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For many of us, today is the first day back to work in the new year, and the beginning of the year often brings thoughts about newness. Whether or not we make resolutions, we often use this season to reflect on how we might be better versions of ourselves in the new year.

I want to encourage you that God is in the business of transforming people into the image of Christ. So, if you truly want to improve this year, start by spending time with the only One who can truly transform. More time at the gym can be a great thing, but the transformation God has in mind is infinitely more valuable.

As an organization, the FEBC is seeking to become what God desires for us as well. We seek his face and consider how we can best honor him with our time, resources, and abilities. Here are just a few examples of things he is doing among us, or “What’s New this New Year:”

- Our Ministries Coordinator, Gary Krehbiel has a new certification in the “Working Genius,” which he has already used to bless several of our church leadership teams. Feedback from those who have taken advantage of this resource has been overwhelmingly positive.
- We enter the new year with new volunteer leaders in several positions.
- Our new Fellowship Focus Editor (Sarah Stutler) is working to improve the quality and continuity of our online publication.
- God is providing new pastors for our churches. We welcome Rex Green at Wolf Point, MT, Samuel Tschetter at Jansen, NE, and Blaine Donaldson at Beloit, WI.
- I continue to have discussions with new churches who are interested in joining our Fellowship. Please continue to pray as these discussions take time and discernment.
- God continues to provide new interest in supporting our ministry financially. While monthly pledged support for our Ministries Coordinator remains around 76%, we have received over \$20,000 (USD) from individual gifts this year. That means that if pledged amounts are given as scheduled, Gary will reach full support for the year!

Perhaps God is calling you to something new this year. Perhaps you could join our leadership team, or spread the word about our Fellowship, or make a monthly pledge that will help us achieve full support for another year? Perhaps you would determine to pray faithfully for our ministry? Every dollar of support, word of encouragement, or prayer in faith is greatly appreciated! May God richly bless you and your local church in 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stone".

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