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Our Mission Statement:

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."



Epiphany



Perugino: *Adoration of the Magi*

Adoration of the Magi, oil on wood by Perugino, c. 1496–98; in the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Rouen, France.

Epiphany, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, “manifestation”), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are

Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.



Baptism of Christ

Baptism of Christ, fresco by Fra Angelico, c. 1438–45; in the Museum of San Marco, Florence.

The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ’s birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ’s birth was being celebrated on December 25 (Christmas), and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence

that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man.

In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honour of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism, including the blessing of houses with holy water.



Timket

Ethiopian Orthodox priest celebrating Epiphany (*Timket*), in Gonder, Ethiopia.

Ethiopian Orthodox Christians celebrate Epiphany, or *Timket*, with a major festival that begins the night before, on *Ketera* (January 18). In honour of Christ's baptism, celebrants escort a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, a *tabot*, to a local body of water with great ceremony. The night is spent in prayer and hymn services. The following morning the congregation is blessed with holy water, and the *tabot* is brought back

to its church in a colourful procession.

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SPECIAL DAYS FOR JANUARY 2025

New Year's Day	January 1
Epiphany	January 6
Baptism of the Lord	January 12
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	January 18-25



Birthdays

Rev. Chips Paulson	Jan. 3
Billie Miller	Jan. 7
Sue Gathmann	Jan. 8
Ruth Ann Kamerad	Jan. 8
Ron Wilke	Jan. 14
Mark Mayeau	Jan. 17
Kelly Wheeler	Jan. 19

ANNIVERSARIES

No Known Anniversaries this Month



Scripture readings for January 2025

January 5 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jer.31:7-14 and Ps. 147:12-20; Eph.1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

Isa. 43:1-7 and Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22

January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isa.62:1-5 and Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

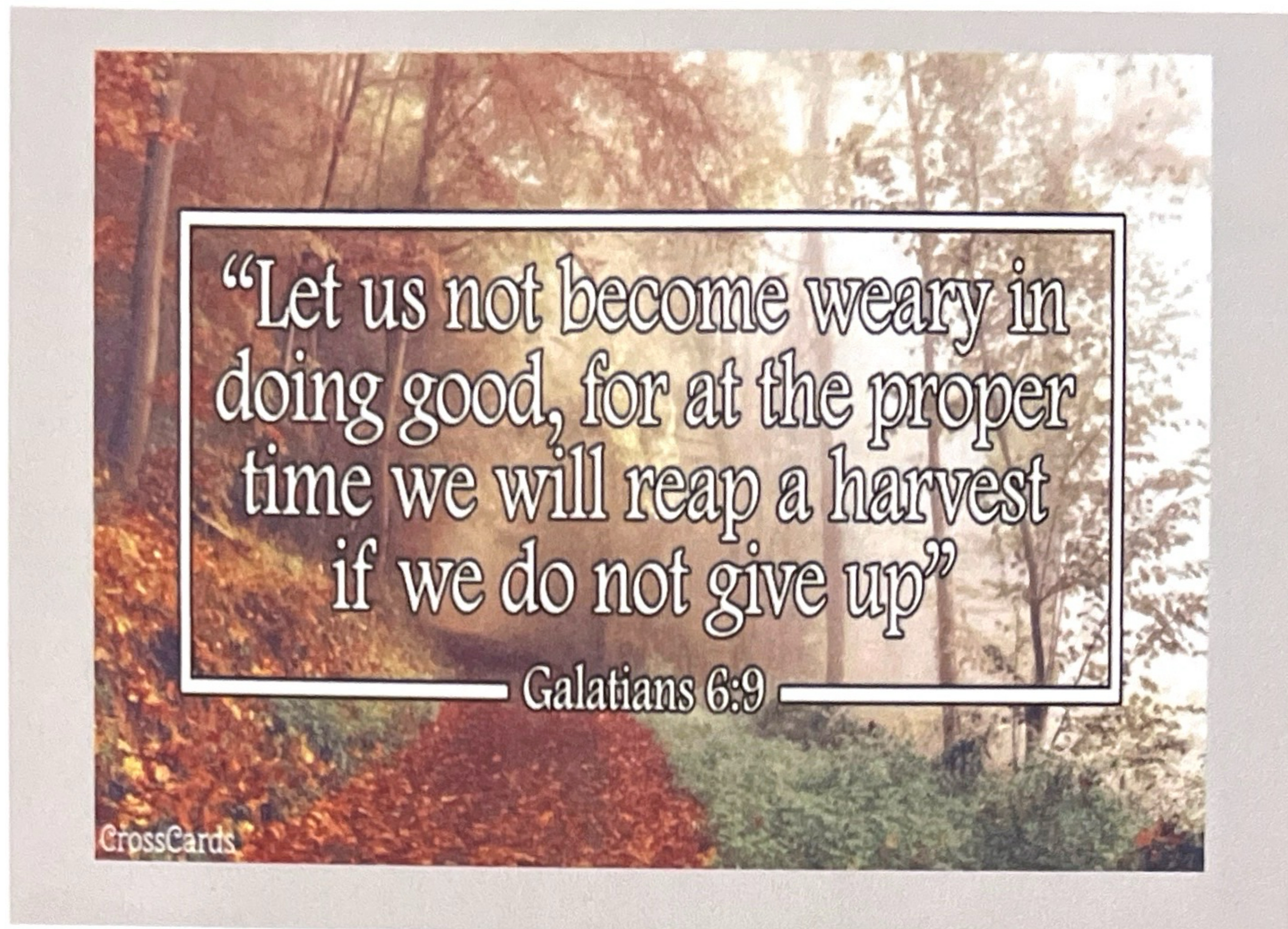
Neh.8:1-3,5-6,8-10 and Ps. 19; 1 Cor.12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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