

South Green Street Church of Christ

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Hezekiah's Resolution

by David Stearsman

We often make New Year resolutions to improve our health, diet, and lifestyle. The concept of “resolve” entails taking determined steps to implement meaningful change. The life of King Hezekiah provides a powerful biblical example of resolve—a commitment not only to reform but also to pursue spiritual restoration.

Hezekiah, A King of Reform

Hezekiah ruled the southern kingdom of Judah from 715–686 B.C. He is noted as one of Judah's few reforming kings, contemporaneous with prophets Isaiah and Micah. Scripture praises him for his unparalleled trust in God and his determination to remove idolatry from Judah (2 Kgs. 18:3–8). At just 25 years old, Hezekiah inherited a nation steeped in spiritual decay, yet his legacy includes temple repairs, sanctification ceremonies, and a call to unity through the celebration of Passover (2 Chr. 29:1; 30:1).

Hezekiah's Invitation to Unity

Hezekiah's resolve to bring Judah back to God began with a bold proclamation inviting all Israel and Judah to celebrate Passover (2 Chr. 30:1–5). Due to a lack of consecrated priests and the people's disorganization, the celebration was delayed until the second month, a provision allowed in the Law (Num. 9:9–12). Hezekiah's invitation reached even the remnants of the northern tribes, highlighting his vision of reunification despite past divisions.

Through letters and messengers, Hezekiah's plea was heartfelt and urgent: “Return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel... yield yourselves to the LORD... for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful” (2 Chr. 30:6–9). Though many mocked this call, some humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem, demonstrating the power of God's hand in bringing about unity (v. 11–12).

Hezekiah Purged Hindrances to Worship

The gathering for Passover became a catalyst for spiritual cleansing. The people removed pagan altars from Jerusalem, casting them into the Brook Kidron (2 Chr. 30:13–15). This act of purging demonstrates the need not only to flee sin but also to replace it with righteousness (2 Tim. 2:22). During the feast, many realized they were ceremonially unclean, but Hezekiah's heartfelt prayer for their atonement was answered by God, who “healed the people” (2 Chr. 30:18–20).

Hezekiah Rejoiced in Serving God

The Passover celebration extended for an additional seven days, marked by great joy, peace offerings, and confession to the Lord (2 Chr. 30:23). Hezekiah's leadership fostered an atmosphere of spiritual renewal, unity, and gladness. This feast was unprecedented since the time of Solomon, emphasizing the power of *authorized* collective worship (v. 26; cf. Col. 3:17).

Lessons from Hezekiah's Resolve

Plead with the Lost: Hezekiah extended an invitation even to those in rebellion. Do we show the same compassion and persistence in sharing the gospel (Luke 6:35-36)?

Purge Hindrances: Like Hezekiah's removal of idols, we must identify and eliminate anything hindering our relationship with God (1 Cor. 5:7).

Seek Peace with God: Hezekiah's prayer for his people's atonement reminds us of the importance of intercession and reconciliation with God (Col. 1:19-20).

Rejoice in Service: Serving God is a source of joy, not a burden. Hezekiah's celebration teaches us to approach worship with gladness and gratitude (Phil. 4:4).

Conclusion

Hezekiah's life demonstrates the transformative power of resolve rooted in faith. As we step into the New Year, may we emulate his determination to reform, unify, and rejoice in our service to the Lord. By doing so, we too can experience the blessings of a heart turned fully toward God (2 Thess. 2:16-17).

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible will be Thursday, morning at 10 AM in the Youth Center. Just a reminder that if Barren County Schools are closed for inclement weather, there will be **no** class.

Community Soup Kitchen

South Green will prepare and serve the meal at the local Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, January 21. Scheduled to serve: Debbie Turner (leader), Doug Belcher, Beverly Elliott, Becky Foster, Michele Getic, Leland Glass, David Gray, Amanda Lause, Jesse Page, Bobby Steenbergen, Joyce Witcher and Ronnie Turner.

