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## *From Where I Sit...*

Michael D. Greene

The New Year has arrived. It is 2012. What will this new year bring your way? Will it be better than 2011?

Will any of those New Year's resolutions come to fruition?

Who has the answers to those questions? While I recognize there are many things beyond our control, the answers to the last two of those questions are going to be found in what each of us chooses to do this year. Will it be better than last year? Depends. What am I willing to do to make it better? Will the resolutions come to pass? Who determines that? For me the answer is mostly "I do."

I have a saying. I shared with the assembly a couple of weeks ago. I think it is rather profound. It goes like this: "Unless something changes it will remain the same." So, is 2012 going to be better than 2011? Depends. What are you going to change to make it better? What are you going to do to make it better?

Sometimes great things happen because small changes are made. I have observed this as well, when someone makes an effort to change for the better, the Lord usually blesses the effort. Why not take some time today to think about ways you can make 2012 a better year for you and your house and then set about to make the changes necessary to effect the improvement?

*"What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

Romans 8:31



Congratulations to Catherine Cowles, daughter of Gil Ray and Mary Taylor Cowles and granddaughter of Gil and Diane Cowles, who was baptized at the Lehman building late in the evening on January 2nd. What a great way to start off the new year with a precious young person putting on her Lord in baptism. May she be one of many in 2012!

## *Gaines Explains...*

Daniel Gaines

### **A New Year's Poem**

*Another year is dawning,  
Dear Father let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with thee.  
Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days.  
Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness,  
The glory of thy face.  
Another year of leaning  
Upon thy loving breast,  
Another year of trusting,  
Of quiet, happy rest.  
Another year of service,  
Of witness for thy love,  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.  
Another year is dawning,  
Dear Father, let it be,  
On earth, or else in heaven  
Another year for thee.*

-Frances R. Havergal



### **Southern Kentucky Bible Institute**

Don't forget that our second semester of classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10 and will run through April 3, 2012. There is no fee for attending. A study of Acts will be offered at 6:30 p.m. and classes on Exodus and John will be offered at 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for any serious Bible student. Hope to see you there!

# Happy New Year!

Benjamin Franklin once wrote, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."

Henry Ward Beecher, a preacher in the 19th century said, "Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past."



How do you see the new year? Someone has said that an optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in, and a pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. To be sure, there is much that needs to be left behind from 2011 and much that needs to be done in 2012. Think of the new year as a book. We will open the book and find that its pages are blank. We will write on all 365 pages ourselves. Another name for the book is "Opportunity." Its first page is New Year's Day. What will we write? Will we write joy or sorrow there? Will it be peace or discontent? Will we inscribe on the year love or indifference? Will the pages show endurance or a lack of fortitude? Will the pages speak of kindness or a lack of mercy? Will they display giving or taking? Will you write faithfulness or failure there? Will the book record self-control or wasteful living?

It's your book. Only you can write it, but remember that others will read it. Give thought now to what you will remember on New Year's Eve 2012.

*You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? Psalm 56:8.*

*Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. Malachi 3: 16.*

*And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. Revelation 20:12.*

Bill Watkins  
From the Crieve Hall Family Chronicle  
Crieve Hall church of Christ  
Nashville, Tennessee

# News and Notes

## LIFE GROUPS

Life Group #2 will meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Puppet Teams practice - 4:30 p.m. January 8  
Bible Bowl Practice - 5:20 p.m. January 8  
Ladies eat out at Pepper's - 6:00 p.m. January 17  
(Men will eat at Albany's Steakhouse)  
Young at Heart - 6:30 p.m. January 18

CYC - Please sign the sheet on MPR bulletin board  
If you wish to attend. February 24 - 26

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Catherine Cowles who was baptized Monday evening, January 2 at Lehman Avenue. Catherine is the daughter of Gil Ray and Mary Taylor Cowles.

