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## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



**From the Pen of Bro. Len:**

### **New Year's Devotional 2023**

As we begin our journey into and through 2023, let us approach the adventure with a mixture of caution and confidence. Let us not forget our Advent theme and the Real meaning of the season—God is with us!

While every year certainly has its joys, it also has its hardships. **Take a moment and think about the most difficult things you faced this year.** Maybe it was with work or school, maybe in your marriage or family or another relationship, maybe it was with your health or finances. Take a moment and write them down (you can also share this with those you're gathered with). Now really focus, pay attention, open your heart to hear from Him. Can you see God in the mix of each of those things? In what way? What did you learn through each of those things?

We can think about the Israelites' great exit from slavery during Moses' time. There was only one way to the promised land, and it was through the river. It probably seemed impossible to them. How are we going to make it? But God made a way...through it. Can you see how He made a way for you this year -- through it?

And, what if you don't feel through it yet? What if you feel stuck at the shoreline and not sure how to take the next step...or in the middle of the river and your tired or scared or don't see the way forward? Invite the Lord into what you're going through – invite Him to reveal His

presence, His wisdom, provide His strength... Invite Him to be in it WITH you through it. Ask the Lord to help you trust Him as He leads you through it.

Here's the thing.... Satan loves to take the hard things in our life and basically say, "SEE!... God isn't kind or good or present or care or doesn't love you or isn't strong enough". But He is and He does. We have to really look, especially in those hard times to see how He was there all along, making a way for you, being with you, grieving with you, providing for you. We want you to look at those hard things so that you can see that part of your story through God's lens.

The other thing He invites you to do is to hold fast to His promises; here's a few for you to open God's Word, read the full passage in its' entirety and put to memory:

- Romans 8:28 – He's working it out for your good
- Hebrews 13:5 - He's never leaving you or giving up on you
- Philippians 4:19 - He's providing for all your needs
- Isaiah 41:10 – He's with you and helping you

**Now, take a few moments and think about all the ways God has been good to you this past year.** Don't get caught up in grand things. Consider the small ways – the breath you just took, which reflects the grace and kindness of God in your life, the fact that you can move, the new neighbor you met, the friendship that has grown... Don't just look

for the great, big obvious joys (new jobs, home, baby), rather think of the million small ways He's shown His goodness to you. Take a moment to write these down (and/or share with others) and then pray and thank God for His goodness and blessings in your life.

Now onto 2023 and looking into the New Year. God says to us in Jeremiah 29:11 – *“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* **What are you hoping for as you look ahead to this year? What are you asking God for?** What do you hope He shows you and does in your midst? What transformation do you want to see in your life this year? Write these things down; this can be a marker that you return to throughout the year. Is there a scripture that comes to mind? Write that down too. Are there people in your life that come to mind? Write them down too. Thank Him for His provision, grace, love and with-ness in 2022 and invite Him to lead the way and to move in and through you in 2023.

I “hope” and pray you will have a successful journey this year as God leads us through the adventures of the coming year. Don't give up! Don't let the Devil discourage you! Hang on to your faith and hold on to His promises. Next year at this time let's share what good and great things God has done for us...

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**Senior Luncheon – Wednesday,  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM in the fellowship  
hall.**



The Prayer Ministry would like to sincerely thank you for having your name on the Prayer Phone change. God answers prayers. The number

of persons praying is important, but it is also important to realize God has extended to each of us an opportunity to do what He did while here on earth. Jesus prayed all the time and said many times to pray continuously. Rom. 12;12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer." May the compassion you have for others continue to grow deeper and you will also be blessed. Thank you, Jan Gum for your ministry and service to others.

During Sunday morning worship & prayer requests time, **please also share answered prayers. This is encouraging.**

Let's begin the New Year "Living for Jesus a Life that is True striving to please Him in all that we do". May each of you experience the mighty presence of our Savior all through the year. 🙏🏻🙌🏻

Mrs. RoSharon Bahm one of the most recent recipients of a prayer blanket was in rehabilitation with severe flu for a short time. We are thankful she has been able to be with us again.



# CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone. Happy New Year 2023! We hope everyone had a fabulous and blessed Christmas. This month we will take orders for our cake/bisque/soup fundraiser. Watch for the order forms near the bulletins on Sunday mornings. Complete the form and give it along with your payment to Phyllis Trocheset or any Cornerstone member. This year's funds raised will go to local missions as well as the events we hold during the year. The food will be ready for pick up on Sunday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Also, this month, on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** we will have our second Sunday luncheon in the fellowship hall directly following second service. Come and join us with your favorite dish.

Remember, put your trust in the Lord in 2023...

*Isaiah 40:31*

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

## **The Words and History of Auld Lang Syne**

In 1788 Robert Burns sent the poem 'Auld Lang Syne' to the Scots Musical Museum, indicating that it was an ancient song but that he'd been the first to record it on paper. The phrase 'auld lang syne' roughly translates as 'for old times' sake', and the song is all about preserving old friendships and looking back over the events of the year.

It is sung all over the world, evoking a sense of belonging, fellowship, and nostalgia.

It has long been a much-loved Scottish tradition to sing the song just before midnight. Everyone stands in a circle holding hands, then at the beginning of the final verse ('And there's a hand my trusty friend') they cross their arms across their bodies so that their left hand is holding the

hand of the person on their right, and their right hand holds that of the person on their left. When the song ends, everyone rushes to the middle, still holding hands, and probably giggling.

Get yourself prepared for Hogmanay by learning the lyrics, then you can participate in this heartwarming Hogmanay tradition too. Most people only know the first verse and the chorus, so don't be put off by the poem's length.

