

# Happy New Year!

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## Christian Perfection

We all want to be everything God wants us to be, but sometimes we are discouraged when we realize, as did the Apostle Paul: *"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do."* Romans 7:15

So, this past week, I ran across an article in Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest* and I hope it blesses you as much as it did me and takes the pressure off our human need to perform "for God". This is the "perfect" understanding of what God expects from us and is an excellent way to begin the New Year, with a renewed look at our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect... Philippians 3:1*

It is a snare to imagine that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do; God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements is apt to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you go off on this idea of personal holiness, the dead-set of your life will not be for God, but for what you call the manifestation of God in your life. "It can never be God's will that I should be sick." If it was God's will to bruise His own Son, why should He not bruise you? The thing that tells for God is not your relevant consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your real vital relation to Jesus Christ, and your abandonment to Him whether you are well or ill.

Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship to God which shows itself amid the irrelevancies of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that strikes you is the irrelevancy of the things you have to do, and the next thing that strikes you is the fact that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives are apt to leave you with the idea that God is unnecessary; by human effort and devotion we can reach the standard God wants. In a fallen world this can never be done. I am called to live in perfect relation to God so that my life produces a longing after God in other lives, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God is not after perfecting me to be a specimen in His show-room; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He likes.

# 2010

## **Guatemala Mission Trip**

Rob Courtney and Savannah Grosenbach will now be able to participate in Dallas Christian College "Kingdom Week" as they travel to Guatemala. Thank you to all who contributed to make this ministry opportunity possible for Rob and Savannah.

## **Jan. 8, 9, & 10 - Conexion 180 1st Anniversary - 7 pm**

We rejoice with our Hispanic ministry as they celebrate their first anniversary on January 8, 9, and 10 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7 pm. The Puppeteers for Jesus will be performing a skit on Friday, the 8th! Be sure to participate and enjoy this opportunity to share in God's blessings with Conexion 180!

## **Sunday, January 10 - Youth Fundraiser Luncheon - 12 Noon**

The Youth Group is getting a head-start on the year with a Fund-Raising Luncheon to be served January 10! Let's support them in their activities for 2010 by, perhaps, donating the amount your family might pay at a nice restaurant, and receive a good lunch, as well as great time with each other!

## **Saturday, January 16 - Concert of Prayer - 10 - 11 am**

Saturday, January 16, from 10 to 11:30 am, join us and be blessed as we gather together for prayer, praise and giving thanks to our Creator, Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Sunday, January 24 - Planning Meeting - 1:30 pm**

Sunday, January 24, there will be a planning meeting at 1:30 pm for those responsible for posting an event to the HCCC 2010 Calendar of Events.

## **Saturday, Jan. 30 - Dr. Pickering's Taylor-Johnson Analysis Training Certification**

Saturday, January 30, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Dr. Pickering is taking qualified individuals through the training required in order to obtain certification for the Taylor-Johnson Analysis. This training will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

## **CCLW Winter & Spring Retreats**

- January 15 - 17 - Youth Retreat - December 15 early registration deadline
- February 26 - 27 - Men's Winter Retreat - Feb. 9 early registration deadline
- March 14 - 19 Spring Break Mission Project - Feb. 7 early registration deadline

