



II Cor. 3:17 – “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

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*Happy
New Year*



From Pastor Dice,
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In Days Gone By

On January 1, 1735, Paul Revere was born.

On January 1, 1752, Betsy Ross designed and made the first American flag.

POSSIBLE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. . . .forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. Phil. 3:13b
2. . . .I have learned to be satisfied with what I have. Phil. 4:11b
3. Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. Phil. 4:5
4. Don't worry. . . Phil. 4:6
5. Be humble, gentle and patient. Show your love by being tolerant of one another. Eph. 4:2
6. . . .you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance. James 2:1
7. Do not criticize one another. . . James 4:11
8. When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult. Pet. 2:23
9. . . .help others who have all kinds of troubles. . . 2 Cor. 1:4
10. Work hard and do not be lazy. Rom. 12:11
11. Do not swear Matt. 5:34-37
12. Control your temper, you are wise. . . Prov. 14:29
13. Study the Bible. . . 2Tim. 2:15
14. Do not use God's name as a curse word. Deut 5:11
15. Do not follow astrology Col. 2:8 Is.47:15
16. Share your faith Matt. 28:19

Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds,
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
I only know this minute.
But he will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes,
his grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave his Son
Holds all my moments in his hand
And gives them one by one.

New Years

Let God's Word Be Your Guide

ONE YEAR TO LIVE

If I had but one year to live;
One year to help; one year to give;
One year to love; one year to bless;
One year of better things to stress;
One year to sing; one year to smile;
To brighten earth a little while;
One year to sing my Master's praise;
One year to fill with work my days;

One year to strive for a reward
When I should stand before my
Lord,
I think that I would spend each day,
In just the very self-same way
That I do now. For from afar
The call may come to cross the bar
At any time, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.

So if I have a year to live;
Or just one day in which to give
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow creature when in need
Tis one with me... I take no heed;
But try to live each day He sends
To serve my gracious Master's
ends.
—Henry Van Dyke

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter,
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!

But I have heard a
whisper;
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go
with thee,
And I will give thee
rest."

What will the new year
bring me?
I may not, must not
know;
Will it be love and
rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?

Hush! Hush! I hear His
whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go
with thee,
And I will give thee
rest."



The Clock OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour. To lose one's wealth is sad indeed. To lose one's health is more. To lose one's soul is such a loss that no man can restore.

39 people died while you read this short poem. Every hour 5,417 go to meet their Maker. You could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready?



"A New Leaf"

He came to my desk with a quivering lip –
The lesson was done.
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,
"I have spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul –
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf spoiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, My child."

A New Year's Message

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Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone.
But I have heard God's whisper;
I know I shall be blest –
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."
What will the new year bring me?
I may not, must not, know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest –
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest!"

Miscellaneous.

Leonard R. Dice, Editor and Asst. Pastor

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CHRISTMAS AND OTHER NEWS AT GRACE

The students of Grace Baptist Academy presented a wonderful Christmas play that the church truly enjoyed. The staff worked very hard preparing for the play. Our choir also has done a tremendous job in presenting many new and old Christmas songs that were a blessing.

This has been a good year for our church and God has blessed in many ways. We have completed the first phase of our new addition and we will begin the 2nd phase early in the new year. We also had a great tent revival that was live-streamed around the world with an audience of thousands.

As many may know, we have had some difficult times as well due to the serious illness of our pastor, Dr. Gary Dice. He has been to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota twice and plans to return in the near future. Thank God for his wonderful and marvelous grace during these times. Even in spite of his illness our church continues to prosper and do well. He has been able to preach at services recently and still does a great job. Our church folks love their pastor. God has given him a very special talent and there's only one like him. Please pray that his health will be completely restored. We are looking forward to the New Year as we serve the Lord. We trust that our friends will have a very happy and prosperous year.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT GRACE DURING 2017

As we look back on the past year, we have been blessed to have had several good preachers and laymen to help with the preaching, sometimes during Pastor's Dice's illness. I hope I haven't left anyone out, but here is the list:

Pastor, Dr. Gary Dice
Asst. Pastor Brad Bennett
Asst. Pastor Leonard Dice
Bro. Ted Huston, Evangelist
Bro. Jeff Fesler
Bro. John Harris
Bro. Micah Rudd
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