The Anointing

Bethany Reformed Church Monthly Newsletter/ January 2025

Inspiring Bible Verses About New Beginnings For The New Year

Psalm 20:4 "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

The first step to a new beginning with Christ is focusing on His wants and plans for your life. Once you align your path with His, the sky is the limit. Seek God as you make plans in the new year and look to Him as you craft all new beginnings. Jesus loves us and wants the best for us - something that is essential to remember during times of struggle and success, alike.

Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

This Bible verse about new beginnings tells us of the importance of operating in Jesus' name in all we do in our lives. "Keeping Christ at the center helps everything else come together." That's a statement worth keeping in mind as we head into 2025, a year filled with opportunities to grow in faith and align our actions with His will.

Operating based on biblical principles and with the Lord in mind helps us live with a gracious and contented heart, fostering peace, purpose, and a deeper connection to God. Whether setting goals, making decisions, or facing challenges, let this truth guide you: when Christ is at the center, all things align for His glory and your good.

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

It's so easy to get bogged down in chaos, past hurts and bad decisions, but it is never too late to embrace a new self and push away the old self. Rather than dwelling on the past, solidify a new beginning by turning to scripture and prayer. Map out goals and pray that God guides you where He wants you in the new year.

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30a.m.-5:30p.m. Friday 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Worship Service

Sundays 10:00-11:15a.m.
Discipleship Classes (Sept.-May)
9:00-9:45a.m.

Koffee with Kevin

The first and third Wednesday of every month from 10:00-11:30a.m.

Staff

Kevin Schneider, Pastor

Jill Devitt, Office Administrator

Mary Tegarden, Custodian

Maddy Schneider, Youth/Worship

Carol Van De Stroet, Treasurer

Shelly Swift, JAM Preschool



JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Church Offices Closed	2 8:30-11:30AM JAM Preschool	3	4
			Pastor Kevin Schneider	Jackson Wiersma	Sam Peterson	
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Installation of Elders and Deacon will be Sunday, January 12, during the Worship Service.

Elder: Tom Kaps

Deacon: Travis Schaeffer

Thank you for accepting the call to be leaders in our church!

Thank you, Dwaine Tiedemann and Jess Wiebe, for serving on the consistory the past three years. We appreciate your guidance and leadership.

Consistory meeting Monday, January 13.

Anyone seeking membership: profession of faith, reaffirmation, or baptism, please contact Jill in the office to schedule a time. Elder's meet at 6:30PM. The Deacon's meet at 7:30PM. Full consistory at 8:00PM.

December Giving Report

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Happy Birthday, Pastor Kevin!

Thank you for your captivating and inspiring sermons. May God continue to increase your knowledge and wisdom and bless you with happiness and health.



Join us for Food and Friends Monday, January 6!

This no cost meal is offered to the community on the first Monday of every month. Connect with your family and friends between 5:30-7:00PM over a hot meal. If you'd like to help serve at Food and Friends, please find the signup sheet on the table outside the office window. There are two shifts to choose from. Contact Laura Dozark with questions at 605-359-3215.

Proverbs 23:18 "There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."

Don't be fearful of the future. This Bible verse about new beginnings reminds us that there is hope for us — hope that can be found in the Lord, who is our constant guide and protector. The Bible makes this clear throughout, but <u>Proverbs 23:18</u> is one of the clear places where we are told that placing our future in God's hands is the best path forward.

Trusting in His plan gives us a foundation of faith to stand on, even in uncertain times. As we move into the new year, let this verse remind us that God's promises are steadfast, His plans for us are good, and in Him, we have a bright and secure future.

Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

Perhaps you're feeling weak and tired as 2024 comes to a close, drained from the challenges and struggles you've faced this year. Maybe you've battled through trials and are in desperate need of strength, renewal, and sustenance to carry you forward. Have no fear. Place your hope in God and pray for His strength to fill your heart, comfort your spirit, and guide your steps. Trust in His promises and begin 2025 with the confidence that He will sustain you.

Psalm 40:3 "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him."

When we embrace our identity as children of God and commit to following His path, we are made anew in Christ. The new year is the perfect opportunity to start fresh and develop a daily practice of praising God, seeking His guidance, and renewing our trust in Him every morning. As you look ahead to 2025, let this new beginning inspire you to deepen your faith, grow spiritually, and walk confidently with the Lord each day.

1 Chronicles 16:11-12 "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced."

This powerful Bible verse about a new beginning encourages us to stay focused on Jesus and reflect on all He accomplished during His time on earth. As we step into 2025, it's essential to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aligning our actions and decisions with His teachings. By putting Christ first, we can embrace a fresh start, fulfill His purpose for us, and experience the joy and peace that come from walking closely with the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

This encouraging Bible verse offers comfort and reassurance as we face the unknown, reminding us to rely on God's unchanging love and guidance. Each day brings uncertainty, but this scripture urges us to place our trust in the Lord and His perfect plan for our lives. As we step into 2025, let this verse inspire you to surrender your fears, lean on God's promises, and embrace a new beginning filled with faith and hope.

Deuteronomy 23:5 "However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you."

If you remember nothing else for this list of Bible verses about new beginnings, let it be this: God loves you.

As you pursue a new beginning in 2025, remember to place your full confidence, reliance and trust in Christ. He has the power to transform you totally.

Journalist and Author Billy Hallowell