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**January 2022 Edition**

### Remove Your Review Mirror

My title comes from a thought that leaps off the page for me in the scripture text I have used many times for “New Year’s” messages is **Philippians 3: 13-14** “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Some time ago, my rear-view mirror fell off from the windshield of my old truck. While trying to figure out how you glue something like that back up, I went without a rear-view mirror for a while. During that time, I got to thinking about how that in comparison; this small rear-view mirror is to the large windshield. I began to wonder if the designers of vehicles had the Apostle Paul’s words in mind... focus more on what is ahead of you, than on what is behind. The same is true in life. Every new year affords a new opportunity to make the best of it with the help of God

I love the words of Henry Ward Beecher, *"Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but, on the first of January, let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front with no interest in the things that were and are past."*

These past two years have brought many different and difficult situations to a great number of people. Whether it be the storms that come in life, the stress of the COVID Virus or the loss of a loved one... if you choose to spend a great deal of time looking back thru the rear-view mirror of life, you may miss the opportunities of the new year. There is always something special about a brand-new year. There are fresh and new opportunities that await us in the year 2022 by the grace of God. The good and the bad of 2021 is history now, it’s behind us, we can’t go back and change anything, nor should we try to relive it. So, we must look forward with anticipation to the coming year with the assurance that God is still in control. God is seeking to help you and I to have the best year of our life, for as I have often heard said, the best of your years is the rest of your years.

Let’s choose to ignore the rear-view mirror of 2021 and focus on the large open view window of 2022. Ahead of us may be some successes and, yes, even failures but at least they are opportunities to move forward for the Glory of our Lord. Some of you may choose to make a new resolution to do something different in the new year... Read your Bible more, pray more, witness more, or maybe you might be like the fellow who was in the bathroom standing on the scales when his wife walked into the room. The wife noticed that her husband was weighing himself on the bathroom scales, sucking in his stomach. She thought to herself, *"Does he think that he will weigh less by sucking in his stomach?"* So, she, in a rather sarcastically way said to her husband, *"That's not going to help."* Her husband looked up and said, *"Sure it will. It's the only way I can see the numbers."*

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In Christ

Bro. Bobby



**Mission Board  
Meeting Reminder  
Monday,  
January 3, 2022  
Baptist Center**



**January Calendar Of Events**

- 1– New Year’s Day (Office Closed)
- 3– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17– Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER**

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	59.00	
Blue Spring	1,568.61	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	987.30	300.00
Canton	843.12	550.00
Cerulean	492.00	
Crossroads	0	
Delmont	325.95	
Donaldson Creek	941.76	
East Cadiz	511.86	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	655.17	
Locust Grove	803.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	100.00
New Hope	282.51	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	265.18	
Ponderosa	419.20	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	264.00	
South Union	195.20	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	600.00	2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,263.86</b>	<b>3,450.00</b>
		13,713.86
Interest NOW Acc.	3.76	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Assoc. Missions Fund		3,200.00

Subtotals	10,267.62	3,450.00
Total income		<b>\$13,717.86</b>
<b>Monthly expense</b>		<b>\$13,385.91</b>

<b>Regular Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	44,344.60
Interest Received	3.76
Gifts	10,263.86
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– OMC	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	<b>(12,861.32)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$41,550.90</b>
<b>Treasurer: Louise Fuller 12/25/21</b>	

