

Prayer Corner



With the administration of the new health care laws, some are falling through the cracks for coverage. People may be losing health coverage they were accustomed to or finding the cost to be higher than expected. Pray for these people to get the care they need, and for the doctors and healthcare facilities trying to implement so many new requirements. Change is often difficult, but pray that it will not be tragic or formidably expensive for our brothers and sisters.



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Happy New Year!

Programmer of the Month



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WJLU / WJLH FM – Monday – Friday @ 8:30 pm
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Website - <http://www.ligonier.org/>

“Since 1994, Renewing Your Mind with Dr. R.C. Sproul has provided accessible, in-depth Bible teaching to millions around the world. As the principal outreach of Ligonier Ministries, this radio broadcast has instructed listeners in the life-changing truths of historic Christianity and has kept the church community informed about pertinent issues facing believers today.” (<http://www.ligonier.org/rym/about/>) Dr. Sproul’s engaging presentation of complex material helps listeners learn about a deep variety of topics from the perspective of Reformed Theology, such as systematic theology, philosophy, apologetics, ethics, and church history.

Renewing Your Mind began broadcasting on fourteen radio stations and was soon available on hundreds of stations across the country. Today the message of God’s holiness is heard internationally and on The Cornerstone’s AM and FM stations seven days a week. They also have many resources available on their website, an annual conference in Orlando, an app available for Apple and Android devices, and a host of other ministries. Tune in this evening and discover Renewing Your Mind!

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2014 by Bill Powell



It’s a New Year and time to put together plans for 2014. Before anyone considers their plans and goals, I caution you to stop! First things first.

Pray and seek the Maker of heaven and earth. If you don’t begin with prayer and guidance from the Lord, then you may just be headed in the wrong direction.

I often say, “life is a series of forks in the road.” We should not just carelessly go ahead without prayer and meditation else we find ourselves in a ditch. Have you ever spent the whole year recovering from poor decisions? I know I have. Some decisions can cause us to spend many years or even the rest of our life recovering from them.

Sometimes we plan too big and sometimes we plan too small.

One more thing, seek the council of those who have been down the road you are thinking of traveling. Lastly, be prepared and willing to listen to wise council, even if it is not what you want to hear. Be teachable and correctable. Do you trust the Lord in your life? Do you believe He knows you and loves you? If you do, then seek Him. Walk in faith after you have sought the Lord’s council. Go for it! Don’t look back nor second guess. That is, if you have truly sought the Lord.

This year, God willing and we find a way to finance it, we plan to put 101.1 on the air in St. Augustine. I am seeking and waiting on the answer. Our primary focus is to shore up our base. Fix things that need to be fixed. Clean, paint, repair and improve the facilities and resources the Lord has blessed us to be stewards over. Most of our listeners hear what comes out

of their radios, but there is a huge amount of behind-the-scenes equipment and work.

As long as I have breath, one thing will never change and that is our mission. Our country, including our community, has rejected the Lord and is paying the price. We reap what we sow and that is both personally and nationally.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:7-9 (KJV)

The truth comes from the Lord in His word. Salvation is of the Lord and we are committed to reaching people right here in our community and around the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. With your support, we can be here for all those who have ears to hear. God bless you for being there and being behind this vital work of the Lord.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Peter 3:12 (KJV)

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. Mark 7:16 (KJV)



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Save the Dates

**Jan 19 –
Sanctity of Human
Life Sunday**

**March 18-21 –
Sharathon**

First Importance for a New Year by Chris Johnson



1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV) *“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”*

Happy New Year! I love the New Year because whether a reality or not, it brings with it a sense of a fresh start and a new outlook. The old has gone and the new has come. And with the new we’ve turned the page on chapter 2013, looking with hopeful anticipation at the blank pages of 2014, eager to see what’s to come in our story. Many will construct a new list of goals for this year and stand ready to tackle them with a zeal we hope will see them through to completion. Let’s face it, we really do enjoy the feeling of “new” and “fresh.” I think it’s the kindness of God that He gives us these new beginnings.

