Isn't this the documented history of God's people throughout time? From the children of Israel in ancient times to the church today! God is a God who continually offers second chances.

2011 is another year. Another chance to live, grow in faith and become more like Jesus.

But isn't that what every new day is with Jesus?

His mercies are new every morning! Denny



- Charles Bock**
- Curtis Cullen**
- Dustin Elder**
- Eric Feldman**
- Bryson Hounshell**
- Charlie Litchfield**
- Jason Wargo**
- Joe White**

# OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!

This is God's business.

What He does so well for us and in us!

*Out* with our sin every day through His forgiveness!

*In* with a clean slate and renewed faith in the present and hope for the future!

*Out* with our old sinful nature!

*In* with the work of the Holy Spirit producing the fruit of love in our hearts!

*Out* with fear and uncertainty and *in* with courage and trust!

Ring in the New Year with a renewed sense of God's work in our lives!

This never gets old...

Denny

## Thank You

Our Christian family at Rocketdyne Road never ceases to be available to support a family member in need. We are so very grateful for the prayers, most of all, and for the calls, cards, visits, flowers and Christmas treats that found their way to our hospital room and home. Betty is progressing very nicely since knee surgery. May God continue to bless our Christian family at Rocketdyne Road and each of us individually as we work to serve our Lord.

Love in Christ,  
Warren and Betty Cagle

Thank you to all who have been a part of helping me with the Thanksgiving and Christmas community dinners. I greatly appreciate each one of you!

In Christian Love, LaDonna Sexton

Mary & I want to extend a big thanks to all the people that have said a prayer for my recent knee replacement surgery. Surgery went very well and Freeman released me just 2 days after surgery. Thanks to Jerry and Ken for visiting us at home. We are blessed with a strong church family and look forward to returning to see each of you, Thanks and God Bless each of you.

Gary & Mary



SNT - tonight 7-9 pm - volleyball and prayer

**Leaf Raking** - If you are in need of your yard to be raked, the Sr. Youth group is doing a fundraiser for Relay-For-Life. They will be available on Sunday afternoons for the next couple months. Donations appreciated.

Character Trait For January

## RESPECT

Demonstrating consideration, appreciation, tolerance, and good manners toward self, others, authority and property.



## GOD IS MOVING AMONG HIS CHILDREN!

We had 32 who enjoyed worshiping through songs. Thank you Uncle Jeffy, Aunt Shirl and Cousin RD for leading us in some old and some new songs.

Join us this week as Aunt Shelba and Uncle Pete will share a lesson on Jesus' love for us.

See you there!  
Mi Mi Lu and Pa Pa H

Always remember, **JESUS LOVES YOU**  
We do too!

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*Workers for next week:*  
*Security - Randy Bass;*  
*Teachers - Theresa Widener & Tiffany Sanny;*  
*Helpers - Rylee Widener, Breanna Lewis, Tianna Morton, T-Bone, Eric Lazure, Annie Lazure, Debbie Bass, Holly Woodward*



## Life Groups

### W.O.W

#### Brenda Baker

Church building  
at 4:30 each Sunday  
Study: "Captivating"

#### Jonathan Davis

28238 Mulberry Rd.  
Stark City  
1 PM

#### Zac Erisman

1925 Sylvan Avenue  
TBA

#### Dale Naden

15255 Hwy TT  
6 PM on 1st  
and 3rd Sundays

## Assignments

### Sunday, January 2, 2011

#### Morning Worship

Prayer .....Tim Stipp  
Shepherd's Prayer ..... Ken Cope

#### Lord's Table

Prayers: Dale Naden

#### East Side

Steve Adams  
Kent Hounshell  
Brent Marion  
Taylor Hendrick

#### West Side

Ralph Cope  
Andrew Jones  
Tyler Slawter  
Cade Jenkins

#### Next Sunday

Prayer .....Tye Zola  
Table Prayers ..... Jeff Deneffrio  
Shepherd's Prayer ..... Jerry Davis

#### Lord's Table For Next Sunday

Jim Murray, Wil Dabbs, Mark Embrey,  
Dean Welcher, Tom Condict, Warren  
Cagle, Gary Cohu, Jeff Mayben

#### Wednesday, January 5

Song Leader....Jimmie Douglass  
Prayer.....Daniel Witcher

### GREETERS SCHEDULE

January 9

Team 2



#### Fair Haven

#### Pantry Needs

Pie Fillings

January 2

Elayne Adams, Shirley Anderson

January 9

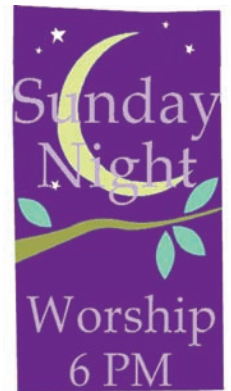
Diane Haught, Dorothy Williams



### Singing Practice

has been  
cancelled until  
January 9

Join Us  
For



### FAMILY GATHERINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study .....9:30  
Sunday Morning Worship .....10:30  
Sunday Evening Singing Practice .....5:30  
Sunday Evening Worship .....6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study .....7:00

### Our Purpose

To praise and glorify God  
To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ  
To show our love by serving each other  
and the world