

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Anyone who pays attention to what's happening all around us knows we in the U.S. have a big problem. Our great nation has brought unimaginable prosperity and an unbelievably high standard of living to much of the world today, and especially to our own society. Our country's

enlightened leadership is being challenged and fought against by forces of evil and darkness, threatening to snuff out our way of governance and our way of life. The impact on the entire world, should these forces win, will be immense, painful and harmful. Quoting from American Thinker, my favorite website:

*When a group, no matter how large or small, decides it wants to step beyond the constitutional means for changing the government . . . to fit their own ideals. . . , and superimpose those ideals on everybody else, we have a true conflict. If that conflict cannot be resolved . . . so they decide to overthrow it and replace it with their own views or ideas, we have a war. We have those circumstances playing out before our eyes (and ears).*

*. . . there have been bureaucrats and presidents who have worked against the will of the majority in order to "overthrow" the duly elected government and replace it with their own view of what the USA government "should" look like. It is a war, not a coup. They are relentless. Indefatigable. They will never stop. . . .*

*This is about who will run our government. Will it be those duly elected by the people and states, or will it be by the fiat and caprice of those who see themselves as smarter and more relevant than the rest of us? ("It's Not a Coup. It's a Civil War", by Phil D'Agostino, 12/13/19)*

*In the absence of shame and apology, the stark reality becomes clear: the American people are in a war against a ruling class willing to deny the existence of truth and to defy the moral consequences of propping up untruth. . . . There's a big battlefield ahead. . . .*

*American patriots had bet-*

*ter buckle up with humility, vigilance, poise, and determination – at Founding Father levels – if this country is to be preserved through what lies ahead.*

*George Washington on his knees in prayer at Valley Forge is probably the most sublime American example of these qualities. We know how it all turned out for him . . . at the time he didn't. But he knew what he was fighting for, had a higher purpose, and was impelled by a higher power (God Almighty Himself – LG) . . . He knew where to look for help, and he trusted, and he persisted.*

*We're going to have to do the same. Buckle up. ("Buckle Up, America, by Eric Georgatos, 12/14/19)*

Upsetting? Depressing? Yes, it can be both. But we know that it's true and that our nation and this world are in a mess. The only answer is to appeal to God as George Washington did. But this is supposed to be a time of celebration of the New Year, a time of resolve to become better people, live healthier, and all that, not a time of worry and dark realities.

Well, it can be both. We stated some of the dark reality, so now how about the upside, the time of resolution to take a better direction in our lives?

What better direction can we take than to turn our focus, our steps, our attention to the One who created us? If you listen carefully, if you let the clamor and noise of the dark stuff and daily routine fade into the background for a few moments, you may hear Him speak to you. He may even call you by name. Say your



name out loud, your complete name. Is God or His Son, by the Holy Spirit, saying your name and calling you out of the mess and into His service?

The wonderful

video series "The Chosen" has an accompanying book called "The Chosen – 40 Days with Jesus". Some comments from Day 1:

*[God's] plan of redemption is on the march because He has called us by name. Our choices don't derail His. What we see when we look in the mirror doesn't determine what He sees or who we'll be by His hand, and so our brokenness doesn't alter His plans. Nor do circumstances, other people, or our own choices determine our value; our value is assigned by the One we belong to.*

*So we don't have to fear.*

*Fear not, you're not who you're going to be. Fear not, God can*

*redeem your choices and use them for good. Fear not, God can heal your heart, your body, your relationships. Fear not, you were made for more than what you've experienced so far. Fear not, this is only the beginning.*

Wow! No matter what or who we've been up until now, we can have a whole new beginning, a clean slate, an exciting adventure in service to the Creator of the Universe! Nothing that has gone before will matter anymore.

What lies ahead is known only to Him, but we know it's great, and will lead to eternity with Him, free of all the frustration, pain, and suffering that accompanies the darkness we see all around us.

Has He called your name?

Has He looked you in the eye and said, "Follow Me!" If so, count your blessings and run toward Him as fast as you can.

That's a Happy New Year to celebrate!

\*Check out "The Chosen" by app for your phone or tablet, available in all of the app stores. Or go to [TheChosen.tv](http://TheChosen.tv) on your desktop computer. Soon we will have all 8 episodes of Season 1, plus the pilot called "The Shepherd" plus some additional neat stuff, available for sale at the store. All of that will be on a set of three DVD's for \$20. Once you've experienced these tales of Simon (Peter), Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus the Pharisee, Matthew, and Jesus' other disciples, you'll not be the same again. Maybe you'll even decide to join the ranks of the chosen by accepting Jesus' calling you by name! Wonderful!

*Linda Gammel*

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## PERSEVERE *Contributed.*

In the struggle against some besetting sin, The battle you're afraid you cannot win, Stand up on your feet and try again. Persevere!

When you are sorely tried with thoughts impure, And the Devil's taunting you can't endure, Place your trust in God. He has the cure. Persevere!

When the bills and your Offerings you cannot pay; You're sure you cannot face another day, Ask God for help. He will show you the way. Persevere!

When you are too discouraged to even speak, When you're without a paddle up the creek, Call on the Lord who never fails the weak. Persevere!

When your husband ignores, your wife does harass; You long to escape this marital morass, Give thanks and praise the Lord. This too shall pass. Persevere!

If some bad habit you are trying to break, Your eternal life you know is at stake, Be a Man! Be a woman! Don't be a flake! Persevere!

When depression comes in and shuts out the light, When you feel o'whelmed in the dark of the night, Behold Calvary - your gloom will take flight! Persevere!

Your Father above knows your heart, reads your mind. His thoughts for you are infinitely Kind. To His Love and great Power he not blind! Persevere!

Yes! Persevere. It is the Master's command.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

**TUES. JANUARY 7, 5 PM.**  
**at the Senior Center**

- Local Census rep. Cherde Crane will explain how to set up the (required) Lucerne Valley "Complete Count Committee" and the benefits of a full count for federal funding (getting our tax dollars back).
- Discussion with Bill Lembright on The County's approval of the massive Daggett Solar project and how it relates to pending hearings on our industrial scale solar projects.
- Update on our "Disaster" planning and facility sheltering.
- LVEDA's priorities for 2020.

### L.V. School Board Meeting

Thursday, January 9, starts at 5:30PM.  
At the Alternative Education Center,  
8560 Aliento Rd up Highway 18.

### ST. MARY'S VAN will NOT

be here during the entire month of December. They should be here in front of the Wash n Shop January 7.

## ON THE PORCHES AT THE STORE

**SAT & SUN, Dec. 28 & 29, 7A-Noon, DISPLAY OF BIBLE LITERATURE**, by Jehovah's Witnesses.

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**ON MULTIPLE PRICING**, when purchasing items in quantities more or less than the multiple stated, the register is built automatically to charge the "each" price times the quantity. (Example: Price of item is 3/\$1. The price of: one = 34¢, two = 68¢, three = \$1, four = \$1.34, five = \$1.68, six = \$2.00).

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