Thank You Notes

We want to give a big thank you to Nancy Botts for all her years of service to the soup kitchen program. She was always enthusiastic and supportive of everything we ask of her.

Ronnie & Debbie Turner

A special thank you to the South Green church family for all the cards, calls, texts, visits, flowers and the wonderful food shown to me and my family during the loss of Bobbye. A special thanks to Bart for his comforting words at the service.

Love,
Beverly, Keith, Barry, Kenzie and Allie

K-6th Family Game Night

South Green Family Game night for ages K-6th grade will be Sunday evening, January 19, after services in the church basement. Pizza and drinks will be provided, please bring a side or dessert and your favorite board game. Contact Joe, Brandon, Tarry or Patrick should you have any questions.

PEARLS Class

Allen's Sunday morning class will have a PEARLS Review session at noon on Sunday, January 26. Lunch will be provided. Please see Allen should you have any questions.

CYC

There will be a mandatory meeting for everyone planning to attend CYC, on Sunday, February 2nd, after the AM services in the basement. Please make sure all fees are paid in full by this meeting. Should you have any questions, please see Jeremy Prichard or Asa Jones.

Pantry

Items needed for the pantry: 5 oz cans tuna, pasta sauce (no glass containers), instant oatmeal— individual packets, breakfast bars and crackers.

Taylor Christian Camp

Taylor Christian Camp is June 8-13, 2025. Anyone interested in serving as staff is encouraged to meet at the Scottsville church of Christ on Saturday, January 25, at 10:00 AM for a planning meeting. Contact Jeremy Prichard should you have any questions.

Men's Retreat

The Cumberland Trace church of Christ (formerly Lehman Ave) will have a Men's Retreat, January 31-February 1 at 2700 Cumberland Trace, Bowling Green, KY. The speaker will be Mike Vestal of the Westside church of Christ in Midland, TX. Schedule: Friday—Dinner 6 PM, Lesson 7 PM, Saturday—Breakfast 8 AM, Lesson 9 AM. Contact the church office if you want to attend so we can notify Cumberland Trace.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Jacey Arnold, daughter of Kyle & Kelly Arnold, will undergo surgery on Tuesday
 - Kelly Beals, wife of Tim Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
 - Frenchie Belcher, 78 Temple Hill Rd., Glasgow
 - Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
 - Steve Brown, 105 Wingate Ave., Glasgow
 - Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
 - Suzie Dove, 361 Dunedin Way, Glasgow
 - Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
 - Gary Edmunds 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
 - Suzanne Fant, 122 Hi Haven, Glasgow
 - Jeff Edwards, son of Anna Edwards, 308 Circle Springs Dr., Glasgow
 - Glenda Elam, 100B Lyon Ave., Glasgow
 - JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
 - Becky Foster, 1636 Pritchardsville Rd., Glasgow
 - Seth Thomas Groce , Barren County Health & Rehab Center, 300 Westwood St.
 - Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
 - Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
 - Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
 - Glenn Pitcock, 526 Matthews Mill Rd., Glasgow
 - Mark Prichard, 211 Autumn Ridge, Glasgow
 - Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
 - Fred Proffitt, 307 Hall St., Glasgow
 - Lenneth & Bonnie Rich, 308 Patton Terrace Rd., Glasgow
 - Denny Riddle, 70 Penny Lane, Glasgow
 - Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
 - Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
 - Mike Williams, 4556 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
 - Erica Wilson, 205 Marion Dr., Glasgow
- Additional Prayer Requests**
- Catherine Bagby, mother of Robert Bagby
 - Steve Barbour, son of Larry Barbour, uncle of Alexis Pritchard
 - Joann Birdwell, sister of Betty Driver
 - Melissa Brown, daughter of a friend of Betty & Mark Green
 - Maria Bryant, coworker of Sonya Hogue
 - Jeff Burd, nephew of Karen Kerney
 - Roy Fox, family of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong
 - Ted Garmon, friend of Randall & Betty Turner
 - Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
 - Jim Gregory, friend/coworker of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
 - Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren
 - Jason Hapney, son of Gary & Teresa Hapney
 - Melissa Hawkins, daughter of Laura Irwin
 - Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue
 - Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
 - Mark Isenberg, brother of Lloyd Isenberg
 - Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren

