

ourselves, these attitudes do show up from time to time in some churches. But notice that # 6 encompasses and transforms the other statements. God taught us...to love people when they deserve it the least. In fact, Jesus exemplified that.

As we come into a New Year, may our resolutions be one of the Spirit.

1. To clean up our hearts and minds to be in tune with God's desire for us.
2. To worship regularly and be faithful in prayer
3. Put some excitement into the church and one's life by participating and sharing in fellowship.
4. Explore and make use of our gifts and talents for the betterment of Christ's kingdom.
5. Be willing to give of ourselves or volunteer to fill a need.
- 6. And remember...that people need love the most when they deserve it the least.**

That is what God did for us...love us the most when we deserved it the least. And God still does love us more than we can even comprehend no matter what our lives have been. As we turn in acknowledgement of our transgressions toward God and others, we realize that God's love has always been there searching for us. God continues to search for us yearning for a deeper relationship with us.

May the New Year be for you one that is filled with yearning for God and finding that love and peace that passes all understanding.

Blessings for the New Year as we grow together in Christ,
Pastor Carol M. Pfeiffer



Mission Statement of Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren:
As the body of Christ, we are Christ-centered in our caring, sharing, and service.



All Church Birthday Party

The Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship (CBWF) invites you to carry-in and All Church Birthday Party after Worship **January 4, 2004**. Come join in the food and the fellowship.

Caring Like Jesus Study – January 4 at White Branch Church of the Brethren

Caring Like Jesus: The Matthew 18 Project is co-authored by Daniel Ulrich and Jan Fairchild. Dan, a professor at Bethany Seminary, will be leading the study at **White Branch Church of the Brethren**, our sister church, **January 4, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** This study will continue for ten weeks. We are invited to share in this study. Cost of the book is \$10.00. Dan will also be speaking at Hagerstown Rotary, January 6 at noon. If you'd like to be a guest, contact Pastor Carol. Reservations need to be called in by 9:00 a.m., January 6 so that enough food can be prepared.

Scrub-a-dub-dub – Church Cleaning List Posted

Have rubber gloves...will travel. The Trustees are requesting that you consider taking a turn on the cleaning schedule. You can sign up for a certain area to clean. You can designate the month in which you would like to clean. These persons have donated their time and elbow grease previously and currently: Teresa Renaker, Dee Reneau, Lucille Dilling, Jodi Johnson, Eloise Beeson, Marcia Stout, Kathy Denney, Carol Bullock, and Marjorie and Darrell Briar. There are surely some fellows out there who know how to use a sweeper or scrub brush. ? Be sure to thank those who have been cleaning as well as considering your own time donation. See the trustees if you have questions.

