



# Hillsdale A/G Newsletter

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## I Resolve...

By Pastor Kevin Phillips

It has been a long standing tradition that, as the New Year approaches, one makes resolutions how to change or improve their lives in the year to come. It may be dropping a bad habit or picking up a good one. People resolve to eat healthier, exercise more, lose weight, have a more positive attitude, be a better spouse, friend, or parent, and so one. The intentions are incredibly good.

Good intentions, unfortunately, will not take us very far. We all know the old saying about the road to Hell, right? The truth is that most New Year's Resolutions fail. While the intent was there, the resolve was not. Why is that?

A New Year is not a very good motivation for a new approach to life. In the end, it is just another day, and that doesn't truly incentivize change in one's life. To transform ourselves, we need a meaningful reason behind what we choose to do.

Many people don't change their health habits until they have a health scare. Often, relationships aren't improved until they almost fall apart. Without motive, change is unnatural to us as human beings.

Thank goodness that we have an incredible motive to always change for the better and become more like Jesus- His unfailing and unfathomable love for us. The Apostle John points out that "we love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19) and Psalm 136 repeats over and over again the refrain that "his love endures forever." There is no greater life-changing force than the love of God that is found through Jesus. It gives us the confidence and strength to become who and what He has called us to be.

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35,38-39, NIV)*

MONTHLY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

GREETERS ALTERNATES- Patty E. 517-398-2265 Patty W. 517-357-4135

PRAISE TEAMS

A- Dave, Donna M, Donna S  
B- Sara, Mercy, Aaron, Kristen

USHERS

A- Bobby C, Robert C, Robert L,  
Mike, Ray, Brent  
B- Ed, Elaine, Tim, Dick, Bob B

GREETERS

- 1- Woodards, Kathy, Tom
- 2- Williams, Currans, Donna
- 3- Riopelles, Whipps, Mary, Janet
- 4- Thackers, Dennis, Nancy, Sue
- 5- Bognars, Rices

SOUND BOARD

- Week 1- Mitch
- Week 2- Aaron
- Week 3- Dave
- Week 4- Aaron

LOCK-UP

- Week 1- Ed
- Week 2- JR
- Week 3- Dick
- Week 4- Tim

USHERS

- Week 1- B
- Week 2- A
- Week 3- B
- Week 4- A

NURSERY

- Week 1- Annette, Kathy G
- Week 2- Risa, Vicki
- Week 3- Mitch & Sara
- Week 4- Gloria, Vernia

DRUMS

- Week 1- Aaron
- Week 2- Mitch
- Week 3- Aaron
- Week 4- Mitch

PRAISE TEAM

- Week 1- A
- Week 2- B
- Week 3- A
- Week 4- B

SECURITY

- Week 1- Bob C.
- Week 2- Ed
- Week 3- Bob B.
- Week 4- Brent
- Week 5- JR

KIDS CHECK-IN

- Week 1- Skyler/Kyler/Robert
- Week 2- Judy B.
- Week 3- Julie H.
- Week 4- Vicki W.

NEWS & NOTES



December was a full and exciting month with the many Christmas festivities it entailed. Our ladies worked hard decorating the church for the holiday season and our Children did a great job in their Christmas production. The Wednesday before Christmas we enjoyed caroling at the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility. And we had two incredible Christmas services, one on Christmas Eve and the other on Christmas morning.



We trust you had a wonderful Christmas. More than that, we trust that, amidst all the shopping, eating, and wrapping and unwrapping of gifts, you took time to remember Jesus Christ, the greatest gift ever given. May God bless you this New Year!!!





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BIBLE READING IN A YEAR			
Day	Passage	Passage	Passage
1	Psalm 1	Matt. 1	Genesis 1-2
2	Psalm 2	Matt. 2	Genesis 3-4
3	Psalm 3	Matt. 3	Genesis 5-6
4	Psalm 4	Matt. 4	Genesis 7-8
5	Psalm 5	Matt. 5	Genesis 9-10
6	Psalm 6	Matt. 6	Genesis 11-12
7	Psalm 7	Matt. 7	Genesis 13-14
8	Psalm 8	Matt. 8	Genesis 15-16
9	Psalm 9	Matt. 9	Genesis 17-18
10	Psalm 10	Matt. 10	Genesis 19-20
11	Psalm 11	Matt. 11	Genesis 21-22
12	Psalm 12	Matt. 12	Genesis 23-24
13	Psalm 13	Matt. 13	Genesis 25-26
14	Psalm 14	Matt. 14	Genesis 27-28
15	Psalm 15	Matt. 15	Genesis 29-30
16	Psalm 16	Matt. 16	Genesis 31-32
17	Psalm 17	Matt. 17	Genesis 33-34
18	Psalm 18	Matt. 18	Genesis 35-36
19	Psalm 19	Matt. 19	Genesis 37-38
20	Psalm 20	Matt. 20	Genesis 39-40
21	Psalm 21	Matt. 21	Genesis 41-42
22	Psalm 22	Matt. 22	Genesis 43-44
23	Psalm 23	Matt. 23	Genesis 45-46
24	Psalm 24	Matt. 24	Genesis 47-48
25	Psalm 25	Matt. 25	Genesis 49-50
26	Psalm 26	Matt. 26	Exodus 1-2
27	Psalm 27	Matt. 27	Exodus 3-4
28	Psalm 28	Matt. 28	Exodus 5-6
29	Psalm 29	Acts 1	Exodus 7-8
30	Psalm 30	Acts 2	Exodus 9-10
31	Psalm 31	Acts 3	Exodus 11-12



**BIRTHDAYS**

- Vernia Grubb ..... January 4
- Patty Warren ..... January 7
- Patti Esterline ..... January 9
- Tonya McCallister ..... January 9
- Angela Phillips ..... January 29

*Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Have you not yet given us this information for you or your family? Let us know so we can celebrate with you!*

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**OUR MISSION:**

- Committing ourselves to God.
- Connecting with others.
- Changing the world, one life at a time.