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## What is Valley Station Church?

It is a group of Christians determined to be pleasing to God. How do they do this? They do all in their power to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ with no changes, additions, subtractions or alterations.

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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# Valley Tidings

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## I Will Do More in 2008

1. I will do more than belong - I will **participate**.
2. I will do more than care - I will **help**.
3. I will do more than believe - I will **practice**.
4. I will do more than be fair - I will be **kind**.
5. I will do more than forgive - I will **encourage**.
6. I will do more than earn - I will **enrich**.
7. I will do more than teach - I will **inspire**.
8. I will do more than give - I will **serve**.
9. I will do more than live - I will **grow**.
10. I will do more than be friendly - I will **be a friend**.



## Recipe For A Happy New Year



Take 12 fine, full-grown months.

See that these are thoroughly cleansed from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy.

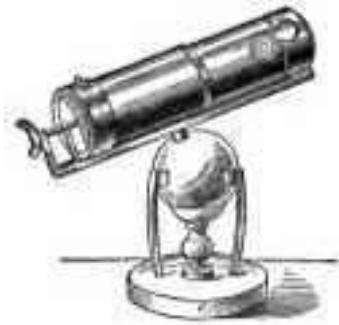
Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts.

(This batch will keep for one year. Do not attempt to make more than one batch at a time .... many people spoil the entire lot in this way). *(Thanks to Janice Schultz)*

## *Looking Toward the Future*

It is estimated that in America some two million bank accounts containing at least fifty million dollars have no owners. Either through disinterest or death, some have left unclaimed "dead" money in some bank account. This seems quite foolish to the normal person today, but nonetheless, it is true.

In a book entitled, *Gods, Graves and Scholars*, there is the incident reported of the excavation of a buried city in which a body was uncovered, stretched out full length with gold and silver coins that had rolled out of the fingers, apparently still seeking to hold them fast. Does it not seem a little foolish to clutch for silver while a volcano erupts. This illustrates how futile it is to live only for the moment and for this life with no future outlook. Yet many people today are like this.



Jesus taught that we are to look to the future always. That future is called "everlasting life" or some equivalent description. He warned against storing up treasures on earth and commands his own to lay them up in Heaven (Matt. 6:20). He taught stewardship of material possessions, which should be considered as necessary means to a great end--

everlasting life. But we get engrossed so much in this work that the world to core seems so far away that it almost becomes unreal.

Looking ahead is always a must for people who try to serve the Lord. It may require looking to what kind of heritage we want to leave the young generation, should time continue. This is true in congregational activities as well as in all other areas of life. What will this church leave the coming generations? Naturally, we want to leave them a pattern to follow that is committed to strict adherence to divine truth both in doctrine and practice. But we should be concerned about even more.

The time comes when the mantle of responsibility is to be put on the shoulders of a younger generation. In view of the desire we should have to insure the next generation a continuance of true Bible principles held today, we as a church must engage in strong indoctrination of young people in the fundamentals of Christianity. How interested are we in such a thing that is second valuable and important? You can measure it by asking yourself how many times you have taught children the plan of salvation, the pattern of the church in its worship, organization, work and name.

Looking ahead also should cause us not to make decisions only in view of our personal considerations, traditions, sentimentalism or the like. What we decide in view of the Lord's work in his congregation today will have either a good effect or a bad one on coming generations. Let us act wisely and prudently in all our plans and decisions. —DRS

## *The Closed Door*

(Excerpt from *Reader's Digest*)

"Last Sunday I voted to close the church -- not maliciously or intentionally, but thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted to close its doors. I voted to close the Bible on the pulpit, voted for our minister to stop preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, with all its glorious truths, voted that the children no longer be taught these stories of the Bible and the songs of God's love."

"You see, I could have gone to church last Sunday -- and I should have gone but I didn't. I stayed away, and by my laziness and indifference I voted to close the church."

(This was written by a person who belongs to a human denomination. If denominationalists (some of them) feel this way, how do those of us claiming to be members of the Lord's church feel about it? Attendance is the life of the local church. Be present at all services. DRS)

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***God works in our families and we are thankful. Let's be sure to pass on the praise to our children.***



Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh—*Hebrews 10:23-25*

