

January 2016

Happy New Year!

Safe Families *for* Children

Monthly Newsletter



Events: *SFFC Volunteer Orientation*

When: Saturday, January 16th 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Where: Twin Cedars' Coleman Center, 701 Lincoln St., LaGrange

Who's invited? Anyone interested in SFFC ministry

**** Please RSVP by email to cgibson@twincedars.org ****

Happy New Year!

2016 is here! We hope this year proves to be more prosperous and that your resolutions will be found resolute.

Did you know that New Year's resolutions, given in January, are uniquely a Christian act of worship or devotion? Even New Year's Eve 'events' are particularly Christian in origin. We owe our 'making of New Year's resolutions' to our western Christian forbearers who made these religious promises as a devotion to life-long Christian discipline.

Our first New Year's Eve 'events,' here in America,

were called 'night watches' by our Methodist Churches who gathered together to reflect on the past year, as they made new resolutions to live better in the year to come.

These resolutions were held with high regard and were not thought of as mere 'traditions.' They were spoken in earnest and expected to be kept. And it wasn't until much later that secular society started to practice these customs in their own way.

Knowing the origin and original purpose of New Year's resolutions should inspire us to be

more thoughtful in making our promises this year; and to be more Kingdom minded.

What if we traded our self-betterment wishes for promises to give back in our community through service? What if we dedicated part of our year to be deliberate and strategic with our acts of hospitality? What if we empowered one another in building our community up by serving others in need? What if we gave extra or donated more time as well as resources.

SFFC wishes you and your family a very happy and healthy 2016 with hopes you'll be more strategic in making your New Year's resolutions this year.

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Volunteers motivated by their faith...

"Ministering God's love to families in need"

It's Possible...

We are often tempted to look at 'all the need' and 'what's wrong' in our community/society, and assume the problem is too big for 'one' to make a difference. This could **NOT** be farther from the truth!

The truth is... we, as Christians, have the power God gave us to make a HUGE difference and it is much easier than you may think.

For example: Did you know that there are approximately 10,000 foster children in Georgia this year, yet there are more than 14,000 CHURCHES in Georgia alone. Wow! That takes less than one family per church to completely end Georgia's foster care needs! And this holds true all across our nation, as each state has more churches than they have foster care needs.

Christians have a bigger voice and hold more power to make a cultural size difference than we realize.

Imagine if 10% of Christians accepted God's biblical mandate to hospitality... Our families and communities would be much stronger and more vibrant. Imagine if we ALL accepted? It's possible; it's very possible! **Let's do this in 2016!**

Volunteer Opportunities

- Host Family
- Ministry Lead
- Family Coach
- Family Friend
- Resource Partner
- Community Outreach
- Support Groups
- Intake

There's a place for everyone to serve.

For More Information:

To become a SFFC Volunteer or to refer a family to SFFC, please contact:

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