

# THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

## Sunday Morning Service

- Song Leader Akel Marshall
- Scripture Reading Kelly Knepley
- Opening Prayer Kelly Knepley
- Lord's Supper Luke Collinsworth  
Philip Steele
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias

## Sunday Evening Service

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Opening Prayer Tom Haddox
- Closing Prayer Luke Collinsworth

## Wednesday Evening Service – January 9<sup>th</sup>

- Song Leader Akel Marshall
- Opening Prayer Philip Steele
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias

### Today's Sermons:

AM – What's So Important About Church?

Scripture Reading: [Acts 2:42](#)

PM – A Diagnosis of the Soils – Mark 4:1-20

Wednesday Adult Class Study: [1<sup>st</sup> Samuel](#)

“Let Brotherly Love Continue”

Hebrew 13:1

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday



**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Local Cable 18

@ 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM

Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

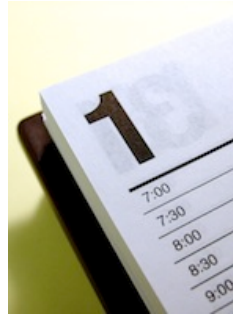
Bible Class 6:30 PM

**January 6, 2013**

# New Years and New Lives

By Tim Archer, Herald of Truth

In Cordoba, Argentina, where I used to live, there's a food court in the lowest level of the Nuevocentro mall. There you can find a small cake shop, with slices of cake ready to be sold to shoppers. On some days, they have a cake with a great name: "Empiezo El Lunes," which means, "I start on Monday."



There's something about Monday that makes it special for beginning a diet. It's the start of the work week, a chance to try and do all the things we didn't get done the week before.

Yet Mondays can't hold a candle to New Year's Day. That's the time that we really feel like we have a clean slate. Turning the calendar page to a new week feels like it has meaning; beginning afresh with a whole new calendar seems even more significant.

We like that idea of starting over, of being able to face life unencumbered by past mistakes and old bad habits. The possibilities for change seem endless.

Of course, tossing the calendar doesn't really achieve that. The person we are in January is pretty much the same person we were in December.

Only God can make us new. Only God can wipe out the past. Only God can let us start over.

The apostle Paul wrote: *"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"* ([Romans 6:4](#)). It's what Jesus called being *"born again"* ([John 3:3](#)), where our old self gets left behind and we start a new life.

Whereas Mondays and Januarys don't really change things, the new beginning that God gives cleans off all of our past mistakes and allows us to begin a new life. We aren't the same people that we used to be. We've been reborn, born into God's Kingdom, born into God's family.

I'm so glad that God gave me a new start. What about you? If you are living God's new life, I hope that you are living it the way God wants. If you haven't started over yet, this new year is a perfect time to begin a new life.

## Upcoming Dates to Note:

- **VBS planning meeting** – Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, after we share lunch together
- **Ladies' Class** – January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM
- **Potluck** – January 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately following AM service.
- **Monthly Men's Meeting** – immediately after Potluck.
- **Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 AM at Big Boy's followed by Bible Study in the fellowship hall.

## Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study (12/30) – 21  
Sunday Morning Service (12/30) – 30  
Sunday Evening Service (12/30) – 18  
Wednesday (01/02) – 18

## Statistics:

Contribution Last Week (12/30) - \$941  
Average Contribution (per week, final for 2012) – \$1000  
2013 Weekly Contribution Goal – **Not Yet Established**

## Remembrance in prayer:

- ***In Search of the Lord's Way*** local TV broadcast
- **Mitchell Morris** – (nephew of Amy Knepley)
- **Celeste Stone** – (friend of Carl's)
- **Phyllis Darling** – on-going struggle with dementia
- **Ron Hollandsworth** – (Tom's father)
- **Doug Marshall** – therapy to recover from a stroke
- **Steve Dorr** – back problems
- **Stephanie Collins** – (Kim Thompson's daughter) emotional support
- **Amy Knepley** – knee repair
- **Natalie Schneider** – broken wrist
- **Jamie Valen** – (friend of Mary's) cancer
- **Amee Marshall** – has a friend in critical condition
- **Christopher Zangara**
- **Those Who Are Traveling**
- **God's Blessing Upon This Congregation**

## **Project Blessing!**

If you have not picked up your empty jar, there are still a few left on the back pew. Remember, everytime something good happens, make a note of it, and place it in the jar. Then, on New Years Eve, empty it and reminisce on all the blessings you had that year. Good way to keep things in perspective!

