

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Message from David

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation: ... 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

On New Year's Day of 2022 countless New Year's resolutions were made with the best of intentions. By the time that you and I are reading this church newsletter, probably a goodly number of those resolutions have already fallen by the wayside! One U.S. News and World Report found that by February, 80% of all resolutions will have failed. WOW!

According to an article in Psychology Today, there are several basic reasons for our collective failure to keep our resolutions. (And I am as guilty as anyone I know!)

- 1.) Our goals are not clear.
- 2.) We feel overwhelmed.
- 3.) We become impatient and discouraged.
- 4.) We are not ready to change.

More could be said about each of these reasons for our failure to keep our resolutions. However, we haven't space or time here.

But, as the opening Scripture quotation would indicate, I believe that our greatest asset is being successful in our efforts to make good resolutions and to keep them is to make our resolutions and to strive toward keeping them "in Christ".

"In Christ" we can know that we are not alone in our efforts to do better. We can know that, when we fail (and we will!), Christ is merciful and forgives and encourages us to "press on". With Christ's guidance, we can better choose our resolutions in the first place: resolutions that reflect Christ's will for our lives.

By entrusting ourselves to Christ's leadership and companionship, by being "in Christ", 2022 will become a "new year" in our lives and we will become "a new creation". "Everything old will pass away; see, everything has become new!"

Peace in Christ and Happy New Year,

David

2022 Resolutions

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22 Resolutions for 2022—Editorial by Patsy

How many of you have ever made a New Year's Resolution that you were able to "keep" until the end of January. After doing some searching on line for resolutions of 2022, I found some that you may be able to keep (if you can remember). I challenge you to pick one or two and resolve to do or pick one of your own creating and then #22.

1. Get your photo taken in FIVE interesting places
2. Break a record (not an LP or 45)
3. Make a new friend a month
4. Develop a good relationship with your body
5. Learn something you never learned as a child
6. Try a new food each week or cook something new each week
7. Make the usual unusual (for example your daily routine—change it up)
8. Sort out a financial worry—get your finances in order (sometimes easier said than done) Build a better budget
9. Do some thing nice for others every day—even if it is as simple as smiling with your "eyes" because you are wearing a mask, wearing a mask is also something else nice for others)
10. Say "thank you" when complimenting someone or something
11. Spend less screen time and more outside time with family and friends
12. Join a new club
13. Eat veggies regularly (could be combined with #6)
14. Exercise your brain (maybe combine with #2 or #5 or #11)
15. Take the stairs when possible
16. Plan a vacation or stay-cation (could be combined with #1)
17. Drink more water
18. Volunteer regularly
19. Listen to books on tape when working out (that may combine #4 or #12 or #11)
20. Delegate more chores if possible
21. Explore a new hobby
22. Resolve to keep your New Year's Resolution for at least 3 months

Patsy's Personal Resolution for 2022:

Have the newsletter "ready to go" out to the congregation by the 1st of the month (not a very good start to keeping this resolution, ha! ha!)

Worship Committee

Silent Night

Father Joseph Mohr, was the priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, a Tyrol village near Salzburg, Germany. He was to learn that at times our problems are opportunities and that the Lord makes all things to work together for good to those who love him.

It was on Christmas Eve in 1818, that a program of Christmas music had been carefully planned, but the organ in the church was in need of repairs. He went to the organist and asked him to compose a simple tune for the carol *Silent Night* that he had written. When Karl Mauracker, the organ tuner, came to work on the organ, he heard about the near disaster. He later helped spread the text and tune all over the Alpine region, referring to it as *Tiroler Volkslied*.

In 1914, On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day during WWI an amazing miracle occurred. Thousands of Belgian, British and French soldiers put down their rifles. They came out of their trenches and mingled with their German enemies on the Western front. The truce is said to have begun with carol singing that included *Silent Night*.

It was reported to have been a beautiful moonlit night, with frost on the ground. About 100,000 soldiers are believed to have participated in this truce. On Christmas Day, the German soldiers emerged from their trenches saying "Merry Christmas" in English. The allied soldiers came out to greet them. This moment of peace, as the war was beginning, was one that would claim over 15 million lives. This act symbolized a human desire for peace.