The Canadian-born bandleader [Guy Lombardo](#) helped make "Auld Lang Syne" a New Year's Eve tradition in [North America](#). His band, the Royal Canadians, played the song at the turn of the new year in a series of popular radio (and later television) broadcasts that began on December 31, 1929, and continued for more than 30 years.

### **English version**

1. Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
And old lang syne?

(Chorus)

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

2. And surely you'll buy your pint cup!  
And surely I'll buy mine!  
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.
3. We two have run about the slopes,  
And picked the daisies fine;  
But we've wandered many a weary foot,  
Since auld lang syne.
4. We two have paddled in the stream,  
From morning sun till dine;  
But seas between us broad have roared  
Since auld lang syne.
5. And there's a hand my trusty friend!  
And give me a hand o' thine!  
And we'll take a right good-will [draught](#),  
For auld lang syne.



## From Jan

### JAM

The children enjoyed a fun Christmas party of chicken nuggets, fries, donuts, and games. They will start back meeting on the 11th.



### YOUTH

The youth had a great Christmas party, with all youth attending. It was fun. Fellowship, and food. They also sponsored a local family in need with Christmas gifts for four children. They will start back on the 11th and start planning for the new year.



### F.I.S.H.

The young adults enjoyed the combined Christmas party with the youth. They also had a fun outing looking at Christmas lights.



**Birthdays**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Monthly Events**  
**Scheduled Meetings**  
**Weekly Events**  
**CLC – Christian Life Center**

**FH – Fellowship Hall**  
**S – Sanctuary**  
**CW – Contemporary Worship**  
**TW – Traditional Worship**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Luncheon**  
**AB – Administrative Board**

**CB – Cornerstone Band**  
**DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers**  
**JAM – Children’s Ministry**  
**SL – Senior Luncheon**  
**UMYF - Youth**  
**YA – Young Adults**

| <b>January 2023</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |   |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| ◀ Dec 2022  |   |  |  |  |  | Feb 2023 ▶  |
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
| <b>1</b> 9 AM, TW, S<br>10 AM, SS, FH<br>11 AM, CW, S<br><br><b>Maggie Byrd</b><br><b>Emily Dyer</b>  | <b>2</b> <b>Treva Cobar</b><br><br>3 PM, DD, CLC  | <b>3</b> <b>Hunter Foote</b><br><br>5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC   | <b>4</b><br>11:30 AM, SL, FH<br><br>6 PM, GS, CLC  | <b>5</b> <b>Dusty Dearman</b><br><b>Karen Gardner</b><br><b>Regina Ludlow</b><br><br>5:30 – 7:30 PM, CB, CLC | <b>6</b><br><br>7 PM, AA, FH                     | <b>7</b> <b>Ann Harrison</b><br><b>Michael Ren Nalley</b><br>7:30 AM, Cemetery<br>Workday |
| <b>8</b> 9 AM, TW, S<br>10 AM, SS, FH<br>11 AM, CW, S<br>12 PM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> SL, FH<br>4:30 PM, JAM, CLC<br>6 – 8 PM, UMYF,<br>& YA, CLC     | <b>9</b> <b>Patricia Taylor</b><br><br>3 PM, DD, CLC<br><br>6 PM, AB, FH  | <b>10</b><br><br>5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC                      | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b> <b>Claire Vereker</b><br><br>6 PM, CB, S   | <b>13</b><br><br>7 PM, AA, FH                    | <b>14</b> <b>Kim Childers</b><br><br>All Day, CLC<br>Reserved                             |
| <b>15</b> 9 AM, TW, S<br>10 AM, SS, FH<br>11 AM, CW, S<br><br><b>Sally Peterson</b><br>4:30 PM, JAM, CLC<br>6 – 8 PM, UMYF,<br>& YA, CLC        | <b>16</b><br><br>3 PM, DD, CLC  | <b>17</b> <b>Shelli Weston</b><br><br>5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC | <b>18</b><br><b>Jennifer Chambless</b><br><b>Melissa Vereker</b><br><br>6 PM, GS, CLC  | <b>19</b><br><br>6 PM, CB, S   | <b>20</b> <b>Jada Cooper</b><br><br>7 PM, AA, FH | <b>21</b> <b>Monica Mason</b><br><br>All Day, CLC<br>Reserved                             |
| <b>22</b> 9 AM, TW, S<br>10 AM, SS, FH<br>11 AM, CW, S<br><br><b>Patty McRaney</b><br>4:30 PM, JAM, CLC<br>6 – 8 PM, UMYF,<br>& YA, CLC         | <b>23</b> <b>Kaliyah Harrion</b><br><b>Charlotte Yearous</b><br><b>Richard &amp; Michelle</b><br><b>Winsor</b><br>3 PM, DD, CLC | <b>24</b> <b>Sejay McGrew</b><br><br>5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC  | <b>25</b><br><br>6 PM, GS, CLC   | <b>26</b> <b>Sherry Jo Dees</b><br><br>6 PM, CB, S   | <b>27</b><br><br>7 PM, AA, FH                    | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29</b> 9 AM, TW, S<br>10 AM, SS, FH<br>11 AM, CW, S<br><br><b>Bruce &amp; Jan Garner</b><br>4:30 PM, JAM, CLC<br>6 – 8 PM, UMYF<br>& YA, CLC | <b>30</b> <b>Eric Chambless</b><br><br>3 PM, DD, CLC  | <b>31</b> <b>Zeke Rouse</b><br><br>5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC    | <b>BACKPACK BLESSINGS</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> – Beanie Weanies<br>8 <sup>th</sup> – Ramen Noodles<br>15 <sup>th</sup> – Ravioli<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuna<br>29 <sup>th</sup> – Mac & Cheese |  |  |   |