

As I was finishing up my January article for the Chimes Newsletter I was wondering how I might expand on what I said and put it into this month Pastor's Corner article. Then I came across this song called "Till the Jails Are Empty." These are the words written by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

"Till all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled; till no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled, till age and race and gender no longer separate; till pulpit, press, and policies are free of greed and hate:

God has work for us to do.

In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill, in boardroom and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still, in classrooms, church, and office, in shops or on the street; in every place where people thrive or starve or hide or meet: God has work for us to do.

By sitting at a bedside to hold pale trembling hands, by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands, by praying through our doing and singing though we fear, by trusting that the seed we sow will bring Gods harvest near: God has work for us to do."

Friends, we are not finished yet!

Wishing each and every one a Blessed New Year,

May God's Grace and Spirit be with us on this journey.

Pastor Bob