- Sharon Lenhart, mother of Cathy Bishop
- Nancy Miller, sister of Linda Kelsay & Kathy Williams
- Lana Morrice, daughter of Fred Proffitt
- Marjorie Palmore, mother of Kim Palmore
- Natalie Philbeck, friend of Mike & Charlotte Pruitt
- Judie Pitcock, mother of Amy Gill
- Kim Smith, sister of Tony Shirley
- Margie Smith, friend of Sandra Kidd
- Brad Spear, son of Ed & Pat Spear
- Jennifer Stump, friend of Freda Dugger
- Becky Thompson, daughter of Jackie & Sherri Perkins
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Spear

Prayers Requested

Jessica Smyth requested prayers for her and her family. Please honor her request and keep Jessica in your daily prayers.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Fred Ward. Funeral services were conducted today in Monticello. Fred was the grandfather of Grant Ward. Please continue to pray for this family.

Our sympathy is expressed to the friends of Earl Jackson. He passed away January 12. Please continue to keep Runelle, Nancy, Susan, Michele and the Jackson family in your prayers. Services will be held at a later date.

We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Teresa Kauffman. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 at Hatcher & Sadler Funeral Home. Services will be conducted Thursday at the St. Helen Catholic Church. Margaret was the mother of Ann Lee. Please remember this family in your prayers.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance.....	355
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Jan 5</i>	\$7,496.00
2025 Weekly Average <i>week of Jan 5</i>	\$7,496.00

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	0
Prayer Requests	1
Placing Membership	0

Sunday Morning, January 19, 2025
10:30 AM

Deacons in Charge Robert Bagby
 Brandon Turner
 Song Leader/Welcoming Steve Birge
 Opening Prayer Tarry Lockett
 Scripture Reading Ray Utzman
 Lesson Bart Warren
 Presiding at the Table Terry Bunnell
 Serve Communion (Auditorium) Jay Turner
 David Hammer
 Brad Lowe
 John Estes
 Kyle Arnold
 Chris Page
 Serve Communion (Balcony) Michael Gill
 Jackson Pace
 Carter Alls
 Serve Communion (Basement) Larry Estes
 Bobby Gray
 Closing Remarks Robbie Fudge
 Jackie Perkins
 Dismissal Prayer Jimmy Lowe
 Ushers Lynn Beals
 Glenn Pritchard
 Pick Up Cards Sawyer Bishop
 Isaac Norris
 Control Room Joe Prichard
 Andrew Gilpin
 Bus Driver Jimmy Smith

Sunday Evening, January 19, 2025
5:00 PM

Song Leader/Welcoming Steve Birge
 Opening Prayer Marcus Franklin
 Lesson Bart Warren
 Presiding at the Table Mike Burress
 Dismissal Prayer Patrick Wright

Wednesday Evening, January 22, 2025
6:30 PM

Announcements Bart Warren
 Song Leader Billy Joe Cline
 Opening Prayer Leland Glass
 Lesson Bart Warren
 Dismissal Prayer Wesley Cline

If you are unable to serve, please contact one of the Deacons in Charge

Elders

Mark Bowman Tommy Gumm
 Scott Bradford Frankie McCoy
 Robbie Fudge Jackie Perkins
 Leland Glass

Ministers

Bart Warren—Pulpit Minister
 Allen Jones—Associate Minister

Deacons

Robert Bagby Jeremy Prichard
 David Gray Joe Prichard
 Allen Jones Brandon Turner
 Christian Kaumanns Zac Turner
 Tarry Lockett John Weaver
 Chris Page Patrick Wright

Church Information

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Worship Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Devo 6:30 p.m.

The following services are livestreamed on our website:
 Sunday 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday 5:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Devo 6:30 P.M.

