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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

New Image Ministries

Come & Be **CHANGED**

May we all be changed into His Image by His Spirit that lives within us.

2 Cor. 3:18

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Devotional by Elder Nicole Freeman
The Divine Spark

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart...” — Ecclesiastes 3:11

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord. —
Zechariah 4:6

There is a divine spark God placed inside every one of us, something eternal placed there with purpose, a piece of Heaven itself, a reminder that we were created for more than fear, guilt, or anxiousness. Ecclesiastes tells us that eternity is already woven into our hearts.

That means the longing we feel, the groan for purpose, the desire to live fully awake, it's not weakness. It's evidence that God Himself breathed something eternal into us.

If I'm honest, I've spent many years going to church feeling guilty, anxious, and unsure why I felt the way I did. It never made sense. We love God, we want to know Him, and yet we often carry the very doubts and fears Jesus died to free us from. But once we experience God's grace, guilt begins to lose its grip. Grace ends condemnation. Grace gives us a fresh start and invites us to live from the truth of who God says we are.

As we step into this New Year, let's choose to believe that God's Word is true. Let it shape how we think, how we speak, and how we live. Let it give us something to look forward to each day. Let's wake up with purpose, intention, and a song in our hearts. Let's say words that bring life, words that sound like Heaven, not fear. On New Year's Eve, we were told we are limitless, and that made me stop and ask myself what small lie or old thought has been holding me back from believing God fully. This isn't meant negatively, but as a sincere reminder of how we're robbed when we accept mindless thoughts without realizing it. I'm not saying everything for me changed overnight, but it starts with a thought and yes God can do the impossible and change everything in a blink of an eye. But change begins with the truth we meditate on and the words we speak. God's Word brings healing to our bones and life to our spirits. So, let's fill our hearts and mouths with His truth and prepare ourselves for all God is doing in this New Year.

Let's continue to fan the flame God has placed within each of us. Scripture reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:6 to "fan into flame the gift of God," meaning we are called to keep stirring up what He has already put inside us. That spark, that gift, that calling, it grows stronger as we nurture it, speak life over it, and stay connected to Him.

To God be the Glory!



Hello From Helen

Hello family and welcome to 2026!!!!

Yes, time is moving right along.

Wow, we had a wonderful Christmas season; the church was decorated so beautifully and holiday cheer was everywhere. We had our annual "Tree Lighting" right in front of the church and it was wonderful.

We had such a beautiful Christmas Eve service and, of course, we had a New Years Eve Service and celebration in the Fellowship

