

Pastor's Corner

A New Year Charge

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4:13 (NKJV)

As we venture into a new year with new vigor, I pray that we would do so also with a new desire for reliance on God. In the eyes of the world we start this new year and new decade with a Holiday. But in the sight of God, we start with a Holy Day – the Sabbath. What better way to begin than with God? Church family and friends of this newsletter circulation, if we begin with God, we ought to continue with God, but with the understanding that life has bumps in the road. One unknown author sums it up nicely in the following poem:

The Road To Success

The road to success is not straight.
There is a curve called Failure,
A loop called Confusion,
Speed bumps called Friends,
Red lights called Enemies,
Caution lights called Family,
You will have flats called Jobs,
But, if you have a spare called Determination,
An engine called Perseverance,
Insurance called Faith,
A driver called God,
You will make it to a place called Success.

This being said, let us cling to the words of the Apostle Paul as we travel the road of life this year, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Move over and allow Jesus to take over the driver's seat in your life, because with Him, you won't have to worry about an airbag saving you. You are safe with Jesus.

My family and I wish God's blessings upon you and your family this year. May nothing of the devil's tactics befall you and your family. If God should allow misfortunes to come your way, remember to claim His

promises and ask Him for strength to go through it because Isaiah says, "He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength" (Isa 40:29).

Meanwhile let us, in unity, continue faithfully doing what God has called us to do here at Citrus Heights knowing that the day of redemption is drawing near. I can't wait!

Your Servant,

- Fred Toailoa