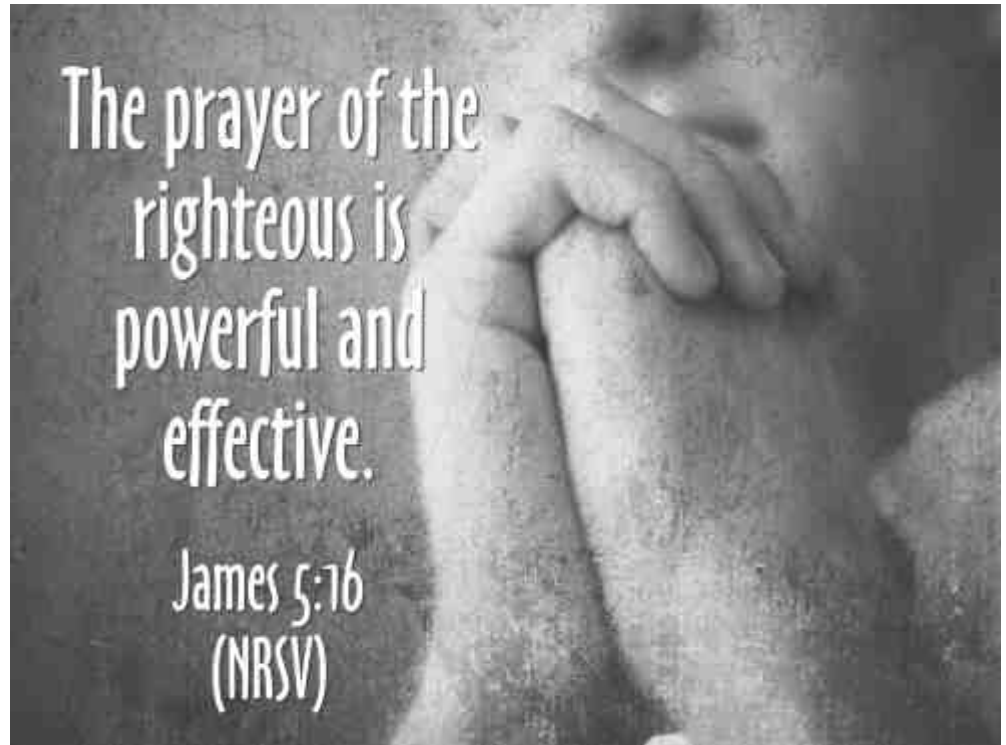
# 2010

## January Anniversaries

Carroll & Kathleen Kennedy Jan. 1

## January Birthdays

Narak Svoboda	Jan. 1
Donna Morrison	Jan. 3
Sue Wells	Jan. 4
Candy Wederbrook	Jan. 11
Scotty Glasgow	Jan. 12
Judy Snider	Jan. 15
Bailee Glasgow	Jan. 16
Stacey Elliott	Jan. 20
Dee Dee Glasgow	Jan. 25
Emily Wright	Jan. 26
Mariah Snider	Jan. 28
Jo Kemp	Jan. 29



## Prayer Concerns

**Cancer:** Ola Bell, Paul Booth, Jimmy Collins, Gracie, Gil Harmon, Jim Hatten, Kathleen Kennedy, Cheri Keyhoe, Beth Leeck, Linda Madden, Marie Maddox, Phyllis McLain, Nate, Lori Morrison, Gina Rollins, Rick Smith, Stephanie Smith, Larry Wilshire, Doug Young

**General Health:** Robin Biles, Dean and Harlan Cary, J.S. Collins, Jeannetta Collins, Cal Donaghe, Eli Douglas, June Douglas, Colleen Elliott, Richard Everitt, Jesse Fenwick, Pat Gaeddert, Clarence Huffman, Jo Kemp, Carroll Kennedy, Wendy Labelle, Joe Leadabrand, Eileen Lewis, Arthur Maddox, Melendez family, Laura Patton, David Reed, Jerrie Reynolds, Cecil Rollins, Renee Seigel, Judy Snider, Frank Taylor, Loy Thomas, Sue Wells, Arthur and Carl Wight, Rhonda Wight, Bryson Young, Bobbi Zaborac

**Other:** Biles' grandsons, Byron, David Chestnut, Chouchantharat family, Christian Clark, Curtis, Military, Craig Wells' family, college kids' travels returning to school, health and prosperity of our church, jobless people, our country's leaders, Mission 2810

**Grieving:** J.W. Down's nephew's family, Rollins family, Rowe family, Snider family, Walcott family

**Missions:** Christian Camp of the Living Word; Church Growth Ministries. Colegio Biblico; Cornerstone Assistance Network; Dallas Christian College; International Student Missions; MBC Ministries; Mid-Cities Pregnancy Center; Conexión 180 and Rogelio Lira

**Church Leadership:** Randy Grosenbach, Dr. Alan Pickering, Patrice Morrison, Rob Courtney, Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison, J. W. Downs, Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle, Pungram Ngatzu, Tom Snider, Allen Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday, George Jones

**Praise Reports:** "Praise God that Jon found a job and hope it works out." Renee Peacock

## MISSION STATEMENT

Communicate God's Word - Matthew 28:18-20

## VISION STATEMENT

To provide for the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of our community by training the H.C.C.C. family through Bible study, song, fellowship and teaching, that they may dedicate themselves to carrying the Word of Christ to all they meet.

## WORSHIP SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 1:30 pm Conexión 180º
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir & Drama
- 5:00 pm Adult Choir
- 6:00 - 7:30 Revolution Youth Group

### MONDAY

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 pm Elliott Home Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Morrison Home Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Conexión 180º  
Bible Study at church

## CHURCH STAFF

Minister: Randy Grosenbach

Youth Minister: Rob Courtney

Music Director: Patrice Morrison

Church Secretary: Edye Baldrige

Elders: Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison

J.W. Downs, Eli Douglas

Deacons: Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle, Tom Snider, Pungram Ngatzu, Allen Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday, George Jones

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

Conexión 180º Rogelio Lira

## PASTORAL COUNSELOR

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