

## MEET YOUR ON-AIR HOSTS



**JOHN  
STOREY**

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6am – 7am



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WILLIAMS**

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9am – 3pm



**BOBBY  
MITCHELL**

Saturdays  
9am – 6pm



**ELAINE  
LEAF**

Weekdays  
3pm–6pm

180 Saturday  
Nights  
8pm – 10pm



How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Rom 10:14)

JANUARY 2026



### 2026, YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

BY BILL POWELL

My annual New Year's article typically focuses on setting goals for the year ahead. I am putting a twist on it this year. Make plans, yes. Lose weight, yes, read your Bible plans, and pray more, of course. I would like to encourage you to think of the future. Set your mind on Jesus for 2026 and all the wonderful things He has in store for you.

We play a song by Toby Mack where he says, "It's been a tough year, it almost took me down". I must admit it has been a tough year for me, and compared to some of you, it has been a cakewalk. We can't go back and change; we have to go forward and change. *(Phil 3:14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Do you realize that if you are a Christian, the future is going to be spectacular? Not just good but spectacular. *(Php 3:13) Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.*

Whatever trials we have, they all have an end date. When faced with trials, plan to handle them as prescribed in Scripture. *(Jas 1:12) Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (Rom 8:18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

I was speaking to a gentleman who is 90, and he said God is not through with him yet. That caused me to realize our future is not only based on what we do or will do. The Lord is conforming us to what He would have us be. The good times, which there will be, and the bad times shape us into the image of Christ. *(Rom 5:3) More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, (Rom 5:4) and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, (Rom 5:5) and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

This New Year, plan your future, especially your eternal future. Let hope be the basis of that planning, and don't lose sight of where you are headed. The Lord wants to make you into the image of Christ. This world and life are only a precursor to our eternal life. It takes good times and bad to conform us. Don't lose sight of God's master plan.

*(Col 3:2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Joh 14:2) In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? (Jer 29:11) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Happy New Year, Bill

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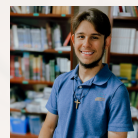
As we look ahead to this new year, please join us in prayer! One of our goals here at the Cornerstone is to reach a larger audience with the only solution to the world's problem, which is Jesus!

We thank the Lord for the gift of life. January is Sanctity of Human Life month, and so we want to ask that the He would give us hearts of compassion, courage to speak truth, and wisdom to act with grace. May our words and actions reflect His love, bringing hope, healing, and dignity to all. May we always remember that each person is made in His image and deeply loved by our Creator. Amen

# HIS MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

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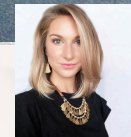
## DON'T WAIT

BY LUCAS WILLIAMS

This time of year we always make goals and plans for the coming year. We usually want to improve our lives, go deeper in our walk with God, and become better followers of Jesus. But if you're like me, you'll think of the perfect New Year's resolution somewhere around January 15th. "It's too late now!" Is it?

Don't wait to make decisions. Don't wait to decide "today is the day." Every day is the first day of the rest of your life. You don't have to sit around until December 31 to make changes or commitments. Too often we get stuck in this trap, don't we? We think the time has to be just right. The right moment has to come before we start the new Bible reading plan, or that devotional, or the Scripture memory course, or whatever else it is.

But God's timing is not our timing, and the most seemingly random day might be a day that's been on His calendar for years! Any day can become special, any day can be a new beginning. So when January 15th rolls around and that perfect New Year's resolution hits you, start it! Ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance in the days ahead! Oh, and by the way, Happy New Year!



