

Newsletter

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Kirkville First Assembly of God

From Bobbie's Desk...

What Will 2024 Bring?

It's already 2024. What will 2024 bring? What does God want to do in me and through me? What about our church or the Body of Christ in general?

We're in some uncertain times. The Bible foretold it, so it's not a shock. But, I have to constantly keep in prayer and in the Word to keep the peace that passes all understanding. I have Isaiah 26:3 taped to the side of my computer as a constant reminder when I see what the shape our world is in and how uncertain the future is. Isaiah 26:3 says: You will keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he (I) trusts in You.

But one thing is for certain: Christ is. One of the best hymns to sing is "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." My favorite verse is the last one: "I don't know who holds tomorrow, it may bring me poverty; but the One who feeds the sparrow, is the One who stands by me; and the path that may be my portion, may be through the flame or flood. But His presence goes before me, and I'm covered with His blood."

So, no matter what 2024 holds or even the future beyond that, I know Who holds tomorrow and I cling to that daily. I have to, to stay in the perfect peace that only comes from the Father.

I look forward to seeing what God has for me, my family and our church in 2024. I believe we're on the precipice of a huge move of God and I can't wait to be a part of that. My prayer is that everyone who has walked away from the Lord or just walked away from the church will make a comeback this next year. I also pray for the people God will put in our paths to reach the Gospel with that they will receive Christ for all eternity. And lastly, I pray for the Body of Christ to grow more unified and to be on fire for the Lord - to really cause the world to stop and see Christ in us as never before. If we really want to see what 2024 holds, let's make it be a lastly impact for Christ to a broken and dying world.

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Ministry Updates

She Believes Ministry

The She Believes Ministry leaders will be meeting on Thursday, January 11 to discuss ideas for the women's ministry for 2024.

In 2023, it was a fabulous year for the women's ministry. We tried new things (some worked, some didn't), did our 1st annual Women's Ministry event and it was a blessed success, some of us went to a women's conference, did Secret Sister's, had a great Christmas Party - plus did the annual High Hope Christmas Party! What will 2024 hold for our women's ministry? If you have some ideas, please let Tiffany Ellis know.

Missions/Outreach Ministry

The Missions/Outreach team has a lot of plans for this next year. Each month we will have a monthly outreach. For January, we are planning a food donation to the Food Pantry. We'll be collecting peanut butter and Mac & Cheese.

Our monthly meeting is Wednesday, January 3 at 5:15 p.m. We will be discussing items for the upcoming year. The Missions/Outreach Team plans to be very busy doing ministry in 2024 - we hope you'll join us for the Great Commission near and far!

Pastor's Thoughts

A disciple of Jesus is also Bible-engaged. They maintain a constant and robust interest in God's Word revealed to us in written form by more than 40 authors over 1600 years all inspired by the Holy Spirit. A Bible-engaged disciple puts effort in being a competent, ethical, and virtuous reader of the Bible. Competent in that they are capable of close and correct readings of the words. Ethical because they are committed to the best determination of the author's original intent. And virtuous because they allow themselves to be transformed by accepting the encounter with God the Bible presents.

-Pastor Shawn



Dates to Remember



Sunday, January 7, 2024: Special Business Meeting (right after a.m. service).

Birthdays

- **Charlotte Sweet** 1/6 • **D'Artagnan Ellis** 1/8
- **John Tuttle** 1/9 • **Kendra Yaukey** 1/10
- **Tom Farwell** 1/15 • **Chloe Shimek** 1/20

No Anniversaries

Missionary Birthdays

- **Donna Bailey** 1/6 • **Ava Miller** 1/13
- **Lois Mayes** 1/19 • **David Damron** 1/20
- **Rivkahah Panzetta** 1/23
- **Lori Wang** 1/30

Missionary Anniversaries

- **Scott and Diana Miller**
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JANUARY

2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | Missions/ Outreach Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Family Night 6:30 p.m. | | | Donna Bailey Charlotte Sweet |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Connection Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Connection Groups 6:00 p.m. | D'Artagnan Ellis Overcoming Strongholds 6:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m. | John Tuttle | Kendra Yaukey Family Night 6:30 p.m. | She Believes Leadership Mtg. 5:30 p.m. | | Ava Miller Scott and Diana Miller |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Connection Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. | Tom Farwell Overcoming Strongholds 6:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | Family Night 6:30 p.m. Board Mtg. 8:30 p.m. | | Lois Mayes | David Damron Chloe Shimek |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Connection Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Connection Groups 6:00 p.m. | Overcoming Strongholds 6:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m. | Rivkahah Panzetta | Family Night 6:30 p.m. | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Connection Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. | Overcoming Strongholds 6:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m. | Lori Wang | Family Night 6:30 p.m. | | | |