

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:5



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 6 January, 2019

Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm
Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Make a Commitment, not a Resolution

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans”

-- Proverbs 16:3 (NIV).

HOW MANY OF US make New Year’s resolutions but fail to follow through? We resolve to lose weight and get healthy. We promise ourselves we’ll pay off debt and save money. We plan to give up habits detrimental to our well-being. Most of the time, most of us don’t accomplish what we yearn to do. Why do we begin a New Year full of hope and promise, only to fall back on old habits and ways of thinking? Is it because we’re trying to accomplish our goals without the help of the One who has our best interests at heart?

Instead of resolutions, what if we made commitments? What would that look like for each of us? What if we saw ourselves through the eyes of God’s Holy Word? Would that make a difference? What if our first commitment was to grow spiritually? Would that lead to healthier physical and fiscal habits? Would we drop pounds and fatten our bank accounts so we were physically and fiscally able to help others?

In the “Eight Laws for Spiritual Growth,” teaching pastor Tom Holladay offers the following help:

- 1. Spiritual growth is intentional.** We must commit to reading and studying the Bible, participating in study groups, seeking out mentors, attending church services on a regular basis and focusing on becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth is not accidental.
- 2. Spiritual growth is incremental.** Just as we grow physically with age, we mature spiritually by taking baby steps.
- 3. Spiritual growth is personal.** We can’t compare ourselves to others. “There is no one-size-fits-all for spiritual growth.
- 4. Spiritual growth is practical.** To be a disciple of Jesus, we must embrace the spiritual disciplines listed in number one.
- 5. Spiritual growth is relational.** We only grow in community with others. In Hebrews 10:24-25, Paul writes, “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another... (NLT).”
- 6. Spiritual growth is multi-dimensional.** We are to grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through mission.

7. Spiritual growth is seasonal. Nobody grows at a constant pace all the time. Plants don't grow constantly; they grow in spring and summer and then are dormant in fall and winter.

8. Spiritual growth is incarnational. The final truth is that growth is not about what you can accomplish; rather, it's about the person of Jesus Christ living inside you.

Galatians 2:20 says, *"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

Instead of making resolutions in 2018, make commitments. Write Proverbs 16:3 on an index card and post it in a prominent place as a reminder and for the techies add it to your digital reminders.

- Carol Round

WELL DONE, PASTOR!

Ronald Leroy Trotman was born on 30th May 1943, the fifth child of Cecil and Gladys Trotman, and he came to know the Lord as His Saviour in April 1960 at the Christian Union Mission in Halls Road, St. Michael.

He entered the Jamaica Bible College on 2nd September 1964, and was first introduced to hardships experienced in serving the Lord in the village of Nain during the summer months of 1965. After graduating four years later, he remained there to teach for one year. On 17th May 1969 Ronald Trotman married Cynthia Bloomfield and soon afterwards they moved to the island of Dominica.

In Dominica he pastored the Christian Union Mission church in Marigot for just over a year and then went on as Dean of Men and to teach at their Bible School at Castle Bruce for two years. During this time their daughter Patrice was born, who is now married to Rickie Neblett. The Pastor's hobbies were grandsons Gavin and Nathan - and table tennis!

In 1972 the family came to Barbados and he served as Interim Pastor at First Baptist Church on Constitution Road before coming to the Berean Bible Church on 1st May 1973. And so by Sunday 16th December 2018 Rev. Trotman had completed 45½ years of service as Pastor of this church, and, with gratitude to God and to him, we say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; your reward will be great!"



Order of Service

Hymn 820 – God Is So Good

Invocation

Hymn 1 – My Faith Has Found...

Hymn 192 – One Day

Hymn 822 – Our Great Saviour

1st Reading: John 14: 1 - 15

Hymn 184 – Hallelujah, What...

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir

Hymn 13 – Crown Him With Many Crowns

Sermon – Rev. Mark Haeck

Hymn 286 – Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Reading – Romans 12:9-18 – J. King

Special Music – Nathan Oxley

Benediction – Choir



ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Thank God for the life of ministry of our dear Pastor Trotman.
- Thank God for the new year. As we look to Him as we move forward.
- The grieving members of our congregation – all those who lost love ones over the past year.
- God's guidance for the board and all who are in leadership positions.
- This evening's panel discussion
- Pastoral Succession & Selection - The Pastoral Search Committee
- Our sick and shut-in members
- The work of the Gideons, CEF, ISIVCF and The Bible Society
- The peace of Jerusalem *Psalms 122:6* - **God's Will Be Done.** *Matthew 6:10*

Join us again at 6pm for a Panel Discussion



TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- “What I as a pastor want from my congregation” – Prof. Ernest Gray
 - “Trends in effective pastoring and church leadership” – Rev. Mark Haeck
 - “Today's pastors – What is required of them” – Dr. Wayne Moore
- Moderator – Sis. Marva Springer

January Birthdays



3rd – Leslie Hull

– Patricia Welch

5th – Bertram Hoyte

6th – Christopher Boyce

– Pauline Williams

8th – Patrick Skeete

9th – Joy Banfield

10th – Joyce Wells

– Danica Knight

11th – Judane Mitchell

15th – Hilton Piggott

19th – Gary Lloyd

21st – Marion Manning

22nd – Patricia Springer

23rd – Truneal Kwang

30th – Gregory Douglas

31st – Doreen Phillips

– Joan Shepherd

February

1st – Tony Montague

Anniversaries



25th – Tyrone & Julia Lowe