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VIOLENCE..... IN OUR WORLD.....

"VIOLENCE... behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something."

This past year we have read and heard of many instances of violence in our world. We have witnessed two attempted assassinations, one assassination, many protests, people set on fire, shot or stabbed, students shot in our schools and colleges,, the mass shooting of Jewish people and hate toward them. All because our world needs more compassion, understanding, tolerance, and love toward those who do not think the same way we do or have our values.

God addresses violence through the Bible with condemnation for perpetrators (God's hates violence (Proverbs 11:29) and calls for peace, non-retaliation and love. For enemies (Matthew 5:38-49, Peter 3:9) while also acknowledging God's justice against oppressors (Psalm 72:14) and noting instances where violence occurred often as a consequence of human sin or in warfare, but ultimately pointing towards a future of peace (Isaiah 2:4) Key themes include God's hatred for violent people, Jesus' call to turn the other cheek, and warnings against oppression and strife.

-Al Overview(Google)

Other Bibles verses that address violence:

Isaiah 60:18-no longer will violence be heard in your land, no ruin or destruction within your borders but will all your wall, Salvation and your gates Praise

Proverbs 3:31 Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways

Romans 13:4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents, of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoers.

-Compiled by The BibleStudy Tools Staff.

PRAYER FOR VIOLENCE.....

Father I pray against the violence that ravages our world. Please confuse evil plans and intervene in imaginable ways. God I pray for those who have lost loved ones to violence. Give them Your comfort. ---Devotions Worldwide

So as we enter a New Year let us pray for more compassion, tolerance, understanding and love for all around us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Everyone
Who is reading this
May joy find you,
Love surround you,
Laughter sing with you,

Good health bless you.
And God walk with you each
And every day.

Amen.
-Inspire Resitive Soul Sensations

LET US REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE WE JUST CELEBRATED

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid,
for I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF A
GREAT JOY, Which will come to all the
people, for to you is born this day in the city of

David a SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE
LORD."

PRODUCE GIVE-AWAY.....

Will be held on Tuesday, January 20 beginning
at 9:00AM. Volunteers will be needed.

WELCA NEWS.....

There will be no meeting in the month of
January. Look forward to our LOVE meeting in
February.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST.....

Will again be held on Sunday, January 25th
at 8:30AM before Sunday School unless
otherwise noted.

ANNUAL MEETING.....

Will be held on Sunday, January 25
immediately following worship and a potluck
meal.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Are due no later than Sunday, January 18 to
the secretary.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF January.....

Birthdays:

January 6---Janet Novaria
12---Don Parmiter
14---Joy Pletcher
30---Larry Brassfield

HOW TO FIND HAPPINESS THROUGH THE YEAR

By Helan Steiner Rice

Everybody, everywhere
 seeks happiness, it's true
But finding it and keeping it
 seems difficult to do,
Difficult because we think
 that happiness is found
Only in the places where
 wealth and fame abound---
And so we go on searching
 in "palaces of pleasure"
Seeking recognition
 and monetary treasure,
Unaware that happiness
 is just a "state of mind"
Within the reach of everyone
 who takes time to be kind---
For in making OTHERS HAPPY
 we will be happy too,
For the happiness you give away
 returns to "shine on you."

January 2026

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Holy Communion						
Worship 10AM						
SCS 9AM						
WELCA change collection						
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SCS-9AM						
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