



But the righteous are glad; they rejoice
before God and celebrate with joy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Chatting with Charlie – December, 2014

2014 has come and gone. It's time for us to reflect on the past year and look forward to 2015. It's time to make resolutions for the New Year because we want to improve ourselves and our quality of life. The top resolutions, for most people, tend to revolve around the same three things: money, health and family.

Here's a slightly revised set of New Year's resolutions for us that I have shared with you for the last 2 years. I am convinced that they are timeless and hope that we will take the time to reflect on how we did in 2014 and how they can be part of our lives in 2015:

1. **Spend more time with God and in His Word.** So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty (Zechariah 4:6, NIV). Talk with God and read His Written Word on a regular basis.
2. **Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed.** I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some (I Corinthians 9:22, NIV). Follow Jesus' example in our daily lives and reach out in love to others as guided by the Holy Spirit.
3. **Take care of yourself spiritually.** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me (Philippians 3:12, NIV). Participate in Sunday school and/ or a small group here at our church or in our community.
4. **Make the tough decisions you know are best.** And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:22-24, NIV). Stand up for what is right even when others tell you to do otherwise. Remember God is always near to protect you.

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5. **Take care of your family.** A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife ... attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of God's church? (I Timothy 3:2-5, Msg) God has given us our families and expects us to love them as He loves us. Take care of those entrusted to you.

6. **Love people, not just crowds.** If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump", and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. (I Corinthians 13:1-3, Msg). There are no lone ranger Christians. We were created to have a relationship with God and others. We need to walk the talk and the joy and peace of Christ with others.

7. **Reflect on God's blessings.** We all go through trials and tribulations - some of us worse than others. But remember what God has brought you through before and He will never let you go. God will continue to hold you in His loving arms now and for all eternity. Thank Him for His loving kindness, mercy and grace and do likewise.

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and send you our best wishes for a Blessed New Year in 2015.

Charlie, Elaine & Streeter

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATED SESSION MEETING December, 2014

- The Annual Reports are due in the church office by January 31, 2015.
- The Session accepted the proposed 36 month lease from Dell to upgrade our 5 year old computer system.
- The Session approved the 2015 Proposed budget, pending the final pledge figures, and agreed to put the painting of Douglas Hall on hold for the time being.
- The Session accepted the Terms of Call for Pastor Charlie for 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session



Frani Moir and the Mens' Choral Groups Return

Frani Moir and The Men of Action and The Village View Gospel Quartet joined in our December 14th service to spread Christmas cheer. Afterwards, they led everyone at Fellowship in singing Christmas carols.

That and tables-full of delicious food truly did contribute to the spirit of the season.



Christmas 2014



NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

On Dec. 21st, the Session of Weirsdale Presbyterian Church ordained Ann Myers and Angela Pecor to the office of Deacon and installed them along with Diana Harris and Bobbi Lytle to active service on the Board of Deacons. Sue Cordle and Starr Patterson were installed as ruling elders.

We thank our outgoing Deacons and Elders for their dedicated ministry during their terms of service.

DEACON ANGEL TREE



Five families selected by Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School were treated to a very merry Christmas by the members of Weirsdale Presbyterian Church. All gift tags hanging on the Deacon's Angel Tree in our Narthex were taken and gifts for all the families were provided. They also received a Bible and a wonderful meal for Christmas day. Thanks to all who graciously supported this ministry.

Offering Envelopes

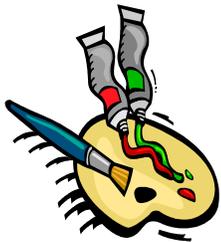


PLEDGE ENVELOPES

The new blue pledge envelopes are in the Narthex for 2015. Your names and newly assigned numbers are on the tags.

Please pick them up as soon as possible.

ART CLASSES



Diana's art class for Dec. 27th was **rescheduled** to January 24th, 2015. It is the final art class and will be all about reverse glass painting on framed glass. Frames and glass will be available.

The fee is only \$10.00 so give her a call at 425-4351 to reserve your spot.

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

February 8th



The Boy Scouts are planning their annual spaghetti dinner. Purchase your tickets from any scout for \$5.00. They will be serving all you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks and dessert.

You just cannot get a better deal than that for an excellent meal!

COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE



The Food Pantry is in desperate need of help. With St. Theresa being closed until after the new year and with the holidays in progress, there has been a real drain on the supplies and food. Brian and Sue were there a few days ago and all that was in the freezer was bread.

