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"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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LET'S GET OFF
TO A GOOD START



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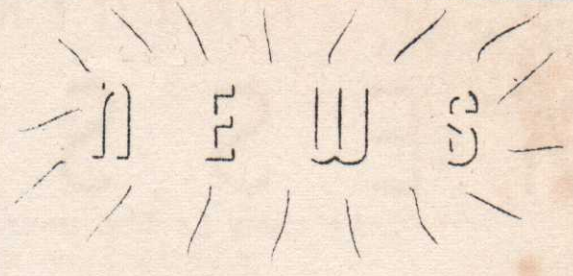
NEW YEAR

BE AT BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY 10 A. M.

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EVERY SUNDAY

- WAIR.....9:00 A.M.
- WTOB.....9:15 A.M.
- WAIR--ABC.....1:00 P.M.
- WAAA.....1:45 P.M.

There were several visitors in our midst during the Christmas holidays. Among these were Bro. & Sis. W. P. Messick and Parkie from Durham, Bro. & Sis. H. L. Harper and family from Nashville, Tenn. and Bro. & Sis. L. C. Anderson and Anne from Nashville, Tenn. Bro. Anderson preached for us at the Sunday morning service.

Bro. Bobby Messick and Miss Jeannette Etchison were married Tuesday night, December 30. We wish for them a long and happy married life.

MUSIC CLASS

Those who were present for the training class last Sunday evening decided that instead of having the training class as we have had it for several months, we will have a music class. This class will begin next Sunday evening at the regular time 6:30, and will continue about three months, each Sunday evening.

In this class we will study the fundamentals of music. Brother Bailey has ordered some books that will be used in our study. If you are interested in learning some of the basic principles of vocal music, you are urged to attend this class. It is for the benefit of all. Come every time!

Bro. Francis Kimel was unable to attend services Sunday because of illness.

Sis. Odell Holder and Edwin Chaffin were sick and missed the service Wednesday night.

Also visiting during Christmas were Bro. & Sis. E. S. Sorrell from Huntsville, Ala. and Sis. Harmon Caldwell.

Sis. Metzel Doub is also on the sick list and is unable to be with us at the services.

SEE YOU IN BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....	122
Attendance a week ago.....	141
Attendance a year ago.....	115
Average attendance for 1951.....	105
Average attendance for 1952.....	125

You will notice that our average attendance for 1952 is 20 above that of 1951. Let us continue to increase our attendance.

SOME SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

As the Old Year fades away and the New Year approaches, we are impressed anew with the truthfulness and timeliness of Paul's statement in Romans 13:11. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for NOW is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Every year that passes, yea, every day and hour we are a little closer to our eternal salvation. We are a little closer to the time when we must stand before the judge of all the earth and there give an account of our earthly life. "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:10) Let us be reminded that we shall be judged, not according to our own standards, nor by the customs of our times, neither by public sentiment, but by the word of God. "He that rejecteth me and receiveth NOT my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (Jno. 12:48)

In view of these truths, and looking back over our past lives, and realizing the mistakes that we have made, should we not resolve that we will live a better life in the future than we have in the past? It is fitting and proper to resolve to do better at any time of the year; and certainly it is good to renew our determination at the beginning of the new year to live closer and be more devoted to the Lord and his cause in the year

that lies ahead. May we then suggest a few of the things that every Christian should resolve to do in the year 1953. Let us say that:

I RESOLVE TO:

1. Study my Bible daily.
2. Pray fervently every day.
3. Visit my neighbors and invite them to attend the services.
4. Help the needy.
5. Attend Bible study both on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening regularly.
6. Attend Sunday morning worship regularly.
7. Attend the Sunday evening singing class or training class regularly.
8. Give of my means, every Sunday as I have been prospered.
9. Attend Sunday evening worship regularly.
10. Be on time for all services.
11. Meet all visitors that attend our services.
12. Attend the ladies Bible class regularly.
13. Be obedient to parents and those in authority.
14. Do an act of kindness every day.
15. Engage in every activity of the Lord's work possible.

If we adopt all these resolutions and carry them out fully, have we done more than our Christian duty? Who would say that we have? If we have not done more than our Christian duty, can we refuse to do these things and please God? Brethren let us do all in our power to make our calling and election sure. For, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." (2 Cor. 5:11) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring EVERY WORK into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 12:13-14)

---Vestal Chaffin.

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IS FEELINGS EVIDENCE OF PARDON?

Is one's feelings an evidence of pardon? Can one determine the state of his soul solely by the way he feels? Let us see. Suppose an inmate of the state prison suddenly began to jump up and down and shouted, "I have been pardoned I'm glad to be released." The other inmates ask him, "How do you know you have been pardoned?" He replies, "I just feel like it." Of course the other inmates would conclude that the man should have been placed in the insane asylum instead of the prison. Anyone in everyday life who draws such conclusions without any basis for his feelings except what he feels inside is considered at least a bit irrational.

Yet in the field of religion people will suddenly at a religious service begin to shout, "I've been saved. The Lord has pardoned me." If you ask them how they know they have been saved, one will reply, "I just feel like God has pardoned me. And no one can take that feeling away from me." Perhaps no one could take the feeling away any more than one could take the feeling away from the above mentioned prisoner, but unless there is some basis for the way in which they feel, unless there is some tangible evidence, the chances are they are both wrong.

Now, how may one know he has

been pardoned? A prisoner may know it only by seeing the pardon signed by the governor of the state. The one who has been pardoned by the Lord may know it only by some kind of concrete evidence from the Lord. In this case Christ has stated that pardon may be secured through him when we obey those commands laid down by him. In giving the great commission he said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" There is evidence. On Pentecost Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) There is some more evidence. In other words when one believes on Christ, truly repents of his sins, and is baptized for their remission, he knows that the Lord has promised to pardon him. He feels he has been pardoned and has evidence for such.

---Maplewood Visitor.

The way to show our love for Christ is to humbly and gladly obey his commands. Only in this way can we know we have the life that is in him. (1 John 2:3-5)

---J. T. Hinds.

COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY AT 10