



THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

Brooksville church of Christ
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Promises For The New Year (Selected)

This year, why not make some promises rather than resolutions for the new year? The following list should get you started.

- ✓ Promise to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- ✓ Promise to make all your friends feel that there is something special about them.
- ✓ Promise to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- ✓ Promise to think only of the best, work only for the best, and make the best come true.
- ✓ Promise to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- ✓ Promise to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements in the future.
- ✓ Promise to wear a cheerful expression at all times and to give every person you meet a smile.



- ✓ Promise to give so much effort to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- ✓ Promise to be too big for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble in your life.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

(Philippians 4:6-8)

Let's Renew In 2022



The theme for the Brooksville church family in 2022 is “Let’s Renew In 2022.” There is always a need to reexamine, rekindle, and refocus the work of the individual and the work of the church to the mission given by Christ.

As an individual, the mission from Christ is to grow in His grace. This growth comes from hearing the word of God and an active Bible study plan is vital to growing faith. Make a plan in 2022 to renew a love for the Bible. Set aside time each day to read and reflect on readings from the Bible.

There are various schedules of reading that are available to help map out a plan to cover the text of the Bible. Make it a fun time. Enjoy reading the stories of the Bible. Make them real (because they are real). Let Bible reading be a part of the family activity.

Renewing a love for God comes from the word of God. The Father wants His children to know everything about Him. Fall in love with God again. Get to know who He is, why He does what He does, and understand how much He loves you.

Loving God will help to increase love for His Son, Jesus Christ. Make 2022 a time that you will learn more about Jesus than you have done before. Tell His story in your life by what He said, what He did, and how He has changed your life. Make Him real to you.

Jesus died to build His church. You are a part of the church of Christ that is the body of saints. There is nothing more important than how we respect the church, its organization, worship, design, and purpose. The Brooksville church of Christ needs every member to do their part to help it grow. It can be small things. Arriving before services begin shows respect and honor for the privilege to be part of His church. It becomes nearly impossible for teachers to present a lesson when students habitually come in late. Arriving after worship services begin disrupts the praise and honor given to the Lord. The church is more important than that.

The world is always crowding in trying to dampen the work of the church. Make 2022 a time to commit to the work of the church. Never allow anything to interfere with the assembling of the saints. Jobs are not more important than church. School activities can never be more important than coming together with God’s people. Our priority is CHURCH FIRST.

The year 2022 is a time to learn servitude, seek the lost, and

mold the character of the Christian into the image of Jesus Christ. As brethren, we serve one another. Find ways to reach out more, encourage more, lift up the weary souls more, and edify more the body of Christ. Call, write cards, visit, volunteer, and show the spirit of Dorcas in church work.

There will be a refocus on bringing the lost to Christ. The lost need the gospel of Christ, whether as those who have never obeyed the gospel or those who have turned their backs on the Lord. Rekindle efforts to have home Bible studies. Seek to bring one person to Christ this year and you will be amazed what the year will bring.

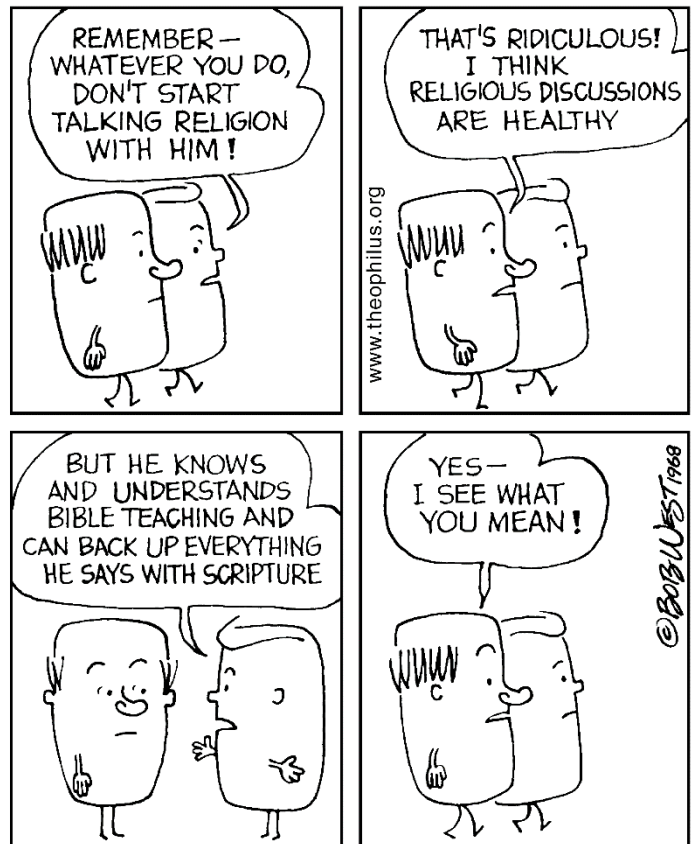
The Brooksville church must be a beacon of light in this area. Your part is a vital ingredient to spread the borders of God's kingdom. Let your light shine so that others can see Christ living in you. Let's renew in 2022 and allow the hand of God to give the increase. May God bless us to that end. (kent)

ONLY 363 DAYS LEFT IN 2022!

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. (Joshua 1:7)

THEOPHILUS

A Word of Caution



Illusions Of Permanence (Dan S. Shipley)

An illusion of permanence is the senior citizen of seventy-five negotiating for a thirty-year home loan. It is the combat soldier who knows nothing can happen to him because his guaranteed-for-life pen is still writing like new. It is the aging grandmother who exchanges her dignity for the fashion of miniskirts and gaudy paint.

The wealthy farmer of Luke 12 who, shortly before his unexpected demise, was thinking in terms of many years while planning a future that did not include God. It is every Felix who seeks a more convenient season in which to obey the Lord. It is all who live as if they anticipated an almost indefinite earthly existence. Few escape the beguiling

effects wrought by these illusions of permanence.

But the Bible dispels these illusions. God describes man's earthly tenure in such terms as shadow, season, and vapor — words calculated to discourage our feeling at home in the body. As one more concerned with our eternal welfare than with our earthly comforts and prosperity, He teaches that a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses (Luke 12:15); that here we are but pilgrims without an abiding city (1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 13:14). David's perspective is essential: "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am" (Psalm 39:4).

However, many, though professing otherwise, seemingly prefer illusions to truth. They remind me of the merchant who erects a large and expensive neon sign to advertise his 'Going-Out-Of-

Business' sale — you doubt that he is. Similarly, some who talk of preparing for eternity show big signs of planning to be in business on this old earth for many years. Investments of time, talents and resources reveal where one's treasure is — and his heart (Matthew 6:19-21).

The farmer's illusions of permanence were shattered with these words: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." The time of this day is best redeemed in remembering that this night is never far from any mortal.

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- I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.
 - Keep praying but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than your prayers.
 - Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence.

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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

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☞ *Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri*

☞ *The saints in Nicaragua*

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