

A Word From the Publisher

At the beginning of each New Year I take down my old calendar and post events in my new calendar, probably like many of you do. I have become very attached to my calendar as it lists important dates and events in my life. While replacing the old with the new I am reminded of the many things that happened throughout the year. Not only did our children and grandchildren get older but we did too! What a blessed year we had. God showed his faithfulness boldly so many times. He is Always faithful...just sometimes He shoves it right in your face!

When reflecting on the past year and God's faithfulness to me, I question how faithful have I been to Him? He provides for my every need, keeps me safe and healthy, protects my family and loves me unconditionally. I thank Him for the provisions in my life and for giving me the wisdom and courage to do my job. For without Him, I am nothing. I think we all get into a routine (with life in general) of doing the same things at the same time. We have a routine in the morning, at work, on the way home, when we get home, after we eat supper and before we go to bed. Even when we pray! When we talk to God we can talk to Him just like we are talking to a friend. He is a friend like no other. I have learned or am still learning that in my business, there is not a lot of room for routine. It seems about the time I have a schedule set for the day, God changes it. I've learned that many things are on God's timing not mine. I am not the only one that has a plan for

the day.

We (Roger & I) are so blessed to have the honor to own and publish this paper. It's truly a God thing! I'm thankful Roger is supportive of what we do and a great writer too! Jessie and I sit beside each other week after week and God directs our paths for the direction we should go, with the information we have. There is no way I can thank the many people that I see around town, in the store or restaurant, for how much I appreciate you taking time to say hello and telling me how much you enjoy the paper. It's those many comments that make my job worthwhile.

I pray that my witness with our paper can be a blessing to someone each time they read it. Whether it be something we wrote or shared or the recipe! One of the new additions to the paper has been the Bible verse across the front page under our masthead. My parents suggested that we needed to put a verse somewhere in the paper each week. When thinking about it, I said why not the front page? It gives me joy each week to pick one, as it is one more time to reflect on God's faithfulness to me. As this year takes on the 'steamroller' and starts going, maybe we all can take a second to slow down from our routines and let God take control like the old saying: Let Go and Let God! But be careful because He will!

Have a blessed week!

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