

## Following the Pattern in the New Year

By Joe Slater

What do you suppose God's people were doing on New Year's Day roughly 3500 years ago? Would you believe they were putting up the tabernacle?

*"On the first day of the first month, you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting" (Exodus 40:1). "And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up" (40:17).*

Earlier in Exodus (chapters 25-31) God had given Moses explicit and detailed instructions about the tabernacle and all of its furnishings, beginning with this exhortation:

*"According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so shall you make it" (25:9).*

The Lord repeated this command several times as He specified the dimensions, materials, design, etc., of the tabernacle and its furnishings. "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain" (25:40). "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain" (26:30). "As it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it" (27:8).

Moses and the Israelites took God seriously!

*"Thus Moses did; according to all that the Lord had commanded him, so he did" (Exodus 40:16).*

The tabernacle and things associated with it were a shadow of the better things Jesus Christ established in the New Covenant. The Hebrews writer taught that we ought to be even more diligent to be faithful in the New Covenant than Moses and the Israelites were in the Old Covenant (Hebrews 2:1-4; 10:28-31).

In this new year, let us renew our determination to follow God's pattern set forth in the New Testament!



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: The Promise of the Holy Spirit – Pt 3**

Arthur is preaching today.

**Scripture Reading: John 16:1-14**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** December 29<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew, chapter 26.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday):** January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Chapter 4, Day 4. **Please let Sandy know by tomorrow if you think we should skip this week because of the holidays.**
- ❖ **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- January 30<sup>th</sup> at Ithaca.**



- **It's time once again for our annual business meeting to elect trustees and affirm our bylaws. Our meeting will take place on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, following worship.**
- **Keep the MAGI box items and money coming in!** We still need 9 more dresses and 22 pairs of shorts. We have plans underway in the new year to get together to cut out and sew shorts for the little boys. Also, we found out that we can buy toothbrushes and soap in bulk because we are putting them in plastic travel cases. We should be able to post a list of needed items soon.
- **We received a Christmas card with message from Jerry. Sounds like things are going well for him out there in NV.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!**

## PRAYERS

- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's), **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer), **Darlene's friend Connie** (advanced stage lung cancer).
- Pray that **our congregation can make up for some of the support** we have recently lost from the Antioch Initiative, which was responsible for starting this work in Sayre 7 years ago.
- **Arthur is still waiting** for an appointment for a PT scan. The scan must be clear before he can be scheduled for surgery. Pray that this can be done soon. We pray for a full recovery.
- **Dawn's niece, Bobbie's, husband, Arthur Hardison** is now off the ventilator. Please pray for him and his family as they wait for a room to come open in a rehab center near them.
- **Tink Cranmer, preacher for the Wellsboro church of Christ, died on December 9<sup>th</sup>, leaving his wife, Mary, and a son and a daughter, a son-in-law, and grandchildren. Please pray for comfort for his family and for the church at Wellsboro.**
- **We are thankful that the Rivera family all finished their covid quarantine** and are able to meet with the rest of the Barry sisters for a Boxing Day Christmas today!
- **Steve and Amy's friend Jeff Ardetti** is paralyzed after developing Guillian-Barre following, but not necessarily a result of, covid. Pray for his recovery.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.