Remember to send your
donations to
Fincastle Presbyterian Church
PO Box 144
Fincastle, VA 24090

Hymns for January

January 16

95 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
insert – Come, Join in Cana's Feast

Tune: St. Thomas – *Come we that love the Lord*

697 In Christ There is no East or West

January 23

#130 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
insert – A Year of God's Favor

Tune: *Immortal Invisible*

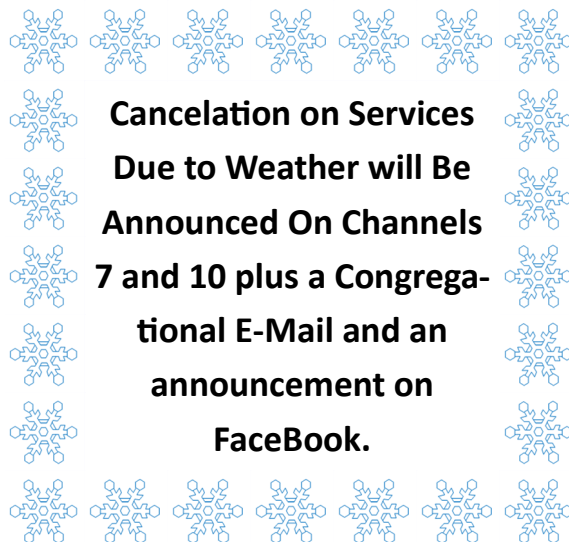
#41 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

January 30

#669 God of Grace and God of Glory

#593 The Gift of Love

#568 Take My Life and Let It Be

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**Cancelation on Services
Due to Weather will Be
Announced On Channels
7 and 10 plus a Congrega-
tional E-Mail and an
announcement on
FaceBook.**

Congregational Care



- Jan. 5—Carolyn Niceley
- Jan. 12—Julia Richardson
- Jan. 13—Mike Goad
- Jan 17—Mark Schade
- Jan. 23—Beck DesChamps

Members of FPC:

- Nathalie Givens
- Kaki Peaslee
- Meg Omer
- Rick Vari
- Mary Beth Huwe

Friends of FPC:

- Laura Holt McCann
- Mary Lee Reese
- Marky Black
- Dianne Poynor
- Marilyn Koch
- Molly Rose
- Lisa Curlee
- Marlene Davidow
- “Hi” Nicely
- Billie Wilson
- Mack Neighbors



Looking Ahead to February, Valentine's Day, 2022

Please send me you and your spouse's anniversary date

For Example: David & Patsy July 21, 1984

(email to psdicke@yahoo.com

or text to 540-460-4597)



2021 in Review

Looking back at FPC in 2021

(not in chronological order or in order of importance)

- ⇒ The furnace was “fixed”
- ⇒ In person worship services started up again (Live Streaming continues)
- ⇒ Lighting in the sanctuary was updated (canned lighting and balcony LED lighting)
- ⇒ The grave yard committee continued their work on the tomb stones
- ⇒ The parking lot has been cleaned up
- ⇒ FPC had two outdoor worship services—one at the Dickerson/Simmons camp and one at the home of Kip and Lyn Burton (those who were interestd also got to visit the site of former Camp Fincastle)
- ⇒ Due to illness and eventual death of Evelyn Renshaw, Lori Turner filled in for 6 months as musical leader for worship service
- ⇒ Rose Ann Burgess was hired as the organist/music director. The Gallery Singers started practicing again and The Back Street Ringers were “resurrected”
- ⇒ Fellowship time started again outside on the porch
- ⇒ The Town of Fincastle replaced the crumbling sidewalk to approach the church
- ⇒ FPC was able to “pay off” the purchase of the 2 plus acres behind the church (notice also that it has been cleared off)
- ⇒ The Feasibility Committee (Bo, Paul, John, Verna, Cathy, Patsy and David) was formed to talk about the calling of a full time pastor in the future.

Mission Committee

On Christmas Eve, the Mission Committee sponsored luminaries that lit up the walk way to the sanctuary for the worship service. Donations were collected and will be passed on to the Botetourt Food Pantry. We collected \$120.

In Loving Memory of...

- * Herbert and Sara Virginia Burton
- * Mary and Tom Webb
- * Brenda Simmons (2)
- * Ian McLean and Edgar Mayse
- * Monty Simmons Leitch (2)
- * Pat Simmons
- * Bill Simmons
- * George Reese
- * Eli Dickerson
- * Gwen Griffith
- * Ronnie Goad
- * Nellie Goad
- * Dewey Goad
- * Tom Daughtry
- * Carol Brenner (2)
- * Joe Anna and Corky Bolton

In Honor of...

- * The birth of Jesus Christ
- * FPC Congregation
- * The Town of Fincastle
- * David Dickerson
- * Everyone on the prayer list
- * Rose Ann Burgess
- * Gallery Singers and Back Street Ringers
- * Mary Lee Reese
- * Willie Simmons
- * Grandpa Eirne
- * All of God's blessings this year
- * Granny/Mom/Peggy

