

# new beginnings

# 2016

## AND BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! The beginning of each new year is a chance for new possibilities.

It's a great time for a change. Christians may be the first to

admit that Jesus paid it all,

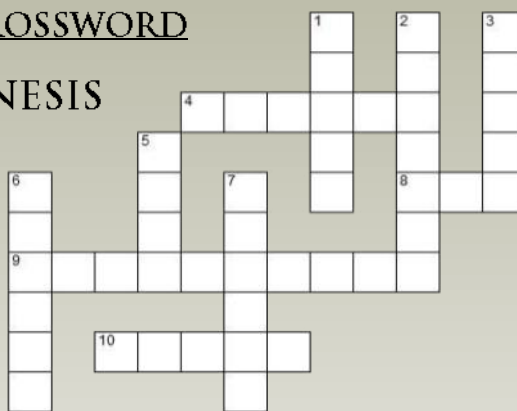
but we sometimes forget that there is still work to be done. When we say that Jesus paid it all, or that we are saved by grace through faith we must be careful to remember that we are not yet perfect, finished Christians. We may be covered by his blood but looking like him is another matter.

The task of looking like Christ should be one that makes progress in our lives. Sure we have gone through new experiences. We have endured something that we haven't before. We may certainly look different and act different that we did at the beginning of last year but are we more Christ-like? **Have we set our goals too low?** Are we content with only the title "Christian" and not so much concerned about the look of Christ? God's plan for us was not to just believe and be saved. God wanted more and he planned more for us! He had always planned for us to be "conformed into the image of Son" – Rom 8:29

This year along with our goals for our health, our finance, or our families, let us set a goal for our spiritual lives. Let us strive to be more Christ-like. May I suggest you begin by praying more, or by studying the Bible more, or by practicing patience or humility. **Whatever it may be I pray you really work hard towards it and be confident that the God who began this good work in you will carry it to completion!** – Phil 1:6

### BIBLE CROSSWORD

### GENESIS



#### ACROSS

- 4 Name of the mountain where Noah's ark came to rest.
- 8 The animal God provided in place of Isaac when Abraham was asked to offer his son as a sacrifice.
- 9 The oldest man in the Bible.
- 10 Name of the city where God confused the languages.

#### DOWN

- 1 Abraham's Father.
- 2 Name of Abraham's wife after Sarah died.
- 3 The city where Lot moved to after separating from Abraham.
- 5 Name of the son of Adam and Eve who was given to replace Abel.
- 6 Name of the brother who Joseph put in jail to ensure the rest would return.
- 7 Abraham said that his wife Sarah was really his \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 12.

## Monthly Memorables



1. Sunday School Toy Drive Drop off at Colette's Children Home. Over 65 toys, worth approximately \$1000, were collected by Horeb Members 2. Horeb volunteers at the Voice Of Refugees Christmas Dinner

# JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun Jan 3	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Tues Jan 5	7:00pm-8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - K. M. Chacko, Cerritos
Thur Jan 7	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Fri Jan 8	6:00pm-10:00pm	Youth Fellowship Social Event
Sun Jan 10	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) - GGUMC
Tues Jan 12	7:00pm-8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - Isaac George, Buena Park
Wed Jan 13	8:30pm-9:30pm	Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 714-432-1500 638599#
Thur Jan 14	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Sun Jan 17	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Sun Jan 17	5:00pm-6:00pm	Sevika Sangham - GGUMC
Tues Jan 19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - Jubby Mathew, Signal Hill
Thur Jan 21	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Sun Jan 24	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Sun Jan 24	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Youth Fellowship Meeting - GGUMC
Tues Jan 26	7:00pm-8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - TBD
Thur Jan 28	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Fri Jan 29	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Edavaka Mission Monthly Prayer and Annual Meeting - TBD
Sun Jan 31	10:00am - 11:30am	Outreach Divine Service at Terrace View Care Center 201 E Bastanchury Road, Fullerton, CA 92835
Sun Jan 31	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Divine Service (English) - GGUMC

[Thanks to Anna Chandy for the January puzzle, Calendar section and other newsletter help]

## Monthly Memorables



1. Volunteering at Voice of Refugees Dinner 2. Sunday School Toy Drive 3. Youth Fellowship performs at Carol Service 4. House-to-House Carol Rounds 5. Choir performs at Carol Service (Appreciation to Saji Baby for the photos. for more pics, visit the Horeb website or facebook page)