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## From the pastor's desk...

Wow! We are entering a new year, 2010. A new year filled with new opportunities and new challenges. A new year that will bring us joyous moments and unfortunately difficult and sad times.

I always look forward to a new year because it's like having a nice, clean slate. Whatever mistakes or failures I experienced in 2009, well that's in past. I don't mean to be so dismissive about my mistakes; but I know forgiveness is available, and our faith keeps us committed to striving after ideals.

A new year provides an opportunity for resolutions. To live more fully, to love more generously, and to be all God created us to be. John Wesley himself said that we are to strive after perfection, not that we will attain it, but that it is a worthy goal to strive for.

Some people will say they are not going to make any resolutions because they can't keep them anyway. Shouldn't we at least make an effort to eat better, exercise more, to love and care for our neighbor, to make up for missed opportunities, to forgive when we haven't, to bury the hatchet instead of carrying it, to right our wrongs when we can, and to continue to grow so that we might become more effective as disciples with a passion to transform the world.

One way to help you succeed in your resolution keeping is to seek out two or three friends with whom you can be open and honest. Make sure they will be open and honest with you as well. Also, find friends who will tell you what you need to hear, not what you want to hear. With that kind of support and accountability, you have a greater chance of succeeding. Have your friends check your progress weekly.

Good luck with your resolutions, and remember it is better to have tried and failed than to not try at all and succeed at doing nothing.

Happy New Year!

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