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January 2022

RESUMING SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

- ♦ Youth Handbells 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Carol and Crusader Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

2022 PLEDGES

If you have not had an opportunity to return your pledge card, there is still time. Simply mail it to the church office, bring it by or drop it in the offering plate at church next Sunday.



Contribution envelopes for use beginning in January are in the parlor. Be certain to pick up the correct box, as they are labelled and numbered.

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

The sanctuary flower schedule has several Sundays available. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these days, please contact Jane Holladay (803-347-5977) or Denise Seymore in the church office (803-534-0088).

January 23	January 30	February 13
February 27	March 13	March 27
May 29	June 5	June 26
July 10	July 17	October 23

HANDS OF CHRIST

The Evangelism Unit would like to thank Laura Hewitt for her work chairing our Hands of Christ Team. This is a wonderful mission and we are looking for a new Chair in 2022. Contact any member of the Evangelism Unit for more information.

Robbie Myers
David Gillespie
Chalmers Mikell

GENERAL FUND 2021

For month ending November 30, 2021	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$64,533.25	\$406,331.52 *
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$41,906.27</u>	<u>\$377,410.60</u>
	\$22,626.98	\$ 28,920.92

* Includes PPP Loan of \$23,800.00

THANK YOU!

A big Thank You! from the Evangelism Committee for your prayers, contributions and support for our Thanksgiving Box Ministry. This year we were able to distribute 155 boxes to help folks in our area enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks also to all who helped with the delivery of the boxes. Our youth were heavily involved as well as many adults. May God continue to bless each of us. Thanks be to God.

Elise and Gerald Myers
Co-Chairs Thanksgiving Box Ministry
Evangelism Committee

Excerpts from two thank you notes:

It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others. Thanks for providing 25 Thanksgiving Boxes to our families at Robert E. Howard Middle School.

School Counseling Department

From a family who received a box:
On behalf of myself and my children, we want to say thanks for the generous supply of donated Thanksgiving food! We are forever grateful!!

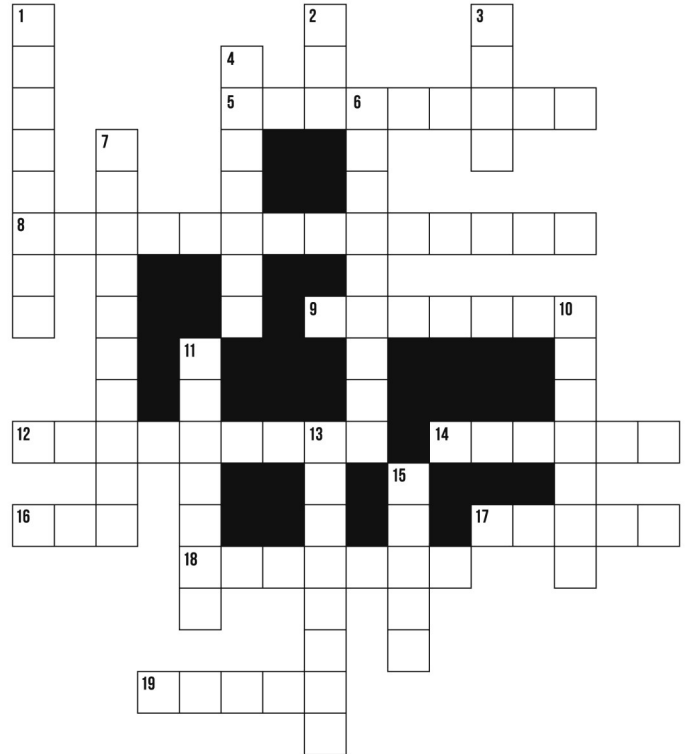
Much Love!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Sarah Francis Coggins	1/14 Cheryl Smith
1/3 Kaye Borgstedt	Beth Kuck
Elsie Fogle	Jennifer Turner
Lawrence Thackston	Adison Walter
1/4 Tamra Campbell	Ava Cuttino
Paige Hewitt	1/18 Bill Covington
1/6 Chance Boltin	1/19 Jane Shuler
1/7 Raymond Tucker	1/21 Marion Moore
Keith Hewitt, Jr.	Amy Delaney
1/9 McCullough Mims	1/26 Dawes Edwards
1/11 Melissa Plummer	1/27 Gaye Lanier
Katie Weigle	1/28 Carol McCall
1/12 Jewell Davis	1/29 Rita Hutto
	1/30 Blake Bruner
	Reagan Ridley

Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist | 13. the degree of moisture in the air |
| 3. frozen rain pellets | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky | 16. frozen water |
| 6. violent tropical storm | 17. deluge |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust | 18. when day and night are of equal length |
| 8. northern lights | 19. frozen dew or vapor |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon | |
| 10. wearing away of the soil | |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice | |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS



"A firm decision to do or not to do something" is one definition. Another is "the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, etc." Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Or did you decide, well, I probably won't be able to keep them so no need?

Last month, I challenged you to think about where you want to be spiritually when Advent 2022 comes and what you need to do to get there. There are some concrete measurable things we can do to aid this process of spiritual growth on our faith journey.

1. I will have a set aside time for daily devotions and prayer and another time for family devotions.
2. I will attend and participate in worship service at least 45 (or pick a number) times in 2022.
3. I will attend and participate in Sunday School at least 45 (or pick a number) times in 2022.
4. I will participate in a Bible study in addition to Sunday School.

These all help with our devotion/learning part of our faith journey. And for the witness part of the journey some suggestions are:

5. I will say the blessing at every meal and have at least x (pick a number) family meals a week.
6. I will write/text/call one of our shut-ins at least once a month.
7. I will use the gifts and talents God gave me and volunteer at church and/or another organization.
8. I will be a witness in my every day and work life by not participating in un-Christian behavior and be an encourager not a discourager or gossip.

These are a few measurable resolutions and will certainly help our faith journey. Are you thinking, where will I

find the time? One commandment is keep the Sabbath holy. If we try to do all of these things, it will not take an entire day. So we will still "owe" God some time. After all, He is with us all the time so can we not give Him some of our time in addition to number 8 above?

Even trying to reach our goals is a step in God's direction. A closer, deeper relationship with God is the ultimate goal for Christians. Relationship is a head and heart thing. How do we measure the heart/emotion part? Maybe by: leaving our troubles with Him, trusting in His timing, and having faith in the assurance that we are His; by automatically saying thank you when we receive blessings and answers to prayer, by seeing all the God-winks in our lives, by recognizing Providence and not coincidence, and by acknowledging the empty spaces in our heart can only be filled by God. He alone provides abundant life full of meaning found in Him.

As humans, we fail sometimes miserably. However, remember, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail, THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23.

We can't change yesterday or live in the future. We have now and can strive to live the now for Jesus who constantly gives us what we need to obey Him, grace and mercy.

CHALLENGE: Consciously strive for continually evolving faith journey.



Serving together.
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