

News and Encouragement for the RSUMC Family

JANUARY 2022



Welcome to 2022...

Important Note:

Due to rising costs Our monthly Newsletter will now be sent via email...if you haven't yet updated your contact info, please call 423-349-7531

We will continue to mail the Newsletter to those without an email address.

Thank-you for your understanding and willingness to adapt to this change.

January Birthdays

- 1/3 Bea Hite
- 1/5 Dawn Adcox
- 1/6 Helen Brooks
- 1/8 Ed Cleek
- 1/13 Jordan Light
- 1/16 Erica Bernard
- Jakkcee Compton 1/17
- 1/19 Jacob Hite
- 1/23 Stanley Hite
- 1/24 Denise DeMore
- 1/24 **Toby Steffey**
- 1/29 Mack MacDougall

Pastor's Blog

As I write this 2022 is just days away. Hopefully we can leave much of the last year behind us. If I were to name 2021, I might call it the year of fear. Covid 19, mass murders, the state of the country and the state of the church have made many more than a little worried and scared.

But I certainly don't long for the "good old days" because I know they were not all that good. There have always been scary things going on around us. Yes, we hear of a lot of things today that we did not hear of fifty years ago. But I remember the cold war. I remember the drills in school where we practiced what to do in case of an air raid. And while I do believe there is more evil in the world. I also remember the Bible saying, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not fear." And I know the Bible foretold, "evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived".

There is deception in our government on a grand scale. The news media certainly seems to have turned into mass propaganda. And Satan's deception is being spread throughout the church.

But, as I look to the future I cannot help but see great hope in the world. God is still with us! The Good News of John 3:16 is still the same! "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. "God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." (The International Children's

May the New Year be a year of salvation as we, His people, go and make disciples.

Peace.

Harry



Thank You! We want to thank everyone for your prayers, for your calls, gifts and food in our time of sickness. We are truly blessed! We could feel the prayers and love all around us. You are wonderful friends and we appreciate and

love you! We are looking forward to being back in church. We are all doing much better.

> Thank You for your support. Love,

> > the Weber's and the Wilson's



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Shopping
Friday 1/21 1:00 pm

Food Pantry OPEN Tuesday 1/25 5:00-6:30 pm