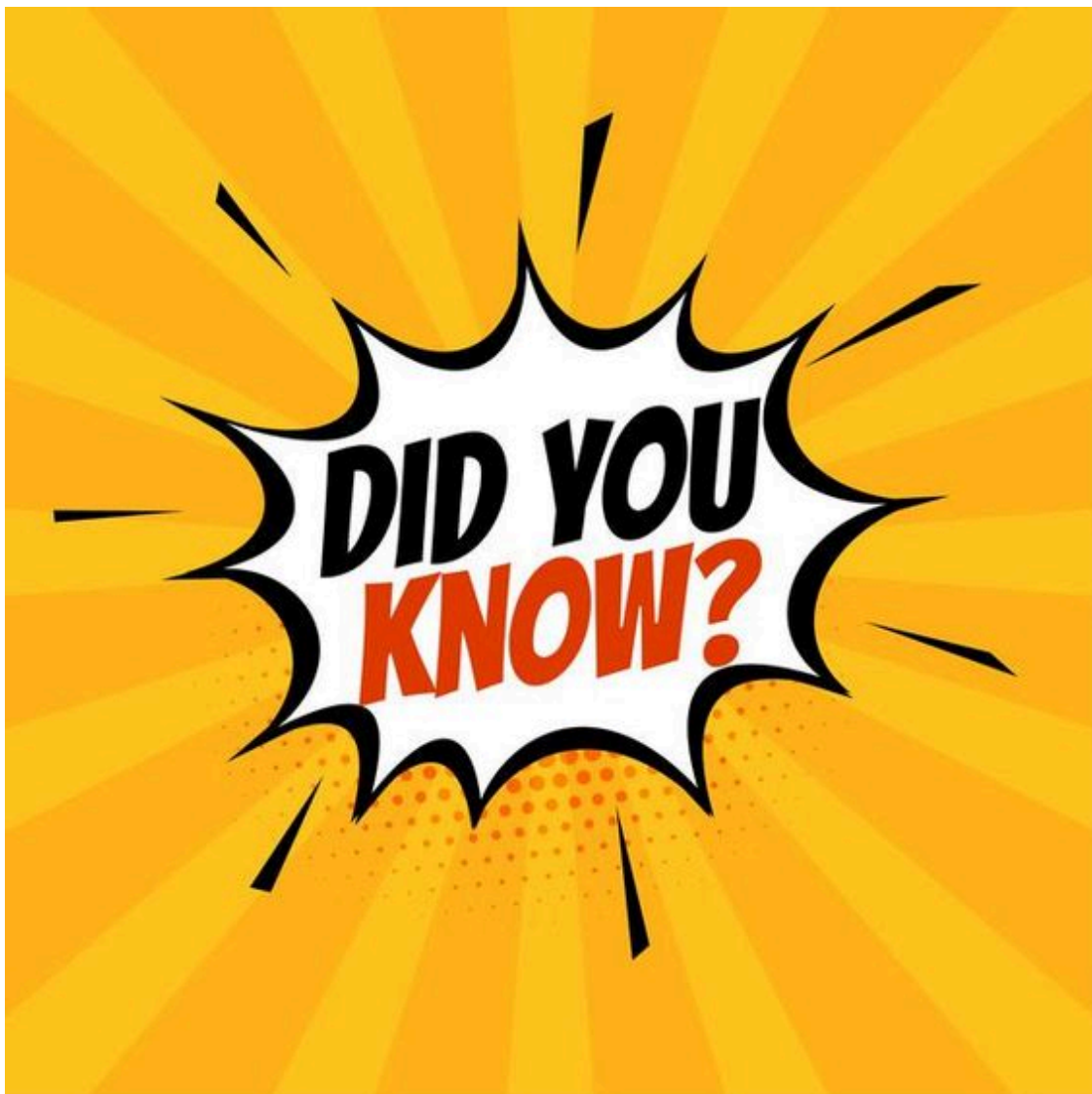
Hall afterward where we shared some food and lots of family time. We brought the New Year in together, which we do every year and that is very special.

New Image Ministries is a wonderful place to be for the holiday or anytime of the year. We are so blessed not only with our church but Pastor Phil and Pastor Michael are the best of the best. Our church family can't be beat.

Of course our very own band celebrated with beautiful Christmas music and it was a wonderful time.

So now I want to say **"HAPPY NEW YEAR"** and a very blessed **2026** to us all!

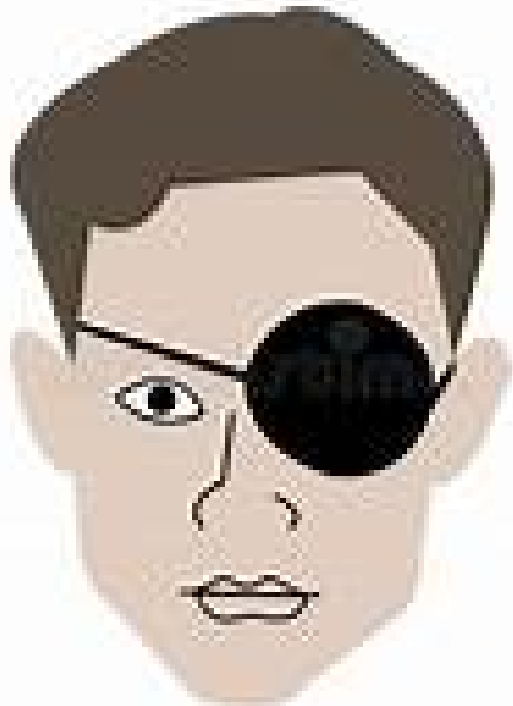
Until next month and always with love and blessings,
Deacon Helen J. Caliendo





To clean a hazy mirror, use shaving cream

**WHERE DID THE PHRASE
"TURN A BLIND EYE" COME FROM?**



This saying is attributed to Admiral Horatio Nelson, who supposedly ignored a signal to withdraw during a battle by putting his telescope to his blind eye.



WHO AM I?