## LADS TO LEADERS

Reminder: All Mass Media events must be complete and ready to mail January 23. I will be collecting all the projects on Sunday, January 22 in order to send them by the deadline. Please see me if you need more information. —Kelli Nicks

## SOUTHERN KENTUCKY BIBLE INSTITUTE

SKBI second term classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10 and will run through April 3, 2012. There are three classes offered:

- 6:30 - 7:20 Acts of the Apostles 2, Michael D. Greene, MAR, instructor (no pre-requisite required)
- 7:30 - 9:20 Exodus, Phil Hartnady, MA, instructor
- 7:30 - 9:20 Gospel of John, Daniel Gaines, M. Min., instructor

To register, call Lehman Ave. church office at 270-843-8435 or contact Michael Greene at: [mgreene@lehmancoc.org](mailto:mgreene@lehmancoc.org), or be present the first night of classes.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Hugh Runner had back surgery in Nashville on Tuesday, December 27 and is now at home recuperating. Please keep Hugh in your prayers.
- Erdine Johnson suffered a light heart attack last week. She is in the Medical Center, room 3B12.
- Our prayers have been requested for Doris Johnson, sister of Jim Tomes. She suffered a massive heart attack last week and is in the Medical Center, room 5B21. Doris lives in Allen County now, but was one of the original charter members of Lehman Avenue.
- Prayers have also been requested for Linda Bartelbaugh, niece of Bill Fishburn. She has been diagnosed with terminal liver cancer.

Please continue to pray for: Mildred James, Harvey and Mary Stiles, Bonnie Woosley, Martha Mason, Rodger Pruitt, and Charles Cook.

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

- Summer Bible camp will be held June 3 - 8, 2012. This should help with planning your summer vacation and other activities.
- The first camp STAFF meeting will be held on January 21, at 8:30 a.m. at Lehman Avenue.

## TAX EXEMPTION NOTICE

As another year comes to a close and tax time approaches, please provide the treasurer, Eddie Hughes, with a copy of your check of any and all single contributions of \$250.00 or more that you have made for 2011. Eddie will then provide you with a proper letter from the church so that you can legitimately deduct it as a charitable contribution.

### EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday January 1, 2012

### GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 36 Contribution: \$676.00

### OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 12 Contribution: \$318.00

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M.  
 Bible Class.....10:40 A.M.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday Mid-week Service.....7:00 P.M.

**Minister**

Michael D. Greene

**Associate Minister**

Daniel Gaines

**Elders**

Darrell Dubree  
 Bobby Gilbert  
 John K. Gott  
 Warren Vaughan

**Deacons**

Don Cole	Dan Grise	Hugh Runner
Larry Cole	Eddie Hughes	Russell Simpson
Gil Ray Cowles	Derek Johnson	Jim Tabor
Rick Emerson	Danny Jones	Roger Watt
Kevin Eubanks	Riley Keown	Rick Wheat
Butch Gilbert	Mike McGuire	Ronnie Wilson

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**January 8, A.M. Worship  
 Assignments**

Announcements.....Bobby Gilbert  
 Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady  
 Sermon.....Mike Greene  
 First Prayer ..... Pete Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Prayer..... Hugh Runner

**SERVE AT TABLE**

Wayne Moyers.....Matt Hunt  
 Josh Adkins .....Jeremy Waddle  
 Austin Simpson.....Maxie Jones  
 Tim Mills.....Alt.....Kyle Mann

**USHERS**

Eddie Hughes....Randy Simpson...Larry Cole  
 Closing prayer.....Derek Depp  
 Bus Driver.....Rick Wheat

**6 P.M. WORSHIP**

Announcements/Prayer.....Jared McGuire  
 Song Leader.....Mike McGuire  
 Closing Prayer.....Todd Dickerson

**January 11, P. M. WEDNESDAY**

Announcements.....Harold Nicks  
 Song Leader.....Dillon Gilbert

**Shut In At Home**

Fred Adams; Dorothy Herrington;  
 Lucyrene Price; Joyce Siddens (Atlanta);  
 Eugenia Smith; Geraldine Garrison; Charles  
 Cook; Doug Bean; Jessie Thomas; Nellie Brown;  
 Hazel Sensing; Pauline Nowicki; Ruby Wilson;  
 Harvey & Mary Stiles; Hazel Sensing

**In Nursing Care**

**Christian Health Center**  
 Lois Devore 203B

**Morningside**  
 Rolena Greathouse 133