So how should we look to the future? How would the Lord have us consider 2014 and be kingdom-minded in our coming and going? I think we can find helpful direction from the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 where he reminds readers of the work of Jesus Christ in his life, death and resurrection! We’ve just left the wonder and splendor of the account of Jesus’ birth! This Christmas season was one that my family really relished and was particularly fond of. As we transition into the New Year, I don’t want to set that joy aside until next December but instead want to press on and see that joy increased as I consider the meaning of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection! This is what Paul refers to when he directs the attention to what he identifies as, “first importance.” These are the main things he is saying: Jesus came and died for our sins in fulfillment of the Scriptures which prophesied the Messiah’s work. He was buried and was raised from the dead as a fulfillment of what God had prophesied years before. The great enemies of mankind, “sin & death,” had been dealt a death blow of ineffable proportions and that Paul says is the bedrock of our faith! It is the foundation of our hope! It is the underpinning of our joy! In response to the cross

work of Jesus Christ our lives are changed from the inside out as our allegiance to Christ becomes that of a servant gladly doing his master’s bidding! We have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. With that transformation a new life is given that assumes radical change in the child of God. We have received magnificent grace, mercy and peace as God has resurrected us from being “dead in sins and trespasses” and has “made us alive together with Christ” (Eph 2:1-5). Therefore, our outlook on life has been fundamentally altered as we see through the eyes of the Lord and have for our vision, His vision- that of reaching the world with the message of Salvation from sin and death through the person of Jesus Christ alone!

In our day, there is a growing resentment toward this truth but we must resist any temptation to alter, manipulate or even reject what God has called His good news! Let it be said of us in 2014 that we believe stand firm and declare with steadfastness the words of Romans 1:16, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”* May God bless each one of you and Happy New Year from everyone at the Cornerstone!



Magnificently Sustained by Edie Schmidt



Last month Josh and I were dining at a restaurant in Orlando when a family came in with a baby about the same age as our little Erin. “That baby makes the same noises as Erin,” Josh commented and I agreed. We were enjoying our conversation, passively exchanging smiles as the little one across from us made familiar sounds when suddenly the baby’s mom loudly exclaimed “I’m trying!” Everything stopped. Dishes weren’t rattling. Chatter ended. We sat frozen except for the only prayer I could whisper “Ohhh God... oohh God.” The baby was choking. I know it was only seconds but it seemed like an eternity as the mother worked to dislodge the piece of food. When she did, life returned to the room. Josh and I sat staring at each other. It felt like we had been through something, something horrible with a wonderful ending. I struggled to hold back tears. We were thinking the same thought...Erin. It’s amazing how a stranger’s plight affected us now that we can relate.

Good news to those of us who are struggling, hurting, or suffering - our Savior can relate. Hebrews 4:15 (ESV) assures us *“... we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”* When we are broken and beaten down and calling out to the great Creator of the universe, we can be comforted because we are also calling out to our loving Father. We have a Father

who empathizes when the cares of this world are choking the life out of us. He has power to remove those obstacles from us but He also has the power to sustain us when they are not removed. The 23rd Psalm portrays the Lord as our Shepherd and us as His sheep. Sheep are pretty helpless creatures. Left unattended their enemies could easily overtake them. But we are not unattended. We are magnificently sustained and maintained. Verse 5 of that Psalm gives us a portrait of our great Shepherd preparing a table for us right in the presence of our enemies. We can be sure if He prepares it, we will be able to safely and joyfully partake of it. Even in the midst of our enemies, we need never despair. When we are weak, He is strong. When we have failed, He will triumph.



Kingdom Culture by Donna Bramlett



*When I think of Heaven, I wonder what I will do, but what will matter is what I have already done;
I wonder what I'll have, but what will count is what I have given away;
I wonder who will be the greatest, but that position belongs to the least.*

Each January, as I take time with Christ to consider the last year and where I was and where I am now, He gives me guidance toward the year ahead with a theme and a focus. This year I believe I will be exploring the rich contrast between this culture and the heavenly one, and it needs to change me. Jesus had so much to say about the Kingdom of God that is confounding and backwards to this world’s standards. For example, Luke 12:15, “And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of

his possessions.” But it does here! The wealthy can get the best foods, cars, doctors, schools, neighborhoods, and anything else. In the world’s culture, life is all about an abundance of possessions. Not so in God’s Kingdom.

A tricky one for me is significance. For all my life I have confused that word with accomplishment, as if by accomplishing great things, even worthy ones, I am giving my life significance. Not so in the Kingdom of Heaven. Significance is not about what I have achieved or attained, but it is all about how much glory my life brings to Christ,

and it is lived out in the unnoticed sacrifices. It’s about living as Christ with humility and joy, about following His star and not being disappointed when all it leads to is a stable.

As children of God, citizens of another Kingdom, our lives here are an opportunity to refocus and redirect, to learn and adopt the culture of our real home, and to walk it out in this counter-culture. Let’s make the most of every blessing and hardship to conform to that better culture and overcome this world.



We have made some great changes to our Droid app, and it is up and running. There is still more we want to do, but you can stream our AM and FM stations again. Delete the old app before downloading the new one, and keep watching for more great improvements.



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