

Spreading the **WORD** Ministry

2026
HAPPY NEW YEAR

WHAT LIES AHEAD

The turning of the calendar is more than a date change—it is a reminder of God’s gift of renewal. As we step into 2026, we are told to lay down the weight of yesterday and embrace the

fresh mercies of today. The Bible assures us, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22–23).

The New Year is not simply about resolutions or goals—it is about recognizing that God is continually writing our story. Each January is a fresh page, and He is the Author who guides our steps.

Several years ago, a small town gathered at its old clock tower to welcome the New Year. As the hands struck midnight, the bells rang out across the square. Among the crowd was a man who had endured a difficult year—loss, disappointment, and regret weighed heavily on him. Yet as the bells echoed, he whispered a prayer: “Lord, let this be a new beginning.”

That night, he resolved to trust God with his future. Over the months that followed, he found renewed strength, reconciled with estranged family, and discovered joy in serving others.

His story reminds us that the New Year is not magical because of a date—it is powerful because of the God who makes all things new.

For Spreading the **WORD** Ministry, 2026 is a year of opportunity. With the new website (stwm.online) now serving as a hub for sermons, stories, and outreach, we are now more than ever ready to reach hearts across the globe. Just as Israel crossed the Jordan into new territory, we too are wanting to spread the Gospel into all parts of the world.

A farmer once stood at the edge of his land in early January. The soil was bare, the fields empty. Yet he smiled, because he knew that beneath the cold ground lay the promise of harvest. He trusted that with time, care, and God’s provision, the barren field would yield abundance.

In the same way, 2026 may look uncertain at first glance. But faith teaches us to see beyond the present. God is already planting seeds and if we remain faithful, we will see His harvest in due season. Galatians 6:9 reminds us: “Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

As you step into this New Year, consider:

1. Release the Past: Do not let yesterday’s failures define tomorrow’s possibilities. God’s grace covers all. With Christ, your now is not your forever.
2. Embrace Renewal: Begin each day with prayer, asking the Lord to renew your mind and spirit.
3. Walk in Faith: The Bible teaches us to take bold steps in obedience, even when the path ahead seems uncertain. 2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith not by sight.”
4. Serve Others: The New Year is not only about personal growth—it is about blessing others with the love of Christ that can be found deep within us.
5. Stay Rooted in Scripture: Let God’s **WORD** be your compass. His promises are the anchor for every season.

2026 is not just another year—it is a gift. It is a canvas upon which God will paint His story of grace. Whether you are beginning with joy or facing life’s struggles and challenges, remember that the Lord is faithful. He crowns the year with His goodness, and He invites us to walk forward in hope. As Revelation 21:5 declares: “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Let us embrace this promise, trusting the God who began a good work in us will carry it to completion (Philippians 1:6). May God use Spreading the **WORD** Ministry in a great and mighty way in 2026 as our prayer.

“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing
by the **WORD** of God.” Romans 10:17

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The Resolution Christopher Kolker MD

Doesn't he get it?

This forty-something-year-old guy is joking and laughing in his hospital bed, surrounded by anonymous bodies in white coats. They are the ones who ought to go on without a care in the world.

Doesn't he know he's dying?

And what's worse is that he did it to himself. Jake gave a kidney to a stranger just a couple of years ago and now has the audacity to smile as doctors lament over his own kidney failure – the kind that having two kidneys would have prevented. And still, he doesn't seem to have regret- his face is almost jolly, and his body language is relaxed and at ease, cutting through the room's tension that the team of doctors and students had created.

And Jake remained that way during his hospitalization. How was that possible? As a mere medical student in that white coat posse, I would dare not ask him- it might trigger an emotional cascade, breaking through the denial that he surely must have clung to, I was told.

My attending physician told me that it must be beyond horror to be Jake. My gut said something else.

As we approach the new year, I have but one resolution – I want to be more like Jake. Even though he has long since departed, I suspect what I saw was not a Freudian defense mechanism, but faith. Jake gave freely and completely of his very essence – even to the point of sacrifice. He left no regrets, but joy in giving. That's the kind of person I want to be, too.

So this year, I resolve to:

Give generously

Give personally

Give frequently

Give sacrificially

Give completely

In other words, I want to give like Christ gave. He gave entirely of Himself, enduring torture, death, and the grave, so that untold others may live.

Maybe this year, I will finally get it right.



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One of the greatest blessings of Spreading the **WORD** Ministry is seeing how God moves through the generosity of His people. Every gift, whether large or small, becomes part of the story of lives changed, souls reached, and the Gospel proclaimed. Over the years, many of you have faithfully stood with Spreading the **WORD** through prayer, encouragement, and financial support.

We've heard from several of you recently with a simple but important question: "Is there a way I can automatically give each month without having

to remember write and mail a check?" That request touched us deeply, because it reflects not only a desire to give, but a desire to remain consistent in supporting the ministry. We are excited to share that the answer is now yes.

A Simple Step-by-Step Giving Process

To make things easier, we've updated our website with a streamlined donation option. Here's how you can set up your gift:

- Step 1: Log onto stwm.online
- Step 2: Look for the black bar across the top of the page and click on Ministry Support.
- Step 3: A blue box will appear toward the bottom of the page. Inside, you'll see two options:
 - On one side, a button labeled Donate Now. ——— On the other side, a button marked Monthly with a red heart.
- Step 4: Choose how you would like to give. You can select a predetermined amount or type in the amount you prefer in the white box.
- Step 5: Click the blue "Continue" button and fill out the requested information.
- Step 6: Once completed, click Done.

That's it! In just a few minutes, you can set up either a one-time gift or a recurring monthly donation.

Monthly giving is more than convenience—it is a commitment. By setting up a recurring gift, you help provide stability for the ministry. Just as households rely on regular income to plan ahead, Spreading the **WORD** Ministry relies on consistent support to budget wisely, expand radio broadcast, and respond to needs as they arise.

We live in a fast-paced world where schedules are full and responsibilities are many. It's easy to forget even the things we care about most. By setting up an automatic monthly donation, you remove the worry of forgetting, while ensuring your support continues without interruption.

Several of our supporters have already expressed gratitude for this new option. One shared, "I love knowing that my gift is scheduled each month. It helps me stay faithful in giving, even when life gets busy." Another said, "This makes it so much easier. I don't have to think twice—I know I'm helping the ministry every month."

Bro. Buck often reminded us that the sharing the Gospel is not about one person, but about the believers working together in unity to spread the **WORD**. By choosing to give monthly, you are not only supporting today's ministry—you are investing in tomorrow's legacy.

We invite you to prayerfully consider setting up a monthly gift today. Whether it's \$10, \$25, \$50, or another amount, your faithfulness will make a difference. The process is simple, the impact is eternal. Visit stwm.online, click Ministry Support, and follow the steps outlined above. Choose the option that works best for you—one-time or monthly—and know that every gift is received with gratitude and faithfulness to continuing to spread the Gospel.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for asking, thank you for giving, and thank you for walking alongside us in this journey. Your generosity is not only a blessing to the ministry, but a testimony of God's provision and faithfulness. Together, we will continue to spread the **WORD**, reaching lives with the hope of Christ.

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