

Hillside Happenings

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Newsletter



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PK's Points

New Year's Resolve

More than ever do we need to enter into a new year with a great sense of spiritual resolve. For life made some drastic changes in 2020 and the simple flip of a calendar will not automatically bring about a factory reset. Yes, life is different. And for most, it is not a difference that is desired. Therefore, as followers of Christ, we must enter into the year maintaining a resolve to live out our faith for a lost and desperate world to see the hope that lies within us. We must live with a resolve to not grow weary in doing good. We must live with a resolve to count it all joy when we face trials. We must live with a resolve to be faithful unto our Savior and Lord and love Him above all else. God's Word calls for us to have an undivided heart as we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Our heart struggles against loving God and God alone as we are tempted to fall back to our love of self, and our flesh is tempted to love the world.

And it may be fair and healthy to ask yourself if you are discouraged by all the changes this year has brought because you selfishly love your life or because you love the world (and the way it was).

That yes, 2020 did not go as anyone desired, but there should remain one constant from 2020 going into 2021 – our undivided love for our God who is unchanging.

So as 2021 begins, take a moment and thank the Lord for His unfailing grace, love, faithfulness and immutability (unchanging-ness) and resolve to love Him with an undivided heart. We have so much to love Him for and I trust the new year will present more and more opportunities to demonstrate that love to Him and therefore others. We might be easing into the year gradually, but let's praise Him with as many opportunities as we have. We have a 10 year church anniversary coming up (might celebrate it later in the year), hope to get back to Small Groups (possibly in March), maybe some Carry-In's, and I'm praying for a good group that wants to serve the Lord on a missions trip to Peru. We desire all of this, because we have a Savior whom we love – much more than we love anything/anyone else.

Have a ~~Happy~~ Faithful New Year!