## KNOWING GOD, KNOWING YOURSELF

BY CHRISTINA HUTCHINSON

January has a way of slowing us down. The calendar resets, the noise of the holidays fades, and we're left with space, sometimes more space than we know what to do with. It's often in that quiet that deeper questions rise to the surface: *Who am I really? Where am I headed? What do I believe about myself?* The world offers endless answers to those questions, often tying our worth to performance, success, failure, or comparison. But Scripture points us somewhere far more grounding and life-giving: **our identity is shaped by who God is and what He has already done through Christ.**

Because of Jesus, our identity is not something we have to earn or manufacture. It is something we receive. Through Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed, and made new. We are no longer defined by our past, our weaknesses, or our shortcomings. God doesn't relate to us based on who we used to be, but on who we are in Christ. And even more than that—Christ doesn't just save us from a distance. Scripture tells us that Christ lives in us. His presence shapes our hearts, renews our minds, and transforms how we see ourselves from the inside out.

***Knowing this changes everything!***

When we understand that Christ is in us, we begin to walk with confidence that doesn't come from self-reliance, but from dependence on Him. We begin to believe that we are loved, not because we're flawless, but because God is faithful. We see ourselves as purposeful, not because we have it all figured out, but because God is actively at work within us.

At the same time, each person's journey with the Lord looks different. Some are growing in their understanding of what it means to live from their identity in Christ. Others are still learning to let go of old labels and lies. God meets each of us personally, right where we are, patiently shaping us through relationship, not pressure. January is a reminder that our identity isn't found in resolutions or reinvention. It's found in remembrance, remembering who God is, what Christ has done, and who we are because of Him.

As we step into this new year, may we grow deeper in knowing God, and in **trusting that who He says we are is truer than anything else we've believed.** My goal for 2026 is simple: to remember who I am and whose I am—because of Christ.

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FIND REST IN THE LORD  
BY JOHN STOREY

After a constantly busy season like we just had with the Christmas season, so many make resolutions of varying kinds, usually involving going to the gym more, etc. But my question is do you know how to rest in the Lord? How did your daily devotions, Bible reading and prayer life fare through the busy Christmas season? I know with all we had going on in my household, I definitely could use a rejuvenation in the spirit this month. I know the world wants to keep you focused on work, physical fitness, and pretty much anything but your spiritual life, but I would encourage you to think of your relationship with Christ first, because it's the only thing that will outlive your body, and all the “experts” out there trying to distract you from what is most important, Christ.

Are you feeling weary after all the running to and fro for the Christmas season? Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28 NIV So I want to encourage you, to find rest in Jesus this January. He will replenish your soul like no other. He will comfort you and guide you in everything you need to do, and He will show you what you need to prioritize for the year to most glorify His name, so trust Him above all the “experts”. As it says in Romans 3:4, “...*Let God be true and every man a liar...*”

REFLECTIVE  
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What would it look like for me to truly  
“rest in the Lord” this January—  
not just physically, but spiritually?

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JESUS IN JANUARY  
BY ELAINE LEAF

We’ve just come out of the busy Christmas season celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. But how do we bring Jesus into the new year - Jesus in January. It’s the first month of the year, new beginnings - we seek renewal, direction, fresh starts and hope for the days and months ahead in 2026.

A a way to begin anew, let's focus on Jesus - His teachings about love, forgiveness and faith, and remind ourselves that each day in this new year is a new opportunity to walk closer with God and to begin again with a clean heart. Our faith in Jesus renews our soul, bringing light and warmth.

The story of Jesus’ humility, compassion and unwavering trust in God will challenge us to live with purpose and grace in the year ahead. So let’s begin 2026 with acts of kindness, studying Scripture or simply spending quiet moments in prayer.

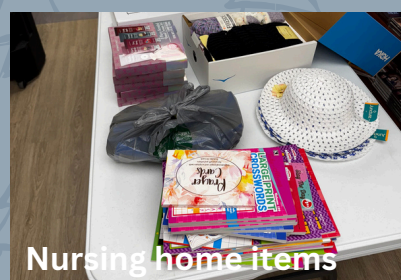
I pray that January will become not just the start of a new year - but a fresh invitation to walk in the footsteps of Jesus carrying His peace and compassion in all that lies ahead. A Very Happy and Christ-filled New Year to you and your family.



## 2025 Christmas Collections



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