



# January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Youth Meeting	<b>Office Closed</b> <i>Happy New Year!</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> Allie Webster	6:30 pm Leadership Transition Team <b>Birthdays:</b> Lynn Hurley	5:30 Family Night Dinner <b>Birthdays:</b> Pamela Bradford	<b>Birthdays:</b> Darlene Jackson, Michael Conley	<b>Birthdays:</b> Darlene Jackson, Michael Conley	<b>Birthdays:</b> Darlene Jackson, Michael Conley
10:00 am Lord's Supper 3:00 pm Connection Transition Team <b>Birthdays:</b> Richard O'Quinn	7:00 pm Small Group Discussion, Book of John <b>Birthdays:</b> Allie Webster	6:30 pm Leadership Transition Team 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting <b>Birthdays:</b> Jackson Bailey	10:00 am Mission 6:30 pm Leadership Transition Team 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting <b>Birthdays:</b> Maddoc Glines, Josh Smith	<b>Birthdays:</b> Alex Shaver, Ben O'Quinn	<b>Birthdays:</b> Alex Shaver, Ben O'Quinn	<b>Birthdays:</b> Alex Shaver, Ben O'Quinn
11:00 am Business Meeting <b>Birthdays:</b> Darlene Hoffman	10:00 am Dorcas 7:00 pm Small Group Discussion, Book of John <b>Birthdays:</b> Lynn Ragan, Hannah Love, Lily Davis	6:30 pm Leadership Transition Team <b>Birthdays:</b> Vic Pope	<b>Birthdays:</b> Maddoc Glines, Josh Smith	<b>Birthdays:</b> Alex Shaver, Ben O'Quinn	<b>Birthdays:</b> Alex Shaver, Ben O'Quinn	<b>Birthdays:</b> Alex Shaver, Ben O'Quinn
<b>Baptist Men's Day</b> 8:00 am Baptist Men's Breakfast <b>Birthdays:</b> Phil Cotton	7:00 pm Small Group Discussion, Book of John <b>Birthdays:</b> Lynn Ragan, Hannah Love, Lily Davis	11:00 am Birthday Buddies 6:30 pm Leadership Transition Team <b>Birthdays:</b> Vic Pope	<b>Birthdays:</b> Abby Walker	<b>Birthdays:</b> Katie Smith Tillett, Laura Marks	<b>Birthdays:</b> Katie Smith Tillett, Laura Marks	<b>Birthdays:</b> Barry Lambeth
<b>Youth return from Winter Retreat</b> <b>No Youth Meeting</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Elaine Harris	7:00 pm Small Group Discussion, Book of John <b>Birthdays:</b> Liane Cochrane, Irene Cotten, Harry Haigler	6:30 pm Leadership Transition Team <b>Birthdays:</b> Vic Pope	<b>Birthdays:</b> Abby Walker	<b>Birthdays:</b> Katie Smith Tillett, Laura Marks	<b>Birthdays:</b> Katie Smith Tillett, Laura Marks	<b>Birthdays:</b> Barry Lambeth

**Wednesday Schedule:**  
 6:00 pm Acteens  
 6:30 pm FSBC Knights Club  
 Mid-week Service  
 7:00 pm RA's  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Deacon of the Month:**  
 Reid Cagle

**Student of the Month:**  
 Caitlyn Bridges  
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# January 2024 Newsletter

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## A note From Baptist Men

Hope all had a safe, joyous, and Merry Christmas. 2023 is in the rear view mirror and we have a new year ahead of us.

Baptist Men will kickoff 2024 with Baptist Men's Day on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will start with a breakfast at 8:00 am provided by our women of the church, followed by a small devotion. We invite all ages of men in the church.

The men will be having the morning worship service. A guest speaker will have the message and special music provided. Please come worship with us.



### Opportunities Coming up:

There will be a Baptist on Mission disaster relief training in Raleigh coming up in March. You can chose to certify or recertify in an area. If you have been certified before and would like to certify in different field, this is your chance.

We will be scheduling a spring church grounds cleanup.

Remember the Baptist Men are here to help in anyway with our church and congregation.

Any questions call Davis Harris 919-353-1032 or the church office.

Thank you,

Davis Harris, Baptist Men's Director

*"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."*

-- James 1:27 ---



### NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me  
 The brand new year ahead.  
 Help me live the way I should  
 As each new day I tread.  
 Give me gentle wisdom  
 That I might help a friend,  
 Give me strength and courage  
 So a shoulder I might lend.  
 The year ahead is empty,  
 Help me fill it with good things  
 Each new day filled with joy  
 And happiness it brings.  
 Amen.



January 15<sup>th</sup>



January 21<sup>st</sup>  
8 am

Deacon of the Month - Reid Cagle

### Sunday School & Worship Attendance for December 2023

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
12/3/23	98	107
12/10/23	94	117
12/17/23	76	98
12/24/23	91	154
12/31/23		

## Message from Pastor Blume

### Facing the Challenges of 2024

Another year is in the record books. It cannot be re-lived or changed. A new year is unfolding minute by minute. We have an opportunity to make the most of it or to become victims of indifference. We can live as people of faith or people of unbelief.

