

*H*ere we stand as one year ends and another begins. And what a year it has been!!

But, in all it's craziness with the pandemic, the race riots, the election, the national lock down peace still could be found. Peace in knowing that God is still in control. Now I know that has become a cliché, but think about it for a moment. In everything that went wrong and with all the uncertainty, can we say that we had what we needed. Maybe not as much as we normally have, but did we have what we need. And the answer is yes. And why is that? It's because God takes care of those that fear, love and honor Him.

In **Matthew 6:25 – 33**, Christ says these words *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

In other words, we are to trust in God. That can be hard when everything around you is screaming so loud. But it something we can do!!! So, as we move into this new year, let us not fix our eyes on all what is in front of us. Instead let us fix our eyes on Christ, knowing He promises to take care of us. A promise we can we trust.

- Jeremy S. Jones



A Publication From
Columbia Church of Christ
14832 County Road 1-50 Edon, Ohio 43518 419-459-4846
www.columbiachurchofchrist.org

Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

Issue #149 • January 2021

Holiday Schedule

We will be closed on December 24th & 25th and also December 31st and January 1st...

New Beginnings

As one year comes to a close and other approaches, before we begin to make all of our plans and set all of our goals for the upcoming year, we ought to take some time to settle with the year we are currently in and tie up whatever loose ends we have. We should desire to go into 2021 with confidence, grace, and healed hearts.

One of the most difficult things about changing seasons is leaving the past behind us and moving forward to what lies ahead (**Philippians 3:13**). This can be hard to do, especially if we've had a hard year and are struggling to feel positive about what might be next. And yet, even when things have been so sweet, we can be uncertain of the coming season – will it threaten the peace and happiness we've come to enjoy? Looking to the future means looking to the unknown.

Either way, I have learned that through Christ, all things are possible. That means that no matter what 2020 held for you, Christ is able to walk alongside you to help you to move forward in your life. This doesn't mean that we should push our feelings and thoughts aside in an attempt to hurry and get over them for the sake of a new year. Rather, we have to be willing to let go of control and allow Christ to reign and rule over our lives, submitting to his authority and plan, and trust him to help us in whatever way we need while we move forward.

Take some time between now and the New Year to think through your 2020. Take note of the condition of your heart and why it is in the current shape that it's in. Then, in your secret prayer time, go to the Lord and have him survey your heart. Open it wide for him, lay your 2020 at his feet, and choose to walk with him to the place that he has for you in 2021.

May You All Have a Very Safe & Blessed New Year!

Family Movie Night

Save the Date: Our next Family Movie Night will be **January 9th at 6 p.m.** "Tim Hawkins Comedy". Invite your family for a night of fun.

WCS Meeting

January 12th on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. we will be having our WCS Meeting. Hostesses for this meeting are Jan Hauenstein and Sharlie Stomm. Devotions will be given by Jan H. We will be planning for the Heart Sunday Dinner. All ladies are welcome to this meeting.