

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### MY PRAYER

Lord lay some soul upon my heart,  
That they somehow thru me,  
May find that straight and narrow path  
That leads to Calvary.  
Lord let my life be as a light  
To those that walk in fear,  
Let them know the loving care  
Of the One I hold so dear.  
Lord if this dear soul should slip and fall  
Somewhere along the way,  
I pray that I'll be somewhere near  
With the right words to say.

By: Belle Boland

In Christ,  
Bro. Warren

# SENIOR CRIER

## JANUARY



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM BRO. TIM:

They say the older you get the faster the time goes by. I cannot explain it, but I do believe it. As a child the years seemed so long, but as an adult the years seem to fly by. The year 2015 is now a memory and we now are engaging the year 2016. 2015 had its ups and downs and who knows what is in store for 2016. I want to give us three things to think about as we approach a brand new year and as we move forward in our own lives and the life of our church.

Here they are: past, present, and future and what are we to do with them? Let's first look at the past. The past provides a lot for us. It gives us fond memories to look back upon and fill our hearts with joy. Here are some examples: remembering our own childhood, moments we shared with friends, or precious memories of our children always seems to warm the heart. The past can also provide us with valuable wisdom of past mistakes made and lessons learned from them. Drawing from those past experiences can allow us to avoid making the same mistake twice. One thing we must remember about the past, we cannot and must not live in it.

The future is always challenging. The unknown always is, isn't it? We all want to experience a preferred future. We want our days in front of us to all be pleasant and prosperous but reality tells us they won't all be that way. So what is the key to coping with the ups and downs of the future? I have always believed

that the key lies with goals. Where do I hope to be? The more clear and defined the picture is of what we would like our future to look like the more likely it is we can achieve it. An example would be raising children. If you pray that the future of your children has them as God fearing, church participating, disciples of Christ, then your decisions about your children become easier to make if that is your goal. Any option that helps us achieve that end is yes and any option that does not is no.

Lastly, there is the present. This is the key for me. We have been shaped by our culture to neglect this. We are so wrapped up in what happened in the past and worried about what tomorrow holds, that we rarely enjoy the today. I love the quote, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present." I believe that if we take the time to enjoy today, thereby making it better, our past becomes more memorable and our future becomes more preferred. I pray that each one of you would have a wonderful year by having a wonderful today. Happy New Year to you and your family.



Blessings,  
Bro. Tim  
Jer. 29:11  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**DEC. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Church-wide Fellowship  
Chili dinner/Carol sing  
5:30 PM

**24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve –  
Families/Individuals  
Participate in Lord's  
Supper – 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
FLC

**27<sup>th</sup>** - NO EVENING SERVICE

**JAN. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - NO EVENING SERVICE  
**6<sup>th</sup>** - Ministry Fair – FLC -  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

**12<sup>th</sup>** - Resume YAH rehearsal

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Jim & Laurie Brown  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** - George & Linda  
Hemingway

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Gene & Mary Carter  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Donnie & Glenna Petty

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Tom Meadows  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** - Bob Barnas  
**4<sup>th</sup>** - Rozmary Olmert  
**5<sup>th</sup>** - April Rivas  
**5<sup>th</sup>** - Carol Snowden  
**6<sup>th</sup>** - Dick Bridges  
**6<sup>th</sup>** - Ed Smith  
**7<sup>th</sup>** - Pat Strickland  
**8<sup>th</sup>** - Bonnie Moran  
**9<sup>th</sup>** - Geof Grooms  
**9<sup>th</sup>** - Ron Yates  
**11<sup>th</sup>** - Elzy Lord

**JAN. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Cindy Gallop  
**12<sup>th</sup>** - Betty Martin  
**12<sup>th</sup>** - Wanda Wilson  
**14<sup>th</sup>** - Candy Gray  
**14<sup>th</sup>** - Dee Warming  
**15<sup>th</sup>** - Sherylle Buehler  
**15<sup>th</sup>** - Lee Presnell  
**16<sup>th</sup>** - Sylvia Newcomb  
**19<sup>th</sup>** - Scott Rosenboom  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** - Ken Crenshaw  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Jeff Moran  
**24<sup>th</sup>** - Ray Gallop  
**24<sup>th</sup>** - Melvin Mock  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Cesar Cerda  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Helen Fennell  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Terry Hittman  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Gary Bennett  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Peggy Glisson  
**29<sup>th</sup>** - Ruth Lord

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