

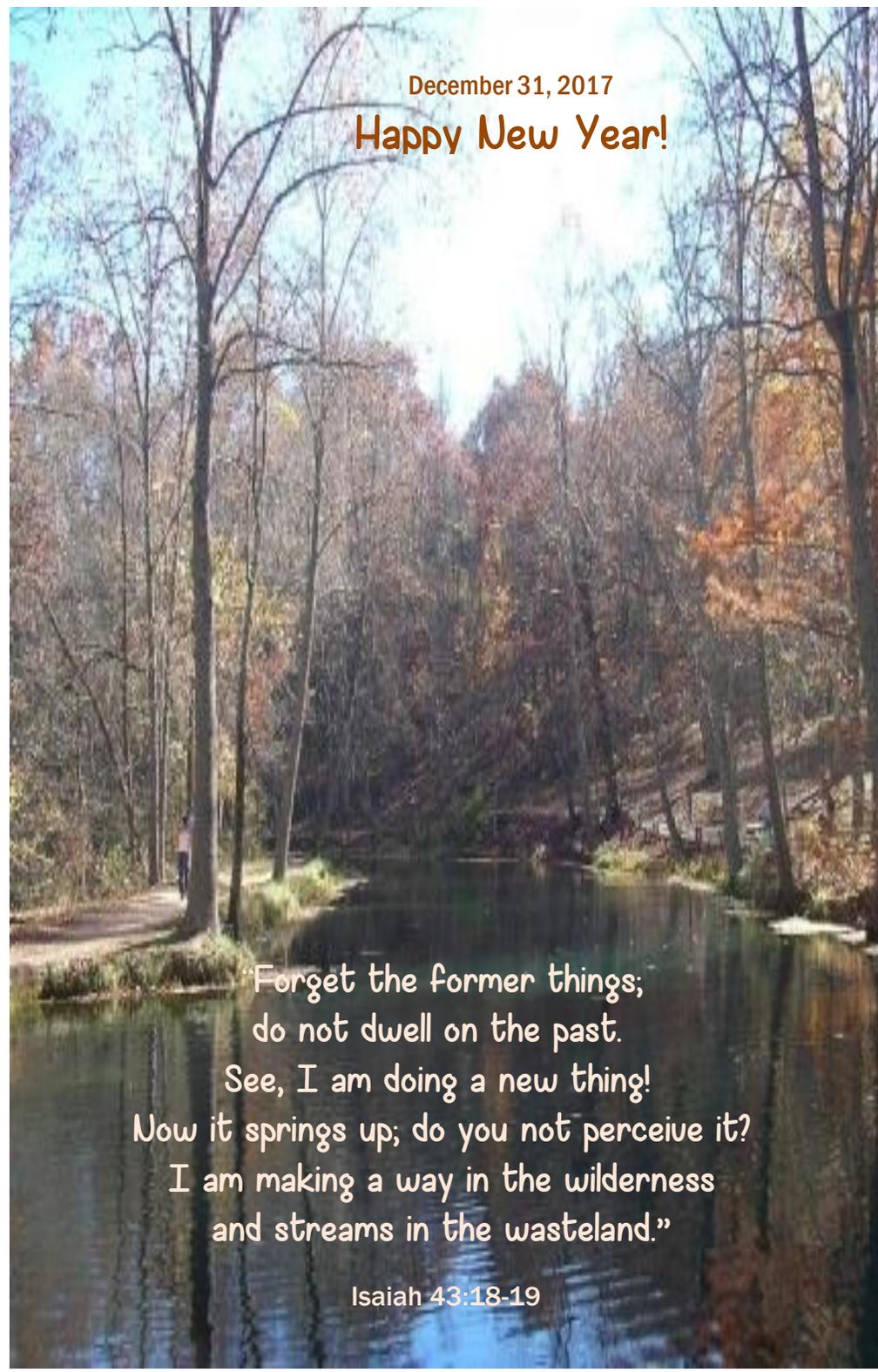


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We have exciting things planned for 2018 to fulfill our Vision: “To become followers of Jesus who under the leadership of the Spirit passionately love and serve God and also love all people as Jesus does.” Changes over the next couple of months will be taking place so that we might work more efficiently and be better stewards of the time and money God is giving to us through our faithful Ridgecrest family. We appreciate you and I am sure you have been blessed by your giving.

Join us in 2018 for a chronological reading – “Uncovering the Truth”. If you would like to join us, text “truth” to 70-000.

Cornerstone Women on Mission (WMU) meets this Thursday, January 4th in Room 105 at 1:30pm. All women are invited to participate the first Thursday of every month. Besides having great fellowship together, we support church mission projects, pray for our missionaries and serve wherever needed. Our group is growing and we would like to include YOU. Come and see what we're up to for 2018.

PRECEPT classes resume on January 8th at 5:30pm – Room 102 Precept begins with a new study in JUDGES, “Driving Out Your Enemies.” This study is for seven weeks. For more info, contact Carolyn Hogan at 601.259.7404 or email her at Carolynjhogan@att.net. Carolyn Craft (Rm 105) and Joe & Fawn Smith's class (Rm 106) will resume their study in Ezekiel, Part 2: When My Sanctuary Is in Their Midst Forever. For more information, contact Carolyn at Carolyn_Craft@bellsouth.net or Fawn at fawnsmith@bellsouth.net.

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