

**Minister's Message continued:**

- 7. Acknowledge my brokenness. St. Maximos the Confessor, 7<sup>th</sup> century. "Know that God is a good and loving physician who heals with individual treatment each of those who are trying to make progress."
- 8. Always think good of everyone. Evagrius, 4<sup>th</sup> century, "Show the greatest gentleness toward all people."
- 9. Read the obituaries. St. Gregory, 13<sup>th</sup> century, "At the moment of our death we will all know for certain what is the outcome of our life." I hope that you are off to a great start in 2017. Maybe these resolutions based upon the wisdom of the ancient fathers can assist us on our journey. ....Larry

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**YOUTH NEWS:**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:** To be announced.

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.** Jr. Chi Rho will meet at church.

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M.** – Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

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**ADDITIONS: CHRISTMAS 2016 FLORAL MEMORIALS**

<b>In Memory:</b>	<b>Given By:</b>
Nile Riley	Charles & Ruth Antle
Betty Antle	
Frazier Antle	
Edna Lang	
W.L. Renaker family,	Buddy & Eva Renaker
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Paul Blackburn,	
Lou Katherine Warth, Howard Molony	

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**CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP**

Forms for the church scholarship are now available in the church office. The form along with a recent transcript with a GPA of 2.5 or more for the semester just completed need to be turned into the church office by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MORNING CIRCLE**

Bring your scissors, stickers, trimmings and ideas, etc. to create Valentines for our shut-ins! The meeting is Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in Bish Hall.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

An expression of sympathy is sent to Paula Taylor Haviland and family in the death of her mother Ruth McNabb who died January 3, 2017.

An expression of sympathy is sent to Mary Todd Ashbrook and family in the death of her grandfather Rex Ecklar who died December 10, 2016.

---**Barbara Lanthorn** is recuperating from knee surgery....**Stacey Allison** is recuperating from surgery....**Jim Snodgrass** is recovering from hand surgery....**Tony Williams** is recuperating from knee surgery....**Elizabeth Cook** is recovering from hand surgery....**Mary Hollis Partin** is recuperating from knee surgery....**Steve Alexander** is at home following back surgery....**Deanna Lunsford** is recovering from knee surgery....**John Embry VanHook** is recuperating from oral surgery.... **Joyce Courtney** is at home following a stay at HMH last week.... **Sue Williams** and **Jerry Dawson** are both recuperating from cataract surgery....**Beverly Gootee**, daughter of Shirley Harney is at home following a stay at a Lexington Hospital....**Susan Lemons** at home after a stay at HMH.

**NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

Dear Cynthiana Christian Family,  
Thank you so much for the cards, visits, and phone calls during my recent illness. Sharon and I especially appreciated the delicious Lord's Lunch, and Jim Swinford's smiling delivery. We are so blessed to be saved into God's family, and a part of the caring people in His church. Love and prayers for a Christ - centered Christmas and New Year.  
Ed and Sharon Ratcliff

Cynthiana Christian Church members, Thank you so much for adopting several children from our Christmas Angel Program. We couldn't have pulled it off without your help. We hope you enjoyed shopping as much as the families enjoyed receiving your gifts. Feel good about this Christmas, you made one child's Christmas morning really special. Thanks again.  
Christmas Angel Committee

"I want to thank everyone for all their cards, prayers and food while recovering from shoulder surgery." Lois Isaac

**INVITATION**

A reception to honor Tim and Bonnie Teater to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will be held in Bish Hall Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. They request no gifts. Your presence is what they value most.

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### PRAYER TENDERS

Kathy Brown and Ann Swinford work together to start a prayer request call. If you know of a prayer need, please call Kathy or Ann. When Ann receives the prayer request, she calls the next person in line on the list. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, or learn more about it, please contact Kathy, 234-5332 or Ann, 234-2105.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Jan. 1st: Ardyth Whitson,  
♥M/M Larry Carey,  
♥M/M Jack Marsh  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Hayes  
Jan. 3rd: Carol McDanell,  
Jenna Nunnelley  
Jan. 4th: Joseph Bishop  
Jan. 5th: Robbie Stroub  
Jan. 6th: Shirley McKee  
Jan. 7th: Jane Stritesky,  
Donna Williams  
Jan. 8th ♥M/M Jacque  
Brown  
Jan. 10th: William Moore,  
Hadley Raye Crump  
Jan. 11th: Debbie Kendall,  
Addison Peak,  
Keith Moore  
Jan. 12th: Melissa Partin  
Jan. 14th: Harold Kendall,  
Madison Coppage  
Jan. 15th: Katie Duffie



Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

## THE CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Larry Bishop, Minister  
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### Minister's Message:

I appreciate your input regarding last week's sermon as we talked about ancient wisdom for the new year of 2017. We shared together some advice from the ancient desert monastics. Much of my reading preparation was from an expert on this subject, Daniel B. Clendenin in a publication entitled Journey With Jesus. Several of you after church asked if I could list this wisdom that I suggested to you in the form of resolutions. I appreciate your interest. They are as follows:

1. Never stop starting over. Arsenios, 5<sup>th</sup> century. "My God, do not abandon, me. I have done nothing good before thee, but grant me, in thy compassion, the power to make a start."
2. Live intentionally, not aimlessly. St. Mark the Ascetic, 5<sup>th</sup> century. "Think nothing and do nothing without a purpose directed to God. For to journey without direction is wasted effort."
3. Never despair whatsoever. St. John, date unknown. "Do all in your power not to fall, but if you do, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times. . rise up again each time."
4. Pray simply. Abba Macarius , 4<sup>th</sup> century "It is enough to say, Lord as you will, and as you know, have mercy. And if the conflict grows fiercer, say, Lord help."
5. Stop judging others. Abba Macarius "The monk , must never judge his neighbor at all in any way whatever. He must cover the faults he saw, as though he did not see them, and those he heard, as though he did not hear them."
6. Stay put. Mother Syncletica 4<sup>th</sup> century. "If you find yourself in a monastery do not go to another place. Just as the bird who abandons the eggs she was sitting on prevents them from hatching, so the monk or the nun grows cold and their faith dies when they go from one place to another."

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