I was born in – Chattanooga Tennessee

My favorite color is - Pink

My favorite activity is – Working out

My typical day consists of – Interacting with people

My most treasured thing to do is to greet others I meet daily

I have worked as – A McDonald Biscuit Maker

I listen to Contemporary Christian Music

My favorite singer is - Jamie McDonald

My favorite author is - Mark Chironna

What truly makes me happy is enjoying life in Christ

What makes me feel peaceful, is believing God's truth in situations

The best gift I have ever received is love for and from God, family,
and friends



MEET EVAN FINICUM

I was born in Panguitch, Utah

My favorite color is Blue

My favorite activity is "Playing Guitar"

My typical day consists of Coffee, reading and relaxing and work

I took a four day Greyhound bus to come to Florida

My most treasured memory is sitting around campfire with dad and listening to
Rock Lobster

I have worked in a Restaurant, and in the "Tesla Robot Industry"

I would rather eat out more than eating in

Favorite food is Pizza
I listen to "Midwest Emo" music
My favorite musical group is "The Front Bottoms"
My favorite author is "Peirce Brown"
My favorite movie is "Scott Pilgrim Verses the World"
My favorite actor "Edward Norton"
My favorite actress is "Emma Watson"
My favorite T.V. show "BoJack Horseman"
My family and the connections I have with people make me happy.
"Quiet" makes me feel at peace
I have traveled to all of the west
My favorite vacation was "Impromptu "Driving to the Golden Gate Bridge,
sleeping in my car and going home in the morning"
My favorite holiday is Christmas
I love the smell of "Baked Goods"
My autobiography would be titled "Becoming Grateful"
The best gift I have ever received was a "Skateboard"
The best part of waking up is Coffee in the morning
If I could have one superpower I would choose to be "Invisible"
One thing I dream about doing one day is "Working in the "Recovery Field"
The one thing I am most proud of is "Being Sober"
My philosophy is "The Serenity Prayer"
The thing that makes me laugh the most is "My Dad"
I collect "Coins"
The law I would enforce if I were ruler is "Be Kind"
My warning label would say "Very Loud"



NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead

Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend

Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things

Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start
in ten minutes."



“There I go—still writing ‘B.C.’ on my checks.”



MEAT LOAF

Submitted by Deacon Dyan Overstreet

Ingredients:

2 lbs ground beef

½ cup Italian Bread Crumbs
1 egg
1 Package of Lipton Onion Soup Mix
1 medium diced onion
½ green or yellow (or both) pepper, diced
Garlic, onion powder, salt and pepper to taste
2 teaspoons of Brown Sugar
1 small can of tomato sauce

Directions:

Mix all together

Form into Meat Loaf in pan

Heat oven to 375 degrees

Cover and bake 20 minutes

Take cover off and bake an additional 25 minutes

BLACK EYED PEAS



ingredients:

1 pound dried black-eyed peas (fresh or canned)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
6 ounces pork shoulder, diced into ½ inch cubes
4 strips thick sliced bacon, cut into ½ inch pieces
1 medium onion, small diced
4 garlic cloves, sliced
1 ½ teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder
4 cups chicken stock
2 cups water
3 bay leaves
Hot pepper vinegar, optional and as desired

1. If using dried black-eyed peas, put them in a large pot and cover with about 4 inches of water. Soak the peas overnight, then drain the water and rinse. Alternatively, you can "quick-soak" the peas by bringing them and the water to a boil for 2 minutes. After this, remove them from the heat, cover the pot and soak the peas for 1 hour. Then, drain and rinse the peas.
 2. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. When the oil is shimmering, add the pork. Sear until the pork is browned on all sides, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the bacon, onion and garlic to the pot and cook, stirring, until the onion and garlic are lightly browned, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the salt, black pepper, cayenne and garlic powder. Cook until the entire mixture is coated with the spices, about 2 minutes. Pour in the stock and water and drop in the bay leaves. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for about 30 minutes.
 3. When the pork begins to fall apart, add the prepared peas to the pot and simmer until the peas are very soft, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours (see Cook's Note).
 4. Taste for seasonings and add some hot-pepper vinegar if desired. Discard the bay leaves and transfer the black-eyed peas to a serving bowl
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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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"I WILL GIVE YOU
a new heart
WITH NEW & RIGHT DESIRES,
AND I WILL PUT
a new spirit in you."

Ezekiel 36:26 TLB

God wants full custody not just weekend visits



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