

Women's Ministry Devotional

10 Verses to Usher in the New Year

1. Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look? I'm doing a new thing now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness – Is 43:18-19 CEB
2. Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended' certainly God's compassion isn't through? They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness. – Lam 3:22-23
3. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness. – Eph 4:23-24 CEB
4. God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts, without enabling them to discover what God has done from beginning to end. – Ecc 3:11 CEB
5. Look among the nations and watch? Be astonished and stare because something is happening in your days that you wouldn't believe even if told. Habak 1:5 CEB
6. Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things? His own strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory? – Ps 98:1 CEB
7. I will give them a single heart, and I will put a new spirit in them. I will remove the stony hearts from their bodies and give them hearts of flesh. – Ezk 11:10 CEB
8. Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look? I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." – Rev 21:5 CEB
9. I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. – Rom 8:38 CEB
10. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed? On account of his vast mercy he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. – 1 Pet 1:3 CEB

Wichita First Church of the Nazarene

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014

Jesus Secret to His Success

Luke 5:16

People were always trying to figure out where Jesus' power came from. Some attributed it to the work of Satan. Others explained His miracles as simply illusions. Jesus made no secret about where His power came from. It came from His Father. That's why it was vital that Jesus spend lots of time in prayer, seeking His Father's will.



Many of us have difficulty establishing a daily habit of spending time with God. The problem is cramming one more thing into our already packed days. We lead busy lives, and there are a lot of demands on our time. It's not always easy finding a private place either, especially if we live with other people, or we have young children. And then there's the phone...

Let's take a closer look at Jesus' life. It wasn't as though He had lots of extra time on His hands. Jesus was an extremely busy man? The more news spread that He could heal the sick and feed the hungry, the less privacy He had. Everywhere He went, there were crowds. People who were afraid to be seen with Him would search Him out late at night for private conferences. Jesus had to work hard just to be alone. In order to spend time with His Father, He had to get up unusually early and sneak away from the crowds to find a quiet place. If Jesus, the Son of God, needed time with His Father in order to live the victorious Christian life, why would we ever think we could do it alone?



Habits aren't instincts; they are acquired actions or reactions. They don't just happen; they are caused. Once the original cause of a habit is determined, it is within your power to accept or reject it. Most people allow their habits to control them. When those habits are hurtful, they damage our attitudes. The following formula will assist you in changing bad habits into good ones.

STEP 1. List your bad habits.

STEP 2. What was the original cause?

STEP 3. What are the supporting causes?

STEP 4. Determine a positive habit to replace the bad one.

STEP 5. Think about the good habit, its benefits and results.

STEP 6. Take action to develop this habit.

STEP 7. Daily act upon this habit for reinforcement.

STEP 8. Reward yourself by noting one of the benefits from your good habit

The new year of 2014 is upon us. It's time for resolutions and bucket lists!

1. Eat at a new restaurant once a month.
2. Give flowers to a stranger.
3. Go away for the weekend to a place you've never been.
4. Visit an old friend you haven't seen in a while.
5. Serve food at a soup kitchen or shelter.
6. Donate canned goods and/or clothing to the needy.
7. Start walking at least twice a week when the weather gets warmer.
8. Watch the sunrise with someone special.
9. Have an indoor picnic.
10. Stay in bed all day for a day.
11. Lose 15 pounds.
12. Write and mail a letter to an old friend or family member.

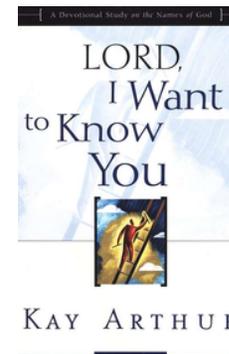
But most importantly....Read more of God's Word.

January Events

Lord, I Want to Know You Bible Study

(January 5th – March 2nd)

Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Parlor. This is a 16 week in-depth Bible Study **WITH** homework but condensed to 9 weeks. Workbooks can be purchased from the Church office or any bookstore off the internet. (I have 5 books first come first serve.) You will need a book by first session.



Please enroll at the information booth in the Grand Foyer, your Sunday School Class, or just come to the Parlor and register the first night of study.

If you have any questions, contact Gloria McGinley at 316-838-3752 or 316-641-2139

Wichita Christian Women's Club

(January 23rd)

11:30 am – 1:15 pm

\$14.00 inclusive

Wichita Country Club

8501 E 13th Street

Come and enjoy our very own **Lea Rankin** performing the **Special Music** plus a wonderful **Speaker**.

For lunch reservations or more information: Call **Ladean**, at 682.1495