Chapter 9 of Mark's gospel records the story of a man whose son was possessed by an evil spirit. The father took his son to Jesus' disciples, but the disciples were powerless to heal the boy. The father was frustrated. The disciples were frustrated. Even Jesus expressed grief over the failure of His disciples. Verse 28 says, "When He came into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, 'Why could we not drive it out?'" Verse 29 records Jesus' reply to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."

There are times when we feel helpless and frustrated over challenges we face. We feel spiritually powerless and helpless. Situations like this teach us the importance of prayer. Jesus is telling us that prayer is the ONLY way to get answers from God. He is not talking about tacking a prayer on a worship service, committee meeting or Bible study group. He is saying our faith must be strong and

completely devoted to God's purpose in such a way that we are driven to pray desperately, regularly and faithfully.

Are you praying desperately about the matters that trouble you? Do you really believe God can resolve the issues? Complaining will not bring answers from God. Prayer will. Blaming someone never resolves the issues. Prayer will. Remember, God's word tells us that He is "able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..." Ephesians 3:20 (NASB)

Thank you for your prayers, cards and notes at the passing of my mother in December. I appreciate your love, support and understanding. Also, I appreciate the Christmas cards and generosity in the Christmas season.

Continue to pray for the Transition teams that are working on their assignments. The process will be wrapping up in the next few months. The team members appreciate your input and support.

I'm praying for you. Thank you for praying for me!

Allan Blume



## A Message from WMU

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!*

-- 2 Corinthians 5:17 --

God has a plan. Ask Him where you fit; He will show you. Our prayer is that you will find your place and have the courage to step into this year's adventure with God. Don't miss a single blessing He has for you in 2024!

January 1, 2024, the first day of the new year, symbolizes a new beginning as we step into "the days fashioned for [us], when as yet there were none of them" (Ps. 139:13-16). Knowing God has a *plan* for each of us (Jer. 29:11) gives great comfort as we watch the current pandemonium play out on this world's stage. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who

are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Are you looking for personal growth opportunities? Consider this. Self-guided online courses are available at <https://www.christianleaderlearning.com/> that offer a biblically based response to some of today's pressing issues. Check them out to learn about compassion ministries supported by WMU NC.

Love in Christ,

Susan Ferguson and Stephanie Bridges

## Message from Ella

### Music Ministry Opportunities

Thank you to our Chancel Choir and accompanists for their dedication and hard work in our 2023 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata! The beautiful music and heartfelt performances truly enriched our Christmas celebrations. We also extend a special thank you to Instruments of Christ and The Angel Choir for sharing the gospel of Christ's birth in song during the morning worship service, and to all the parents for their support by bringing their children on Wednesday evenings.

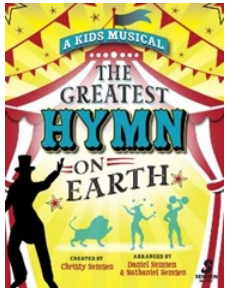
#### Upcoming Opportunities:

**Starting Wednesday, January 3rd, at 6:30 PM**, we will be launching the Pure Praise Children's Music Curriculum. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child(ren) to explore their musical talents and learn about worship through music. Additionally, your child(ren) will be introduced to "The Greatest Hymn on Earth Musical" where they will

learn some of the most impactful and timeless hymns, including *The Solid Rock*, *Jesus Paid it All*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, and many more! We look forward to welcoming new voices and talents into our music ministry.

**Chancel choir rehearsal will follow at 7:30 PM**, and we encourage anyone interested in joining to reach out for more information on how to share your musical gifts. I'm excited about the upcoming opportunities for involvement in our music ministry and encourage everyone to participate and share their talents. Together, let's continue to glorify God through music!

Ella Lazenby



## Requests from our Sandy Creek Baptist Association

The Associational *Administrative Team* would like your recommendations for a candidate that would serve as our Interim Associational Missionary, as well as recommendations for candidates to serve on the Search Team for our next Associational Missionary.

Please visit our website at [www.sandycreekba.com](http://www.sandycreekba.com), scroll to the middle of the page and click on the MAKE A RECOMMENDATION button to fill out the form and share potential candidates with us. We appreciate your input.



## Volunteers Wanted - "Hope for Appalachia"



Emmaus Baptist Church has begun planning for its annual "Hope for Appalachia" mission trip, which will take place April 8-11, 2014. As in years past, messengers will go to the mountains of Kentucky to hand out "Hope Boxes" and share the Gospel to about 1,200 children in Knott County. The churches of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association have been instrumental in preparing these boxes to hand out, and we hope that we can count on your participation again this year. We have the boxes on hand and will soon be ready to hand them out to all who wish to fill them. Please prayerfully consider taking some boxes to fill and to pray over. Let your WMU Director know if you will help us fill boxes and partner with us in prayer as we serve *the least of these*. – Emmaus Baptist Church



## February EVENTS

- ♥ Collection of coffee pods and candies for Deep River School February 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ Week of Prayer for WMU NC and Heck-Jones Offering February 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>
- ♥ Senior Adult Ministry Valentine Lunch February 14<sup>th</sup>