

New Year Resolutions

Share the Responsibility of My Church

Acts 2

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Introduction:

- Greek - **Krino** ... English – Resolved ... “To judge or decide between good and evil ... and choose the action of doing good.”
 - Greek ... **Diatheke** ... (Dee-Atha-Kay) ... English – Covenant ... “A solemn agreement between God and man ... where the stronger sets the standards.”
 - Greek - **Diakonia** ... English – Mission ... “Active service, done with a willing attitude ... empowered and guided by faith.”
 - **John 14:15**
 - How do we protect the unity here at South Fork?
 - We love one another Biblically.
 - We do not gossip or take part in gossiping or divisiveness.
 - We study and examine our life according to the Word of God.
 - We follow the leaders that God has put in our life.
 - The second thing we can do is – Share the responsibility of the church.
 - **Genesis 2:27**
 - **Matthew 18:19-20**
 - How do we share in the responsibilities?
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1. **Praying for South Fork’s growth and impact:**

- a. **2nd Thessalonians 3:1-2**
- b. Consider the early church – **Acts 1-2**
- c. **Acts 1:14**
- d. When we pray for growth and impact, we pray that the more people are exposed to the Word of God, they realize what is and is not more important in their life.
- e. Then set a course of action to accomplish what is right and good ... That is the Resolution.
- f. What did the Apostles and the disciples do - They prayed continually.
- g. **Martin Luther** ... “Pray as if everything depends upon God ... Then work as if everything depends upon you.”

2. Helping South Fork accomplish our mission:

- a. The mission of South Fork is simple - *“Changing Our Community, One Heart at a Time.”*
- b. The great persecution that broke out in **Acts 8** ... The church continued to grow.
- c. **Acts 17:6**
- d. Our mission statement is broken into three major areas:
 - i. Preach and Teach Biblical Truth:
 - ii. Strengthen Families:
 - iii. Encourage Fellowship:
- e. Anytime we get together and build friendships, we build Unity. – **John 13:34-35**

3. Warmly welcome each other and those who visit:

- a. Let me tell you what the church is NOT –
- b. Let me tell you what the church IS –