

My New Year's Repentances

“The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:15)

Here are my New Year's repentances, my God-centered resolutions for 2010...

(1) MY CONVERSION

I have 5 objectives about talking to people. **Wait. Listen. Love. Make peace. Be at Peace.** **Wait:** It's okay for me to not be the one speaking! **Listen:** I'm not just waiting for my turn to speak, but seeking to understand the other person—they actually have something valuable to offer. **Love:** My first objective in speaking is to show love. **Make peace:** Maintain a peaceful relationship. **Be at peace:** I must be at peace when things don't go 'my way.' It is okay if the world does not conform to me! I am not king of the universe!

(2) MY HOME

In regard to how I act at home, my objective is to be **intentional and intense in verbally expressing joy, thanksgiving, and forgiveness.** That is easy at church, isn't it? Especially up in front of everybody! What about with my family?!

(3) MY MINISTRY

In regard to ministry, my objectives are to make more **personal phone calls**, send more **personal cards**, make more **personal visits**, and to strive ever harder to be **Word of God focused** in all my teaching and preaching.

(4) MY GENERA

With life in general, my objectives are to be more **compassionate towards others** and to learn better how to show **grace to others.** Also, I must learn how to see **God's grace working in others** rather than seeing the negatives in people—that is a challenge for me.

Please check in on me and keep me accountable in my repentances. It is important to me. Your brotherly and sisterly love is important to me. Repentance is important to God.

I hope the Lord grants you wisdom and courage to repent in 2010. I pray the Lord grants you loving brothers and sisters to help you in your journey of faith. I expect the Lord, who is faithful and true, to grant you the gift of repentance in 2010.

For the glory of God, repent with diligence and perseverance—always resting on and relying on the power of the Spirit of grace!

IN LOVE AND PEACE-- Matt

In Love, **Matt**

January, a “Month of Prayer & Fasting”: The January calendar is posted on the bulletin board for you to place your anonymous checkmark on the day when you will **fast** and **pray** for the lost, the church, our leaders, our country.

HELLO, BABY! Lisa & David Have a New Baby Boy Named Aidan Nehemiah-Nicholas, born Sunday, December 27th, weighing 8 lbs. even. Becky Fortunato is **coordinating meals** for the Lopez family, so anyone who wants to volunteer should call/text her at 856-397-3557 or email her at becky.fortunato@gmail.com (Becky is out of town this weekend). Monday, January 4th through Sunday, the 10th are still open for volunteers.

Welcome to Steve Lucas: who has placed membership with us. He lives at 428 E. Maple Ave., Lindenwold, NJ 08021. Phone: 784-7133.

HairCuts for Missions: is coming up Saturday, Jan. 9th. Please sign-up for your time slot. Thanks for supporting our mission work so well!

Next Sunday, Jan. 10th, the Young Adult group: will be meeting at 7:00 PM at the Cooper's home in Pitman. See Matt or Becky Fortunato for details.

Volunteers for 2010 Are Needed: There is a new list on the bulletin board of jobs for each month.

On Sunday Mornings we need: Communion Prep, Bringing Bagels & Setting-up, Bringing Donuts, Clean-up downstairs after Worship.

Wednesday Night we need: Clean-up after Classes.

Please sign-up and make sure all jobs are covered. In God's family we all have to work together!

Snow is Coming Again! Please *sign-up* to help with snow removal. Snow blowing will be taken care of BUT additional shoveling is always needed.

Ladies, Please Mark Your Calendars:

- We will be having a **Bridal Shower** for Sonya on January 24th right after Worship Service. More details will follow.
- We are planning our **Ladies Retreat for March 5th—7th**. See the bulletin board for details and to sign-up for which room you would like to be in.

Adult Bible Classes for January:

Sunday 9:30 AM Bible Class --

- 1 - Special Men's Class Series**
- 2 - Special Women's Class Series**

Wednesday Night:

- Option **1 - Holiness & Repentance** (upstairs)
- Option **2 - Group Prayer** (downstairs)

Youth Group: will be at the building this Friday at 7PM.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Main Prayer: Rick Boyle **Closing Prayer:** Matt Fortunato

Lord's Supper: Bret Goen, Heinz Fischer, Stanley Amado, Chet

Greeters: Tony Sr., Dave Cook, Debbie Powers, Margaret

Nursery: Bibi & Elaine Next Week: Lillian & Tiana

Blue Action Team cleans this week. **Anna**

<u>LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u>	Worship.....122
Mark Finn - Evangelist	Bible Class84
Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister	
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle	(856-986-4876)
Tony Ceraso, Jr.	Contribution.....	\$3,499
Jack Swinehart	Budget Goal.....	\$4,175

It's 2010. . . JESUS can make you NEW:

There is only one point where a person becomes new: this is when Jesus Christ becomes your LORD and displaces your SELF as the master of your life.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." --2 Cor 5:17

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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)



Welcome Steve Lucas!