



Baptist Men's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, January 28th. We invite EVERYONE to attend a breakfast, provided by our Baptist Men, on Sunday morning the 28th at 9:00 am – 9:45 am.

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Prayer Concerns: Margaret Baker, Brent Butler (Sarah Horton's friend), Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susan Hilton's nephew), Luke Gann, Denny Hester, Ron Mills, Jan & Gary (friends of Kathy Mills), Larry & Carol Reavis (Cousins of Mark Reavis), Bettie Spencer.

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to Susan Hilton in the passing of her brother, Charles Davis and to Melvin & Sue Duncan in the passing of their son-in-law, Timothy Gobble. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

January 7 th	Robin French
January 14 th	Lisa Young
January 21 st	Marianne Casas
January 28 th	Cindy Clark



January Birthdays

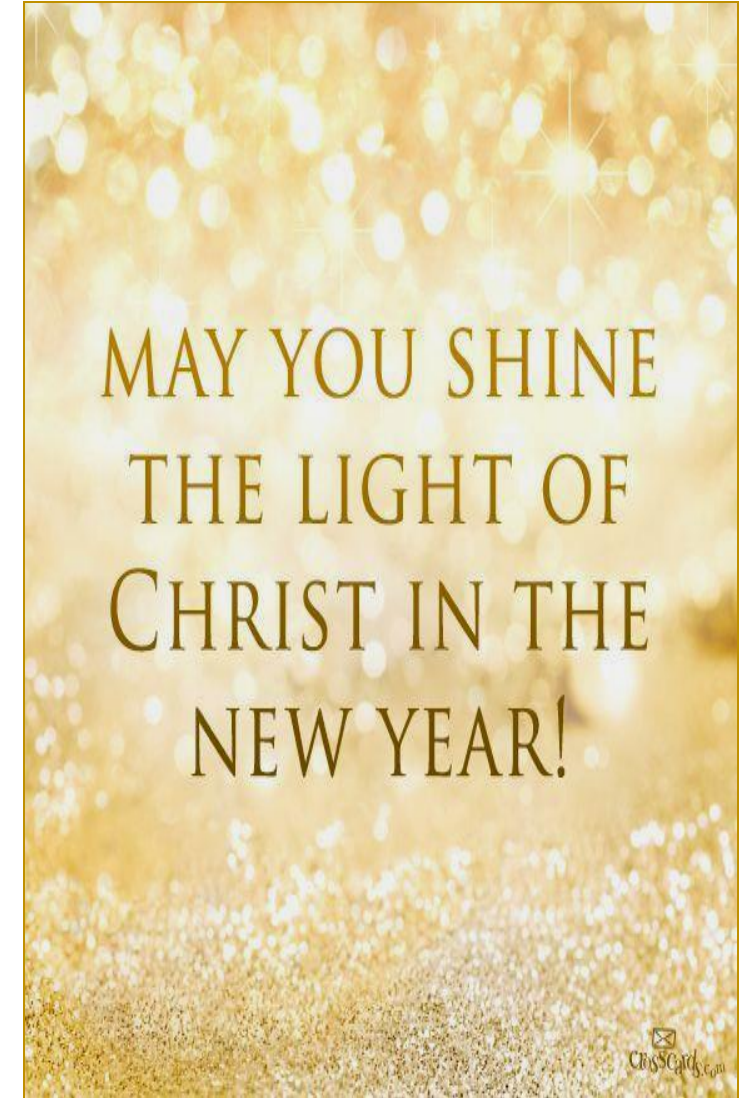
- 1/6 Sara VonCannon
- 1/10 Frances Prevette
- 1/12 Judy Daniels
- 1/13 Steve Hurley
- 1/18 Beverly Weavil
- 1/19 Paul East, Adam Woods
- 1/20 Cynthia Benfield, Susan Cheek
- 1/20 Stoney Longworth, Kathy Mills, Terri Turner
- 1/30 Brenda Grose, Kathy Horton
- 1/31 Felix Smith

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Pianist
Office Administrator



Message from the Pastor

Charles Lamb said "New Year's Day is every man's birthday." So we've all got a birthday coming up. We'll all have a chance to reflect a little bit on the past 365 days and, hopefully, focus a lot on the next 365 days. If we choose, we can wipe the slate clean from the past and begin a new day. There's nothing special about January 1, of course, but there is something special about the decision to break away from old habits and develop new ones. It can be done any day -- January 1 is as good a day as any. The important thing is to devote oneself to doing better and trying harder.

