

THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS



DEACON OF THE WEEK for January....

5th Ben Waldo
 12th Buddy Sams
 19th Roger Way
 26th Robert Chambers



USHERS for January....Allen Horner, John Fleming, Delmas Curl, Tony Rines, Scott Wells, Jim Brinkley

BAPTISTERY ATTENDANT for January...Sherry Curl

MORNING PRAYER....in Sanctuary each Sunday at 9:30 am

Nursery is open for all services. Children's church is available in the Children's area.

"A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." —Deut 11:12

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January 2025
 Happy New Year!

Influence has been on my mind for awhile. We are all familiar with what influence is. Influence is defined as the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone, or something, or the effect itself. There are two kinds of influence in the world...Good and Bad.

Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount compares His people to two very influential things...Salt and Light. Salt has immediate effects. Light has immediate effects. In what we call the Similitudes He looks at His disciples and says this...Matthew 5:13-16 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, (strength) wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill can't be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

As I thought on the subject of influence, these verses came back to mind. I was shaken at the answer, God's church will never lose its power. But it is very obvious in the 21st century that the world in influencing the Western church more than the church is influencing the world. We have lost our effect. If you don't believe me just look around.



We have seen amazing population growth in our state and it is more lost than ever. Tennessee has around 7.3 million people and it is estimated that 5 million of them are lost. It is also said that 80% of the population, in most counties, in Tennessee will not worship on Sunday. We are seeing the population in our own city increase and the churches are struggling. As Morristown and Hamblen County are bustling seven days a week some of our churches are scaling back services because attendance is so low. What Jesus said has resonated with me. He said "you are salt, and you are light but if the salt has lost its power it is good for nothing."

My prayer and vision for the new year is this....The Church will rise and shine and that we will once again be salty. We still have a mission to reach the unreached and tell the untold, here in our hometown, our state, our nation and around the world.

Matthew 28:19-20

Blessings,

Pastor Charlie

**January 8th
 Wednesday Meal**
 Please sign up Sunday or call church office by 3 pm on Monday

Menu:
 Baked potato
 Soup
 Salad
 Dessert
 Drinks



Wednesday Meals

One Wednesday of the month we will be serving a meal before evening worship. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please sign up or call during office hours with the number attending, so adequate food can be prepared. If by chance you don't get to sign up, please join us anyway. We look forward to seeing you on January 8th in the Fellowship Hall. Serving will begin at 6 pm and close when everyone is served.

Baby Bottles will be available on the 19th. Please fill the bottle and return as soon as possible. These funds are used to support the ultrasound ministry and to purchase diapers and other items needed by the clients ministered to by the Pregnancy Crisis Center.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY
 January 19th



Happy Birthday

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| 3 | Susan Willings | 10 | Candy Fleming |
| | Galina Orekhov | 11 | Debra Stallans |
| 4 | Jack Wolfe | | Krista Thayer |
| | | 12 | Brenden Cooper |
| 6 | Mary Ann Bittinger | 14 | Jean Ballinger |
| 7 | Missy Pernel | 16 | Carissa Ballinger |
| | | 19 | Susan Brown |
| | | 20 | Scott Wells |
| | | 20 | Linda Miniard |
| | | 23 | Carolyn Wright |
| | | 25 | Piper Ann Rines |
| | | 31 | Mark Britt |

**Calendar of Events
January**

- 1 Happy New Year
Office Closed
NO Wednesday Activities
NO School Jefferson & Hamblen
- 2 No School Jefferson & Hamblen
- 3 No School Hamblen County
- 5 Sunday Activities
"Building Fund Sunday"
Staff Meeting @ 5
Business Meeting & Worship @ 6
- 6 NO School Jefferson County
- 8 Wednesday Evening Dinner @ 6
Youth & Awana
- 12 Sunday Morning Activities
Evening Worship @ 6
- 16 Prayer & Bible Study @ 7
Youth Group & Awana @ 7
- 17 NO School Hamblen County
- 19 Sunday Morning Activities
"Sanctity of Life" Sunday
Pick up a Baby Bottle
- 20 NO School Jefferson & Hamblen

- 22 Missions Night @ 7
Youth & Awana @ 7
- 26 Sunday Morning Activities
Evening Worship @ 6
- 29 Choir Practice @ 6
Prayer & Bible Study @ 7
Youth Group & Awana @ 7



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:
Morning Prayer @ 9:30
Sunday School @ 10
Morning Worship @ 11
Evening Worship @ 6

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." — Proverbs 16:9

January AM Nursery Volunteers

- 5th—Mrs. Wilma & Catherine Sams
- 12th—Mrs. Sarah & Christy Wells
- 19th—Mrs. Wilma & Susan Willings
- 26th—Mrs. Sarah & Catherine Wolfe



RECOVERING SOLDIERS will be visiting our church during the AM service in February. They will share song & testimony that provides a message of hope to those with loved ones caught in the grip of addiction.



**No School in Jefferson January 1,2,3,6,20
No School in Hamblen January 2, 3, 17, 20**

Continue to pray as we do the Prayer Walk each morning at
Alpha (7 am),
West View (6:50 am) ,
Jefferson Elementary (6:45 am),
Mt. Horeb (7 am).

Any one can join us, any day of the week.
God's Blessings to all who help.

*Please remember our
**FIRST SUNDAY
BUILDING/RENOVATION
FUND OFFERING**
emphasis each month. Your
faithful giving will help us pre-
pare for our next project.*

THANK YOU
for your obedience and
sacrificial giving!



Building Fund Amount as
of December 31, 2024:
\$10,727.19

Women's Ministries

Helping Hands will resume meetings on March 3rd and as weather permits. In the new year, we will be planning activities for the year. Please feel free to come join us. You don't have to sew to help. There are lots of other things to do...lots of fellowship, fun and laughter plus working for the Lord. If you would like to make a monetary donation, at any time, to Helping Hands or WMU please indicate it on your check or envelope. Helping Hands collects throughout the year various items for the Christmas Shoeboxes. Watch Bulletins for updates on when Helping Hands will meet.

Thank you for your continued support of our Women's Ministry



WMU meets the fourth Wednesday of each month for Missions night, unless there are no services scheduled or a conflict in the schedule.

January Meeting is January 22nd

PACESETTERS...

At the present time the Pacesetters have no plans for this month. Check on and continue to pray for each other. Have a Blessed New Year and stay healthy. Please watch bulletins, newsletters and screen in sanctuary for updates.



Youth are meeting on Wednesday nights in their classroom at 7:00 pm. We all need to be a positive Godly mentor to each of them.

They are the future of our church.

Love God, Love People.

Youth Sponsored Meal in February. Donations accepted



**Lebanon Baptist
Church Choir**

No Practice until

Wednesday, Jan. 29th @ 6:00 pm



As the new year starts Awana will continue.. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to evenings of learning about God, having fun, singing and fellowship.

So mark your calendar for the first meeting of the new year on January 8th.

*"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God." — John 1:1*