Since we won't be sending more food for a couple of weeks, would you consider writing a check directly to the Community of Gratitude and helping them out during this difficult time? You can leave it in the offertory if you are so moved to help.



The sewing group which makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed over seas will resume meeting in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Mondays each month. January meetings will be on the 12th and 26th.

Your help is needed no matter what level of skill you have. Some tasks include cutting, sewing, and crocheting.

Diana Harris coordinates sewing sessions at church and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

Receiving news from our troops is always a heart warming experience. They love the ditty bags and Christmas stockings that are put together with such care and love for them, and they return their gratefulness with wonderful letters. Here is one from Spring, 2014.

Thank you for my lovely "ditty bag". We have 4 1/2 more months here and the love is greatly appreciated. I am a mother, soldier and Christian woman, and I would love to thank the Fellowship Hall of Weirsdale Presbyterian Church for their efforts in making us feel loved. The amount of ditty bags is amazing! I would love to contribute when I get home as well. Getting these packages from ya'll definitely lifts my spirits. I know it also brings my battles spirits up too! Thank you again!

*With love from Kandahar, AF.
Spc Erika Rorer*

Hosting Fellowship

The new year is here, and we need hosts and hostesses for Fellowship for the new year!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen in Douglas Hall, or you can call Elaine Morris at 245-7426.



ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers

Forms for altar flowers for the new year are in the doc boxes in the Narthex. Won't you consider signing up for a couple Sundays in 2015? January 18th, February 1, 15, & 22 are upcoming dates that need sponsorship. The flowers are still only \$25.00.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Continue to pray for healing and comfort for Peg Sheppard who broke her ankle and is in rehab. Also pray for Ray.
- Continue to pray for Marie Oille who is recovering from cancer treatments and needs our prayers for healing.



For further prayer requests, contact the following:

Alice Ralph	347-6647
Linda Spence	653-8835
Marie Oille	750-6452

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PRAYER CHAIN?



Early in the new year, the prayer chain will be reorganizing for 2015. If you would be interested in joining and praying for those who request prayer, get in touch with Alice Ralph at 347-6647 or call the office at 821-2757.



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Al Bunce
1626 Bay Meadows Lane
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Gene Pratt
3131 TCU Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32817

Eleanor Redding
P.O. Box 96
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Marilyn Smith
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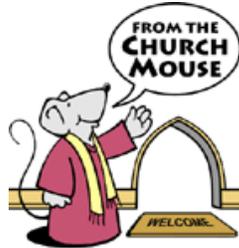
GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The new forms for **Altar Flowers for 2015** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday service, please fill out a form and return it to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The **Love INC** gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave make such a big difference to those in need of your help.
3. The first Sunday of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please put your items in Douglas Hall in the designated area. They are always in extra need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries.

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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**

Dates to Remember

Jan 4, Sunday Worship & Communion, 10:30 AM
Jan 4, Food Pantry Sunday
Jan 4, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Jan 6, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Jan 7, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Jan 8, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM
Jan 11, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Jan 11, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Jan 11, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Jan 12, Sewing Group, Douglas Hall, 9:00 AM
Jan 13, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Jan 14, Small Groups Meet, 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Jan 14, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Jan 15, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM
Jan 18, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Jan 18, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Jan 18, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Jan 18, SESSION Meets, 11:45 AM
Jan 20, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Jan 20, **DEADLINE** for Newsletter Announcements
Jan 21, Small Groups Meet, 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Jan 21, Sr. Singles, Douglas Hall, 5:00 pm
Jan 21, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Jan 22, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM
Jan 24, Art Class with Diana Harris, Douglas Hall, 9:00 AM
Jan 25, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Jan 25, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Jan 25, Fellowship, **POTLUCK**, 11:30 AM
Jan 26, Sewing Group, Douglas Hall, 9:00 AM
Jan 27, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Jan 28, Small Groups Meet, 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Jan 28, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Jan 29, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM
Jan 31, End of Year Committee Reports due
Feb 1, **No** Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Feb 1, Sunday Worship & Communion, 10:30 AM
Feb 1, Food Pantry Sunday
Feb 1, Fellowship, 11:30 AM

Feb 3, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Feb 4, **No** Small Groups, 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Feb 4, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Feb 5, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM

Check Us Out—Keep in Touch!

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Love INC

Help with bills, housing, clothing and food
Monday—Thursday: 9 AM to Noon
352-245-8774 or 352-245-5632

Community of Gratitude

Emergency Food Pantry
Tuesday 10AM to Noon
Thursday 1PM to 3PM
Saturday 10AM to Noon
352-288-3499