It was said of Hezekiah...

In everything he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered. (2 Chronicles 31:21)

What a great idea to center your New Year resolutions in this verse -- that you may seek God more and to serve him better.

Grace and Peace
Adam

Bad Weather Policy

The Bad Weather Committee in coordination with the Pastor and Deacons will make the determination to cancel services.

- You may watch WFMY-TV 2 (cable channel 9), WGHP FOX8 TV (cable channel 10), or WXII-TV 12 (cable channel 11) for cancellation information.
- If you have not heard any news within a reasonable time, you may contact your Deacon.

Our *Crisis Control Food Drive* will be held on the 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the UC Food Lion. The food item of the month is crackers. *Hospice Ministry Emphasis* will be Sunday, January 7th.

Missions Offering

Thank you for your donations to our missions offering. We raised \$860.50 for Lottie Moon, \$251.50 for Global Missions, \$628.00 for the Baptist Children's Home, and \$946.04 for the W-S Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

Financial Summary

December 3, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts	\$2,756.00
Designated Gifts	\$ 707.00
Total Offering	\$3,463.00
December 10, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts	\$1,956.00
Designated Gifts	\$ 682.50
Total Offering	\$2,638.50
December 17, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts	\$3,536.00
Designated Gifts	\$ 913.50
Total Offering	\$4,449.50
<u>General Fund</u>	
November General Fund Receipts	\$14,177.60
November General Fund Expenses	- \$12,926.64
November General Fund Net	\$ 1,250.96
November Fund Balance	\$88,724.58



Women on Mission ladies had their December email meeting on December 7.

DECEMBER WOM ACTIVITIES:

- Hospice Ministry Note: This ministry was continued during November and both HP & WS locations were served generously.
- Inward Meals ministry continued with at least one meal delivered.
- Approval was given to once again using \$98.37 of WOM funds to pay for 33 Christmas meals at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

- Approval was given to using \$400 of WOM funds for the Baptist Children's Home during the Christmas Hope and matching campaign going on until the end of January.
- **114 gifts** were delivered from UCBC to Glenn View Baptist for the Eastern Forsyth Community Toy Store, along with approximately **350** additional gifts of underwear, socks, gloves, hats & toboggans, 2 blankets, 15 small throws, some wrapping paper & gift bags. Following the latest report from the director of the toy store, there were 98 families and 300 children served. During the counseling session, there were at least **5 professions of faith made by parents!!!** Six of our own WOM members volunteered at the Baptist Toy Store & were so very blessed. Thank you to everyone who made this year's toy store successful!!!!
- 4 WOM ladies traveled to Charlotte to volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox distribution center, a few WOM ladies adopted nursing residents, SIC sent socks to a different nursing home for their residents, a local family chose not to exchange gifts this year but instead sent money to a family in need-- & these are the few acts of giving & kindness that were brought to my attention—there are many more I am sure.

There are so many of you reaching out for others through prayer. As we are taught in Acts 20:35 "...It is more blessed to give than to receive" so with that thought WOM exists because of you and we can truthfully say **UNION CROSS REACHED OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE during 2023!** --Jane Sutphin

An International Supper will be sponsored by the Women on Mission on Sunday, January 7th at 5:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite dish with an international flair (or southern comfort food is always welcome also) to help us all to remember missionaries serving worldwide. Come join us for continued fellowship with other church members while honoring our missionaries.