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It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches.

If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

Come and see.

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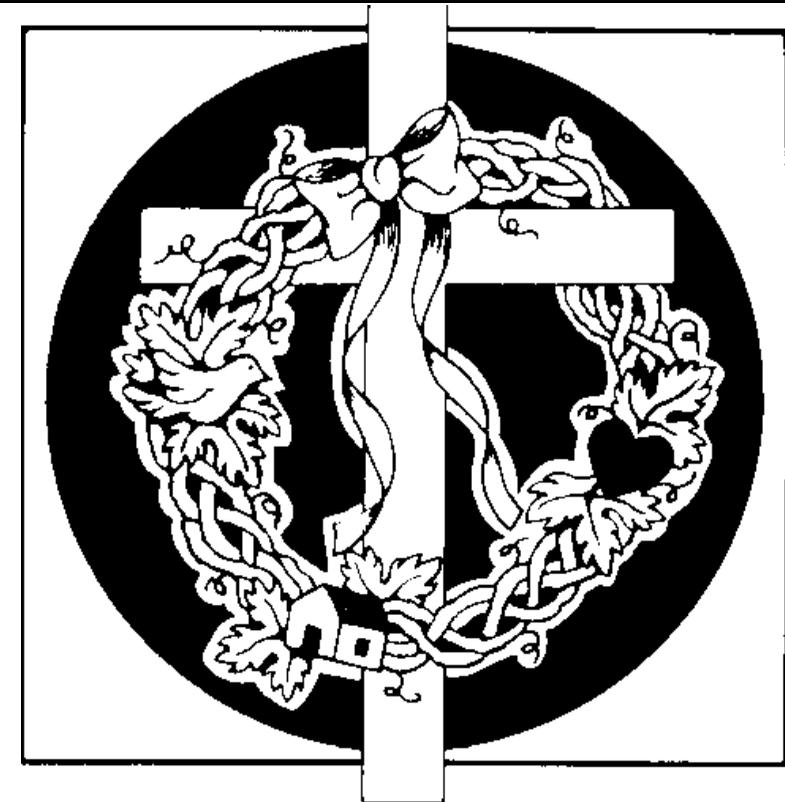
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Begin the year
with God

Now is 2007



As we enter a new year it is fitting to think of the admonition given to God's people as they entered the Promised Land. Under the leadership of Joshua they were told, "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed this way heretofore."

With the death of their leader, Moses, behind them, as they were preparing to cross the Jordan River, their new leader, Joshua, instructed them, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it, that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." (Joshua 3:4,5)

Truly, we do not know what lies ahead. We know that God, who sees the end from the beginning, knows the right way for us to go. We have become enamored with the technology of the information age and the economic prosperity, which we have all shared. There is a temptation to think that man can do anything. When we get to that point, God becomes an afterthought. The Bible is filled with accounts of people who were brought to their knees because they had decided to dispense with God because he was no longer necessary. We forget that wars and disasters have often disrupted the complacency of those who forgot about God. Let us never forget the firm prayer of Jeremiah, "O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

In his message to his people Joshua reminded the people that they were entering new territory and uncertain times. Therefore, their future security lay in their total reliance on God. But to enjoy God's protection and to have his leadership, the Israelites had to first sanctify themselves. This meant that they needed to make their personal lives right with God and give themselves completely into his care.

We do not know what the future holds. But one thing is certain. The best guarantee of a happy life is to be found by committed Christians who will find that "the Lord will do wonders among them" as he did with Israel. We know the best that can happen to us at Valley Station; we also know the worst. With faith in God, confidence in the

leadership at Valley, and a willing spirit of concern and cooperation, we will follow God and trust him with our future.

We may look at our "Promised Land" as a land of opportunities to spread the Gospel; to build up the internal strength of this congregation; to secure a more solid fellowship; and above all to know we are pleasing the Lord in all our combined efforts.

Look at the new calendar year as a new sheet on the ledger of life and make it much better than all the years gone by. The words of Benjamin Franklin are good to think about. "*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man.*" Benjamin Franklin

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME

- 3 cups love (1 Cor. 13:4-7)
- 2 cups understanding (Col. 1:9-10)
- 1 cup thoughtfulness (Phil. 2:3-4)
- 4 teaspoons curtesy (1 Pet. 3:8)
- 1 teaspoon tenderness (Eph. 4:32)
- 3 teaspoons responsibility

Stir together in a bowl of loyalty; stir in equal amounts of work and play. Add a cup of faith, one of hope, and one of charity. Add a spoonful each of gaiety and song. Season to taste with culture and a generous amount of worship. Place in a good nurturing pan, well greased with security. Sprinkle lightly with tears of heart felt sympathy. Bake in a well tempered oven. When done, remove and top with a think coating of Christian teachings. Garnish with a sense of humor and some smiles. Serve repeatedly.



No Better thing to do than study with
others and no better place to do it
than in a Bible class