

New Year Predictions That Will Come True

By Bill Brandstatter

It's time again to reflect. We are all reflecting on 2021 and hoping for much better in 2022. With the distribution of a COVID 19 vaccine, hopefully, there will be some degree of normalcy restored in 2022. Christmas is over and the New Year is here. We have heard a lot of reflections about 2021 in the past weeks. I have heard about movie or television stars we have lost in the past year. I am sure that in coming weeks there will be lists of the best and the worst of the past year. I would like to make some predictions for the New Year. These predictions are based on the ever-changing cycles of events. All these will come true at some point this new year.

There will be a lot of births and deaths in 2022. Solomon wrote about this and stated that there is ...“a time to be born and a time to die...” in Eccl. 3:2. One estimate is that there are 255 babies born every minute in our world. They, of course, will all be beautiful babies. Likewise, there will be people who die in 2022. This is something that has happened from the dawn of time. We don't know the day or hour of our death; but all of us will one day die. (Heb. 9:27) The time for many will come in the New Year. If we are prepared, we need not fear death; but remember that it is like sleep and we wake up in another place (Jn. 11:11-15).

Change will come in the New Year. Just the fact that it is a new year means change. We will be another year older. There will be changes in our government. We might change jobs or locations. We might decide to retire. Everyone will face some change in life. The only thing certain about life is that change will come. Christians look for that change that will be out of this world. (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

There will be weather-related problems before 2022 is over. So far during our winter season we have felt the brunt of cold weather. Some areas have experienced snow and bad travel conditions. The Psalms record for us that “He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes” (Psa. 147:16). Some areas of our country and the world will get snowfall in 2022. When they do, we are reminded that even though our sins are as scarlet, they can be white as snow. (Isa. 1:18) God can wash away our sins and make us pure and white as snow.

God will still love us in 2022. God loves the world. He wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). Unfortunately, not all the world loves God. Let us think back on 2021 and the ways in which God showed His love for us. Even in the midst of the pandemic, God was there. Let us remember the ways He blessed us and the ways He continues to do so. Let us remember the words of the Hebrews writer, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

He sent His Son to die for us. All that obey His son will have a hope of seeing God one day. Let's be faithful to Him and we'll receive a crown (Rev. 2:10). We will then be ready for whatever the New Year brings.

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Hymn:

**82—Brighten the
Corner**

Opening Prayer: Dale
Hymn:

563—Send the Light

Scripture Reading: Larry
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Hymn:

**289—The Breaking of the
Bread**

Lord's Supper: Tom
Hymn:

**40—Guide Me Oh Thou
Great Jehovah**

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

**622—Soul a Savior Thou
Art Needing**

Closing Hymn:

**527—Let the Lower
Lights be Burning**

Closing Prayer: Jared

PRAYER LIST

- *Mary and her family. Carl is still having problems with his hip.
- *Tom and Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, Bear Nicholas, will be going to St. Jude's in January.
- *Tom and Nina's friend Ken and his wife Brenda.
- *Bonnie and her family.
- *Betty and her family.
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family.
- *Kathy, her sister, and her friends. Kathy saw a doctor about a very serious infection.
- *Zarna's family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their family.
- *Juanita's sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- *Robert and Sara and their children.
- *Ray and Barbara and their family.
- *Dale and his family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven. Rebecca broke her arm last week.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family.
- *Melinda and her family.



CALENDAR

- Dec. 26—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
- Dec. 26—Bible Study
6pm on-line
With Dale
- Jan. 2—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
- Jan. 2—Bible Study
6pm on-line with
Dale
- Jan. 2—Business Meeting
- Jan. 2—Carl

Answer to Puzzle: A time to be born,
And a time to die;

Everything Has A Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Away	born	Break	build
Cast	dance	down	embrace
Everything	from	gain	gather
Hate	heal	heaven	keep
Kill	laugh	lose	love
Mourn	peace	plant	purpose
Refrain	season	silence	speak
Stones	tear	there	throw
Time	under	weep	what

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Hidden Message: _____
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**I have never let my schooling interfere
 with my education.
 Mark Twain**

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