

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A New Year always brings great opportunity to move into the new things that God has for us! All of us who are in relationship in the Kingdom of God can experience these new things individually and together corporately.

As you all know by now, God has clearly birthed and confirmed a huge new thing for my life and ministry in California. I never expected to leave Greenville and move my ministry to California, but after repeatedly hearing from God and my five mentors, I had to be open to a new thing I never imagined and embrace it.

God challenges his people prophetically in Isaiah 42:9 and 43:18-19, that a **new thing** is coming. He tells them before it would spring forth, so His people could individually and corporately get ready for it. In Isaiah 44:3 the **new thing** that is coming is described by God's prophetic picture that "I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground. I will pour **My Spirit** on your descendants and **My blessing** on your offspring."

The water of God on the seed of the Word of God to us, germinates the seed so it begins to grow bigger until a new thing is birthed above ground level. Everything God does has to be birthed in us before it can be birthed through us! This is a key principle in every new thing that God wants to do in our lives and ministries. What a great process has been going on inside me for God to birth a new thing in California. I had to get to the point where I could embrace it, share it, and prepare for it. What new thing is growing inside you right now for 2018?

The only way to truly embrace a "**new thing**" is to learn how to **shift** into it! Webster defines and describes a **shift** as "to move or transfer from one person, place, or position to another...to change position, direction, form, character...to change from one gear to another as in a car..." I personally like to shift a car because I can feel it increasing its power, speed, and potential to reach its destination more quickly. I have to initiate the shifting process in order for anything different to happen. What you are doing may be working or not working but I believe 2018 is a time to shift for all of us!

Shifting is God's process for moving us out of our past...through our present...and into the future He has for us! But we are responsible for shifting. It is impossible to move out of an old thing and into a **new thing** without shifting! If you will shift, God will empower you to move from who you've been to who you are becoming...from what you've been doing, to doing a new thing...from where you've been, to where you are going...from what you've had, to everything He has for you in your future!

2018 is your time to shift!

I am so excited for what the future holds for RMFI. With our move to California I have restructured my time to be able to be more hands on with the fellowship and the churches within it. Hope and I treasure each Pastor, Pastors wife, church & all who associate with RMFI. We believe this will be the beginning of our greatest days and want you to dig in wholeheartedly with the call and the vision God has given each one of you. Serving the Lord is not always easy or convenient but together, we can do Great Things for God!

I love and appreciate you very much. I am looking forward to investing like we never have before into the fellowship of RMFI. In return, I hope that you will plan to make your own personal commitment to invest your tithes and your time as we move forward into the coming months.

Thank you for your gifts this month. Please share with me your prayer requests and praise reports.

Serving Him and you,
Ron Carpenter, Jr.